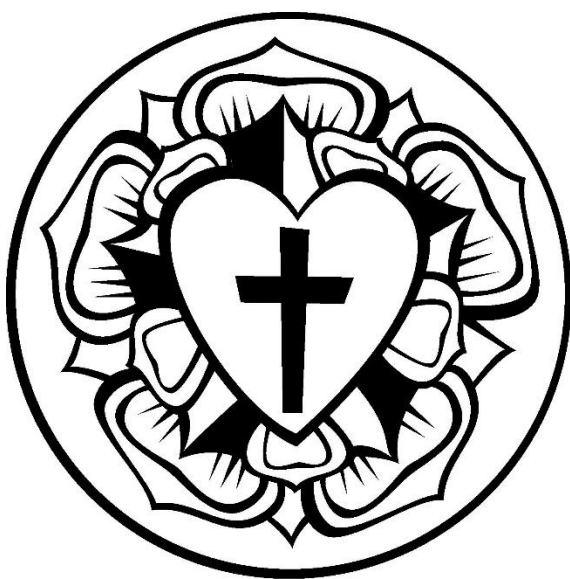


*Zion Evangelical Lutheran
Church
October 18, 2026
Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost*



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign our guest book at the Entrance to our Sanctuary. Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Holy Communion: Participation in Holy Communion is open to all Christians that believe Christ is truly present in this sacrament. We now offer gluten free wafers for those requesting them. Let the Pastor know your preference.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PADS AT THE END OF EACH PEW. This is very helpful as it keeps us up to date on attendance numbers.

Circle of Prayer: Karen Douglas
 Frank & Carolyn Downey

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Teach at the anniversary of his passing. Given by Darlene Teach and family.

The Bulletin today is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Chris Kiley's Birthday today. Given by his loving family.

The Sanctuary Light is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of James & Betsy Sears and family. Given by Ed & Susie Shaw.

Lunches this month are dedicated to the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Duane Stiles. Given by Dawn, Emily, Brandon and Luke Stiles.

Homebound & Shut Ins – Randy Anderson, Bob Bowers, Barbara Burger, Jean Brechbill, Terry Conrad, Bob Gordon, Demeta Matlack, Linda Perry, Marilyn Schoenian, Ien Srun, Kitty Smalts, Bonnie Thomas, James Thomas.

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Liturgy – Red Hymnal, Setting 1

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” arr. Don Hustad

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: #434 Jesus Shall Reign

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (Red Hymnal, Page 98)

HYMN OF PRAISE (Red Hymnal, Page 99)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (on insert)

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] (spoken)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand) (Red Hymnal, Page 102)

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

After announcement: Glory to You, O Lord

Response after reading: Praise to You, O Christ

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Rev. Kimberly Nunberg-Wadel

Hymn of the Day #685 Take My Life that I May Be (verses 1-4)

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. *
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P/ Hear us, O God,

C/ Your mercy is great.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Musical Offering

**8:15 am “Oh How He Loves You and Me”
arr. Ellen Banks Ellwell**

**10:45 am “Not To Us, O Lord”
arr. Jack Schrader
Adult Choir**

MEAL

OFFERTORY Hymn #188 Create in Me a Clean Heart

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Red Hymnal, Page 107)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (Red Hymnal, Page 108)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

AGNUS DEI (Red Hymnal, page 112)

DISTRIBUTION: Salvation and new life come to us through the bread and wine at Christ's command as he says, "This is my body given for you and this is my blood shed for you." Communion is being served at the altar or in your pew. Follow the directions given by the Pastor & the Ushers.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn #438 My Lord What a Morning

Hymn #678 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Please stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Blessing

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #705 God of Grace and God of Glory

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Don
Hustad**

THE WEEK AHEAD

October 18, 2026

8:15 am	Worship Service
9:30am	Sunday School – All Ages
9:30 am	Fellowship Committee
10:45 am	Worship Service
12:15 pm	Music & Worship Committee
2:00 pm	Community Band

October 20, 2026

7:00 pm	Jazz Band
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October 21, 2026

8:00 am	Men's Fellowship
11:00 am	Bible Study

October 22, 2026

6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm	AA
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 18, 2026

Ushers

8:15 am	John Doub
10:45 am	Joey Mason

Greeters

8:15 am	Dave & Shirley Knode
10:45 am	Marjorie Dilworth

Lay Readers

8:15 am	Sherri Taylor
10:45 am	Michael Harp

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	David Knode
10:45 am	Charles Crown and Kathy Himes

8:15 am Acolyte: Dawson Miller Crucifer:
10:45 am Acolyte: Rowan Harp Crucifer: Jordyn Miles

Altar Care

8:15 am Brent & Jackie Taylor
10:45 am Ed & Susie Shaw

Film Schedule:

10:45 am

WORSHIP SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 25 (ONE SERVICE)

Ushers

9:30 am Ray Thomas, Marvin Gower

Greeters

9:30 am Darlene Teach

Lay Readers

9:30 am Ray Thomas

Communion Assistants

9:30 am Kathy Himes and Sandra Merrell

9:30 am Acolyte: Loren Baran Crucifer: Ian Baran

Altar Care

9:30 am Brent & Jackie Taylor, Paula Wyatt

Film Schedule:

9:30 am Bob Budnicki

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep in prayer: Patty Allen, Randy Anderson, Loretta Bassler, Cindy Dean, Sally Drury, Kristine Griffith, Tom Grazoa, Kay and Mary Guessford, AJ Haque, Greg Harp, Roger Hecker, Jim Jacobus, Robert

Kerns, Sarah Kiley, Harry Knode, Tom Knode, Rachel Knox, Saundra and Frank Largent, Charles Matlack, Liam Manuel, Jeff McVicker, Julie Middlekoff, Sue Moser, Pat Myers, Carol Nedemyer, Camden Thomas Nunnally, Maria Nunnally, Linda Perry, Mackenzie Raidt, Jim Rudolph, Marilyn Schoenian, Ginny Slick, Driver Spade, Jonah Srun, John Stanton, Emily Stiles, Kim Thomas, Levi Webb, Cheryl Wilkes, Paul Wolverton, Linda Young.

On October 25, 2026, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. There will be one service at 9:30 am, followed by a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. We will also receive Confirmands as well that Sunday. They are, Ian Baran, Rowan Harp, and Jonah Nunberg. Remember to wear your red.

On October 30, 2026, Zion will be hosting Trunk or Treat in conjunction with Kinder Haven. It will be held from 6 pm – 8 pm. County wide trick or treating is at this time, as the Mummer's Parade is the next night. There are 2 ways you can help. First, please come and decorate your vehicle and hand out candy and small toys to the children. Second, if you can't attend, we need donations of individually wrapped candy, individual bags of chips or other snacks, OR small toys such as pencils, stickers, temporary tattoos, fidget toys, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the office. All donations should be at the church by Sunday, October 25. Thanks so much for creating an awesome outreach to our community. If you have questions, please see Pastor Kim.

It is time to update the church directory. If you need to make changes to your information, please let the office know. If you have recently joined Zion, please contact the office to confirm your information.

FREE Museum of the Bible Membership for Zion Families! We are excited to share a very generous gift with our Zion family! Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC has offered our entire congregation a FREE one-year "Light on a Hill" membership. The membership includes general admission for two adults and all youth ages 5–17 per visit, plus guest discounts, theater savings, discounts on dining and shopping, and more. Visit zionlutheranmd.org/motb for complete details and instructions on how to redeem your free membership. Zion members must begin at this webpage to access the correct membership link. Questions? Contact Michael Harp at mharp@zionlutheranmd.org.

Church Women United is hosting World Community Day at Zion Baptist Church on November 6, 2026, at Noon. Lunch will be served and the cost is \$15.00. Reservations are due by October 30 to Tammy Coyle (tammy.coyle93@gmail.com). If you have questions, please see Lois Dreisbach or Kathy Himes.

School is beginning and Micah's Backpack is beginning again as well. Last year, we served over 30 students in the Williamsport School District. Micah's needs the following items to stock the shelves for the beginning of the school year: oatmeal, Pop-Tarts, and microwavable macaroni and cheese. Donations can be dropped in the bin outside of the Fellowship Hall. Or, if you prefer, please put a donation in the offering plate and we will do the shopping for you. Just designate it for Micah's Backpack.

The Williamsport Food Bank has the following needs for the month of October: cereal, peanut butter and grape jelly, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, baked beans, tuna fish and jarred applesauce. Donations can be placed in the bin outside of the Fellowship Hall. If it is easier for you, you can make a monetary donation made payable to the Williamsport Food Bank. Thank you for your help and generosity.

SAVE THE DATE:

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday (one service)

October 30, 2026

Trunk or Treat (with Kinder Haven)