

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Youth Sunday

September 14, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg, PA 814-695-0091 www.zionhollidaysburg.org

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill & Our Parents by Linda Adams.

#### New to Zion? Welcome!

Children's activity bags are at the back of the sanctuary.

**Need space?** The service can be heard in the Chapel on the first floor.

**Communion:** Please tell the pastor if you prefer a blessing instead of communion. Exit the pew on the outside aisle. Empty cups are for wine, and filled cups contain grape juice. The pastor gives out wafers (gluten free upon request), and the communion assistant pours wine or blesses grape juice. Return by the center aisle.

**Restrooms** are on the first floor, including a family/ADA restroom. Additional restrooms are found through the doors at the front of the sanctuary, where you can also access our **elevator**.

#### NOTES ON LITURGY/MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRELUDE/MEDITATION

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen

L: Almighty God, ... through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen

L: If we say we have no sin, ... cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Let us humbly confess our sins, C: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

L: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. C: Amen

#### \*THE ENTRANCE HYMN: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (LBW 481)



- 1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
- 2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
- 3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
- 4 Ear ly let us seek your fa vor, ear ly let us do your will;



your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare. keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray. re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and you have mer - cy to pow'r to free. bless-ed Lord and Sav-ior, with your love spir - its on - ly our fill.



Je - sus, bless-ed Bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you. you have loved us, Bless-ed Je - sus. bless-ed still. Je - sus, love us

#### \*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.** 

#### \*KYRIE

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. C: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

#### FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' "<sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." <sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " <sup>14</sup> And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

A: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

#### (Sat & 8:00) PSALMODY: Psalm 51:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out <sup>|</sup> my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through | from my wickedness, and cleanse me | from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I know | my offenses, and my sin is ev-| er before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup> Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me, and would have me know wisdom | deep within.
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear | joy and gladness;

that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face | from my sins, and blot out | all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean | heart, O God, and renew a right spir- | it within me.

#### (10:45) PSALMODY: "Creae in Me" (Song of Zion)

Create in me a clean heart, oh God

And renew a right spirit within me (2x)

Cast me not away from your presence, oh Lord Take not your Holy Spirit from me; Restore unto me the joy of your salvation And renew a right spirit within me

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*VERSE



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



#### \*GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

#### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

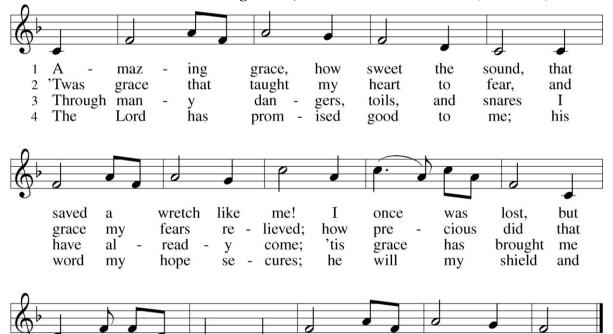
 $\mathbf{L}$ : The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **CHILDRENS SERMON**

#### **SERMON**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (LBW 448)



#### \*APOSTLES' CREED

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C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

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#### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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L: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.** 

\*PEACE P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

#### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### \*PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary......and join their unending hymn.

#### \*SANCTUS



#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

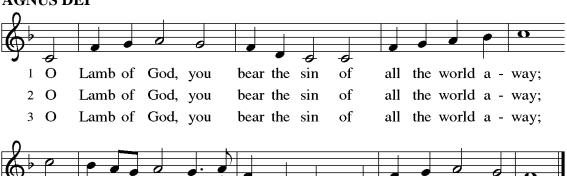
#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

C: 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

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good. C: Thanks be to God.

#### \*AGNUS DEI



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

#### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

\*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen





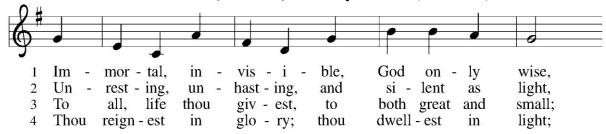
#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### \*BLESSING

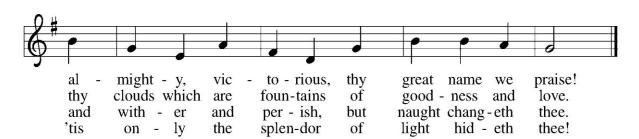
L: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **C:Amen** 

#### \*SENDING HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (LBW 526)









\*DISMISSAL: L: Go in Peace. Share the good news. C: Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**

The Ministers: The People of Zion Pastor: David Bowman Organists/Accompanists: Doug Rhodes

Gail Nedimyer

**Choir Directors:** 

Noiz Ryan Custead

**STAFF** 

Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach
Sexton/Custodian
Administrative Assistant
Ryan Custead
Rick Fairhead
Joni Hammaker

# DAILY BIBLE READING September 15<sup>TH</sup> ~ September 21<sup>ST</sup>

The following weekly Daily Bible Reading Guide is provided for your personal devotion.

15. 1 Kings 18 16. 1 Kings 19

17. 1 Kings 20

18. 1 Kings 21

19. 1 Kings 22 20.2 Kings 1

Pentecost 15

AMOS 8:4~7 PSALM 113 (7) 1 TIMOTHY 2:1~7 LUKE 16:1~13

### This Week at Zion - 9/14/25 - 9/21/25

**Sunday 9/14** 

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service

9:00 a.m. NOIZ

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service

6:30 p.m. "Made Worthy" Girl's Bible Study (Donlan House)

#### **Monday 9/15**

Tuesday 9/16

9:00 a.m. Ruth Circle 6:00 p.m. Outreach Board Meeting

Wednesday 9/17

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

1:15 p.m. Stewardship Board Meeting

4:30 p.m. FaithFormers

7:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry Meeting

#### Thursday 9/18

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS 7:00 p.m. CPC Meeting

Friday 9/19

8:30 p.m. Afterburner

Saturday 9/20

8:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Eucharist Service

**Sunday 9/21** 

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service 9:00 a.m. NOIZ Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:00 a.m. Big NOIZ Rehearsal

10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service 12:00 p.m. Kitchen Meeting

1:00 p.m. Children Family & Youth Board Meeting

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# CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

God's love into the lives of people going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through. If someone you now is facing a crisis-large or small-and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to our Stephen Leaders: Karen Wagner and Connie Counsman, or contact Pastor Dave. Stephen Ministry is ready to care for you!

#### Wreath of Christ Wednesday

Wednesdays, September 10th & 24th at 6:30 PM

Need to take a breath in the midst of a busy week? Enjoy a short, contemplative prayer service complete with prayer beads, chimes, and breathing exercises. Bring your own Wreath of Christ or borrow a set of ours for use during the service.



#### **SERVING SQUAD & OUTREACH**

The next Serving Squad kitchen days will be 9/22 & 10/6. We will be preparing Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Cole Slaw on 9/22 and Sloppy Joe Casserole on 10/6. The group gets together at 11:00 a.m. in Zion's kitchen to prepare meals that are donated to the Hope Drop-In Center in Altoona.



#### **Donation Requests:**

Sandwich Rolls (due 9/21) Bagged Coleslaw Shredded (due 9/21) Non-spicy Barbecue Sauce (due 9/21) Desserts (due 9/21) Fruit Cups (due 9/21) Shredded Cheddar Cheese (due 10/5) Manwich or Sloppy Joe Mix (due 10/5) Tater Tots (due 10/5) Desserts (due 10/5) Fruit Cups (10/5)

Donations of Coffee are always accepted. Please place your donations in the Outreach Room.

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Thinking about performing a musical offering for worship? Doug Rhodes will be available for rehearsal in the Choir Room from 6:30-7:15 PM on the  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  Wednesdays of the month. Contact Doug with any questions.

#### Advent Devotional 2025: Around the Wreath

This Advent season, we will reflect on the meaning of the Advent wreath and its four candles: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. If you sign up to write, you will choose a Bible verse from the sign-up sheet that speaks to one of these themes and share a short reflection and, if you wish, a brief prayer. Sign-ups will be available soon.

The Communication Board looks forward to preparing our hearts for Christ's coming together with you.



# Made Worthy

#### **Girls' Bible Study**

(new this Fall!)

#### For youth, 4th-12th Grade

and an optional accompanying grown up

Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm @ The Donlan home (to start!)

#### \*Upcoming Dates:

Sundays 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9, & Friday 11/21 (gathering with younger girls)

RSVP to Brigitte Donlan at educatorpsu@yahoo.com or 814 -207-0646 with any questions and for directions to the Donlan home.



5\$ donation per participant (can be given at Bible Study or church office. RSVP will not be required to attend!)



## PERSONAL CARE KITS (Lutheran World Relief - Kits of Care)

Ruth Circle is sponsoring the collection of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. As in past years, we are inviting the congregation to participate in contributing completed kits.

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH KIT:

- 1. One light/medium weight bath size towel (dark color preferred)
- 2. Two bath size bars of soap (in original wrapping)
- 3. One metal nail clipper (remove packaging)
- 4. One toothbrush (in original package)(or if multi pack, put toothbrushes in a business size envelope and seal)(no plastic bags or wrap)
- 5. One sturdy comb (not in package)

### DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL ITEMS OR LEAVE OUT ANY ITEMS LISTED.

Wrap items in the towel and tie securely with yarn. Do not enclose items in plastic bags. Bring completed kits to the church library by Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.



# SODA, COOKIES, & SNACKS FOR AFTERBURNERS



Afterburners are just around the corner, and we are in need of soda, cookies, & snack donations. In an attempt to make things a little safer, we would like to provide individualized snacks & drinks. If you would like to make a donation; small "mini" cans or small bot-

tles of soda, small bags of snacks, and individual packs of cookies. Homemade cookies are still welcome and can be put in smaller bags or our volunteers can package them for distribution.

The dates of the Afterburners are as follows:

8/22, 8/29, 9/19, 9/26, & 10/24



# AFTERBURNER VOLUNTEERS!

As we look to the Fall and the return of our Afterburner youth

ministry, our first job is to be sure we have enough adult volunteers to serve as chaperones. We need to have about 18 volunteer chaperones each time to safely hold Afterburners. Please prayerfully consider if this is a commitment you can make. We anticipate increased attendance, so it is "all hands on deck". Chaperones are primarily a set of eyes and remain available to respond as needed in the building. This is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of caring for our community's youth.

Please contact Ryan Custead at ryncust@gmail.com or call the church office at (814) 695-0091 to add your name as a potential Afterburner volunteer in 2025.

\*Responding that you are willing to volunteer as a chaperone does not indicate an absolute commitment at this point to chaperone every Afterburner. However, those who respond in the affirmative are stating that they would intend to chaperone a majority of Afterburners.\*

Zion Afterburners are events held after home HAHS Varsity Football games for all 7th-12th Graders in the community. This has been a service that Zion has provided for our community by creating a safe and fun environment for local youth to gather on Friday evenings in the Fall. Chaperones are posted at various places inside and outside the church for the safety of the youth. Chaperones generally serve from about 8:30pm-11:10pm. About 170 youth attended each Afterburners in 2024.

2025 Afterburner schedule: 8/22, 8/29, 9/19, 9/26, & 10/24



#### Fellowship Hall October 12 at 12:00 p.m. following the 10:45 service

Please contact the church office no later then 10/5 to let us know that you plan to attend.

Our menu for this event will be:

Pork Tenderloin, Hot Dogs, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, & Apple Desserts

# Zion Music Groups NOIZ & "BIG" NOIZ





Did you know that Zion has regularly meeting music groups for all ages? NOIZ, age 4 through 6th Grade, and "Big" NOIZ, 7th Grade and up, provide op-

portunity for singing, hand bells, music theory, and even songwriting. Participants are not required to sing and no musical experience is necessary. Sessions are led by our Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach, Ryan Custead and explore how we use music in our life of faith. NOIZ and "BIG" NOIZ also offer music in worship throughout the year. All ages are welcome to start attending any time! The schedule is below:

NOIZ (age 4 through 6th Grade): Every Sunday, September-May from <u>9:00am-9:30am</u> in the upstairs music room.

"BIG" NOIZ (7th Grade and up, includes adults): Every first and third Sunday, September-May from 10:00am-10:30am in the upstairs music room.



NOIZ starts in the Fall on Sunday, September 7th at 9:00am "BIG" NOIZ starts in the Fall on Sunday, September 21st at 10:00am

### Fall start ups! Zion Youth and Children



Cr@zy (7th-12th Graders): Wednesday, 9/10 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Cr@zy is Zion's regularly meeting 7th-12th Grade group. We do a variety of activities, bible studies, games, and service work throughout the year. Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, September-May.



Cr@zy "lite" (4th-6th Graders): Wednesday, 9/10 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Zion's 4th-6th Graders now meet for their own separate group at the same time as Cr@zy. We do a variety of activities, bible studies, games, and service work throughout the year. Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, September-May.



#### **FaithFormers**

(preschool-3rd Grade):

FaithFormers is Zion's regularly meeting children's group. Fun games, crafts, song time, bible studies, and more! Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, September-May.



#### **Sunday School** (all ages):

Sunday, 9/7

from 9:30-10:30 am.

Join us for Rally Day (Sunday School kick-off) on September 7th, and then every Sunday after that. We have classes for children, Jr/Sr High Youth, and adults. Meets every Sunday, unless other-wise announced, September-Mav.



## **ADULT** FALL START-UPS

**STITCH & SEW:** For anyone with the time to help make guilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you can sew, cut, tie knots, iron or just want to enjoy some good company, then join this group each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Bring a bag lunch. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Summers.

RUTH CIRCLE: All women are welcome and encouraged to join the group for Ruth Circle, which usually meets the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The first meeting is scheduled for 9/16. Please watch your bulletins for the location. Any questions, please contact Jolene Kopriva.

**ThuMBS:** This Thursday Morning Bible Study meets in the church library weekly at 10:00 a.m. Start date will be 9/11. Any questions, please contact Pastor Dave or the church office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: All men are welcome to attend a monthly men's breakfast with a brief discussion in the Fellowship Hall. The group meets at 8:00 a.m., one Saturday per month. Start date will be 9/13. Any questions, please contact Sam McClure.

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parlor Class (across from the office)
Men's Class (Library, next to office)
Nursery Class (Nursery, upstairs in the
Educational Wing)

All classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 Stop by the kitchen to grab a cup of coffee!

Starting September 7

Join Us!



Also remember

#### **ThuMBS**

(Thursday Morning Bible Study)
Meets in the Fellowship Hall

every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

An informed look at the Bible lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

**Starting September 11** 

#### CHURCH KITCHEN MEETING:

Expectations and Opportunities! **Sunday, September 21st**after 10:45am worship (Noon)



All **Zion adults, families, and young people** that anticipate using our new church kitchen for ministry and programs should attend a brief kitchen meeting as they are able on **Sunday, 9/21** after 10:45am worship.

This will include instructions on how to operate appliances, clean surfaces, and some expectations for how we can best use this resource together in Jesus' name! The meeting will be led by Ryan Custead and members of the Outreach, Serving Squad, and CFY Boards. Everyone is encouraged to attend.





#### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment. The church commemo-

rates his feast day in October every year. In the spirit of St. Francis, we will minister to the animals of our congregation with a Blessing of the Animals Service on **Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** The service is short and will be held on the parsonage front lawn. We will move inside to the Fellowship Hall if there is inclement weather.

Pastor Dave will bless any animal that walks, crawls, slithers, or flies. Please make sure that your pet is controlled on a leash or secure in a pet taxi or terrarium. Yes, this service will have many distractions and that's part of its charm. If your pet likes to make noise and move around, that's perfectly acceptable. Please do not let your anxiety deter you from attending the service!

# PARSONAGE OUTSIDE WORK DAYS

September 24<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00 p.m.

September 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bring Work Gloves!