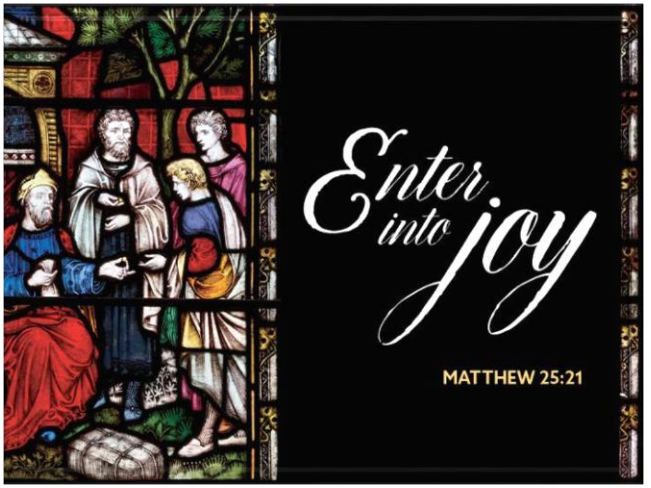


Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

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

The flowers on the altar have been given in loving memory of Parents and Sisters by Mary Miller.

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**.

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,✢ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

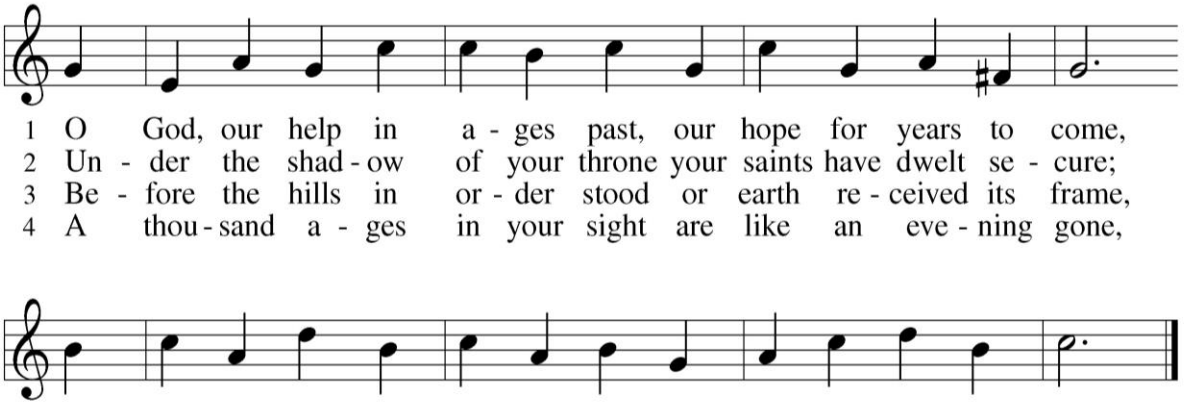
Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN**: ***"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" **(LBW 320)**



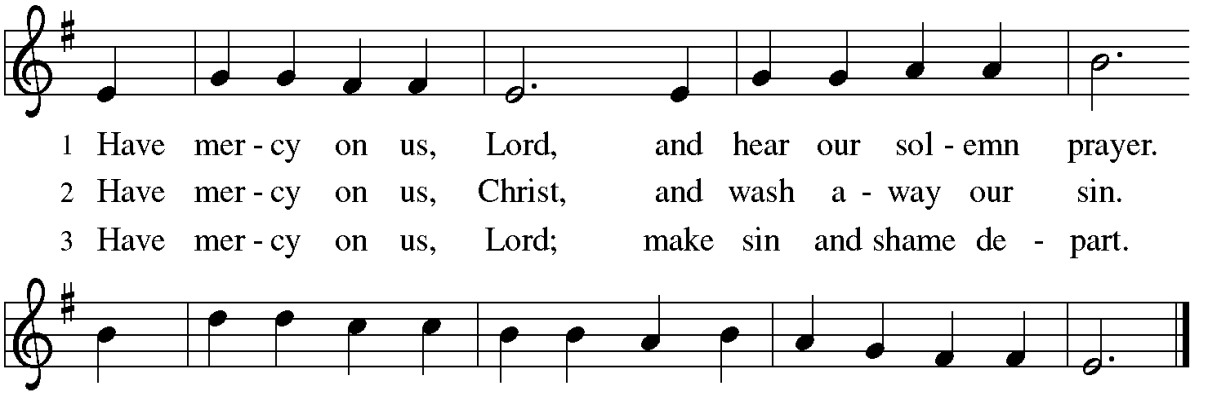
5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

***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**



***THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (LBW 543)**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray. **C: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING: Judges 4:1-7

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. 2 So the LORD sold them
into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who
lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help, for he had nine hundred
chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. 4 At that time Deborah, a prophet,
wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and
Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. 6 She sent and
summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel,
commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the
tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with
his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.' "

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

(Sat & 8:00) PSALMODY Psalm 123 (Spoken)

1 To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.
2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,**
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show | us your mercy.
3 Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,
4 **too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,**
and of the derision | of the proud.

(10:45) PSALMODY "Always" (Song of Zion)

My foes are many, they rise against me
But I will hold my ground
I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way, my help is on the way.
(**chorus**)

Oh my God, He will not delay
My refuge and strength always
I will not fear, His promise is true
My God will come through always, always

Trouble surrounding, chaos abounding
My soul will rest in You.
I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way, my help is on the way
(**chorus**)

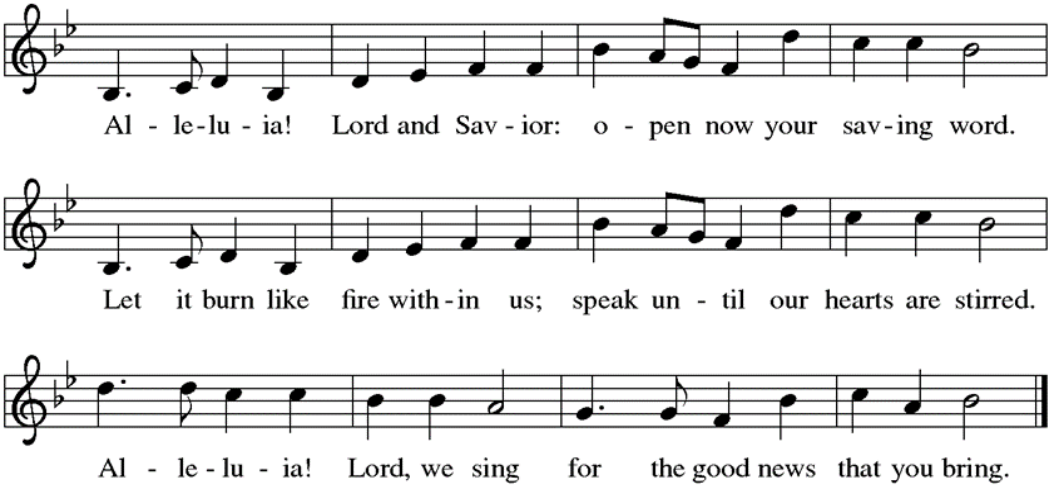
I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord (4x)
(**chorus**)

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written
to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the
night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as
labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are
not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But
since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the
hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

***VERSE**



***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

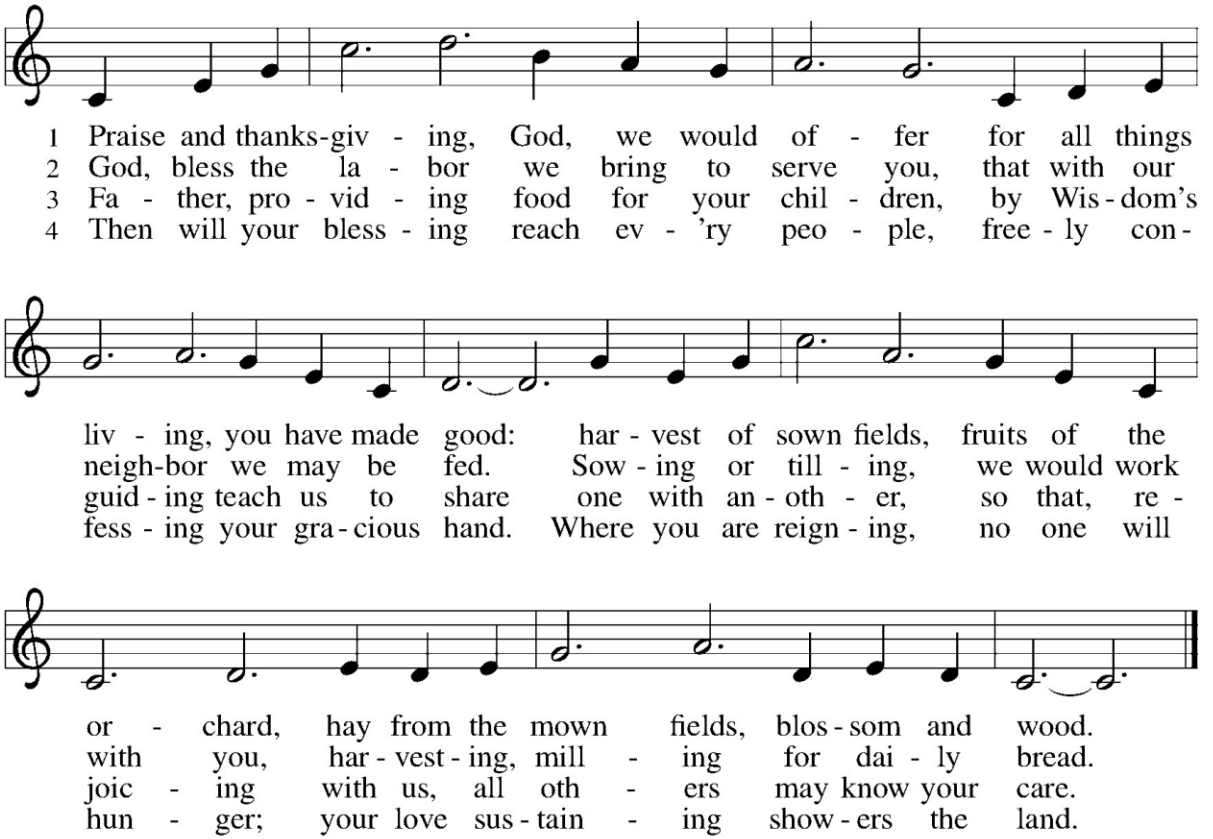
[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise and Thanksgiving" (ELW 689)**



***APOSTLES' CREED**

L: 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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Let us pray ... Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our Prayer.**
L: Into your hands, O Lord, ... Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

***PEACE** P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

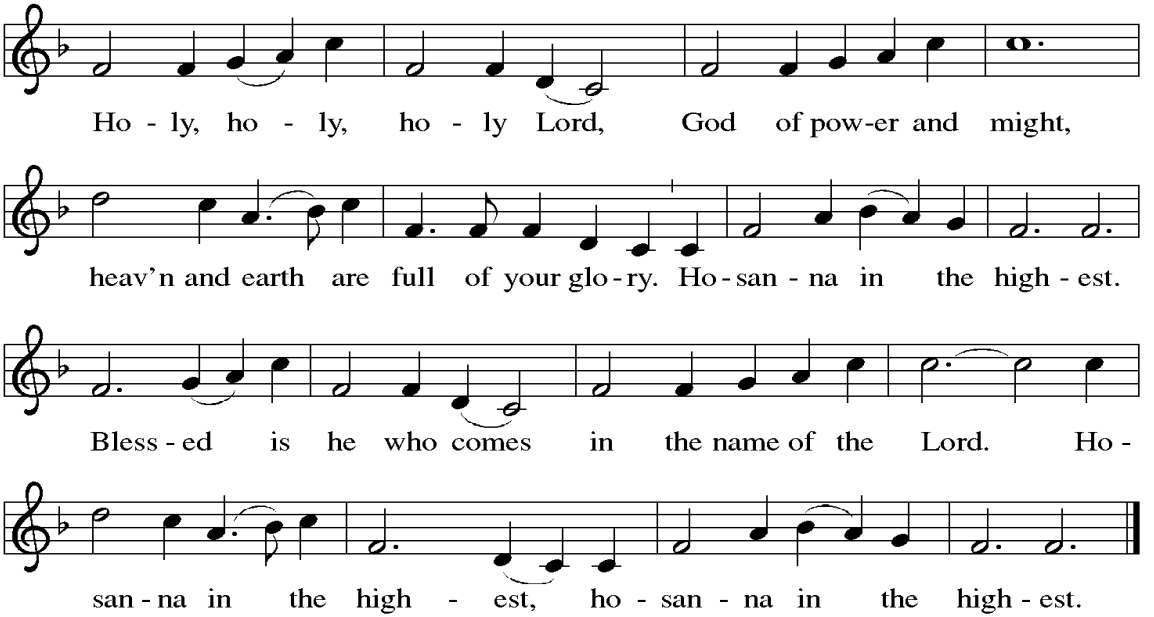
***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

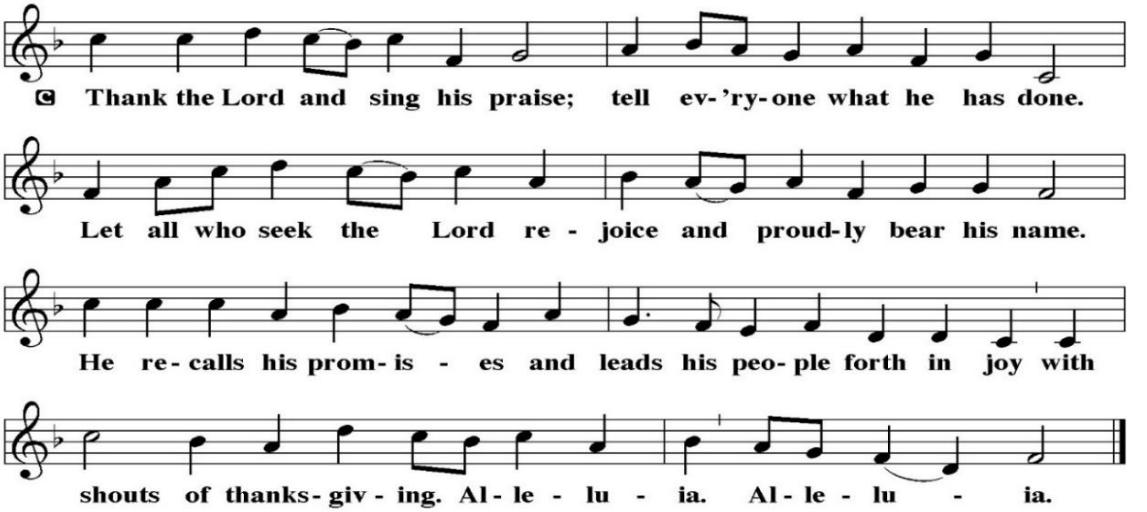
***AGNUS DEI**



COMMUNION MUSIC

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

***CANTICLE**



***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray. **C: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen**

SENDING HYMN:** ***"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" **(LBW 424)**



***DISMISSAL:** **P:** Go in Peace. Share the Good News. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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	Gail Nedimyer
Choir Directors:	
Noiz	Ryan Custead

STAFF

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

DAILY BIBLE READING
November 16TH ~ November 22ND

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

16 Psalm 32
17 Psalm 33
18 Psalm 34
19 Psalm 35
20 Psalm 36
21 Psalm 37
22 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24
PSALM 95:1-7A (7)
EPHESIANS 1:15-23
MATTHEW 25:31-46

This Week at Zion – 11/15/26 – 11/22/26

Sunday 11/15
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
6:00 p.m. Girl's Bible Study

Monday 11/16

Tuesday 11/17
9:00 a.m. Ruth Circle
6:00 p.m. Outreach Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry

Wednesday 11/18
9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew (extended)
4:30 p.m. FaithFormers
7:00 p.m. Special Music & Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 11/19
10:00 a.m. ThuMBS
7:00 p.m. CPC Meeting

Friday 11/20

Saturday 11/21
8:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Chapel)
1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall Reserved
6:00 p.m. Eucharist Service

Sunday 11/22
8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service
9:00 a.m. NOIZ Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (For all Ages)
10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service
5:30 p.m. Zion Thanksgiving Service & Dinner



Coffee Hour

Following the Sunday services there will be
a time for fellowship with light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Come for the coffee, stay for the conversation!

Interested in hosting? Individuals, families, and small ministry groups from the church are all welcome to sign up and provide this service. No elaborate presentation is needed, only coffee and a snack.

Wreath of Christ Wednesday

Wednesday, December 9th 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC/CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thinking about performing a musical offering for worship or you would like to perform with the choir? Doug Rhodes is leading rehearsal in the Choir Room from 7:00 – 7:30 PM on Wednesdays. Contact Doug with any questions.



The Adult Board will be sponsoring the

Giving Tree Project

This project is done in cooperation with the Home Nursing Agency.
The tree is up and available to choose a gift tag!

When you take a tag from the tree, be sure to sign the notebook and return your gift to the church by Sunday, December 13th.

When you return your gift, place it in the box in the hall that matches the circled number on the front of the tag.

If you have any questions please contact Ruth Lucey or anyone from the Adult Board. *Thank you in advance for your kindness!*

Christmas Poinsettias

ORDERS DUE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

The Poinsettias that are used to decorate our sanctuary during our Christmas Eve Services may be ordered in memory or honor of a loved one(s) or in thanks for blessings received. **The price for a 6 1/2" pot is $10.50. The plants may be taken home following the last Christmas Eve worship service.** If you have any questions, please call the church office at 814-695-0091. Thank you for helping to beautify the sanctuary!

I would like to order: _____ ***RED POINSETTIA(S)***

____In memory of: _____

By: _____

___ In honor of: _____

By: _____

___ In thanks for: _____

By: _____



Please return form and payment to the church office. PAID:$_____

ZION THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND DINNER

Sunday, November 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., everyone is invited to gather in the sanctuary for our Thanksgiving service followed by a home style turkey dinner in the fellowship hall. Just bring a side dish or two to share.

Dinners will also be delivered to our shut-in members who request delivery so please call the office if you are interested ☺. (814-695-0091)

Our cooking crew will be looking for volunteers to help cook turkeys, help with kitchen tasks, & assist with delivering meals. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Charlean Rodgers or the church office.

SERVING SQUAD COOKING DAYS

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.

NOVEMBER 23RD

Chili and Cornbread



DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Large cans of tomato soup
- Large cans of kidney beans
- Large cans of tomato sauce

(due 11/22)





Donations of Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Cups, & Applesauce are always accepted.

Please place your donations in the Outreach Room.

Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 25

The Community Thanksgiving Eve Service is sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Ministerium. It will begin at **7:00 PM** and will be held at **Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren, 1028 Penn St, Hollidaysburg.** A pie and cider social will follow the service. All are encouraged to attend this time of expressing thanks for God's blessings.

Holden Evening Prayer

Celebrate and anticipate the Light of the World with Holden Evening Prayer during this Advent season.

This Vespers service will begin at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, December 1, 8, & 15**

Holden Evening Prayer is musically rich and easy to sing.

This year, we will incorporate a bible study portion into the evening.

The theme will be
"Slow to Anger"

Wreath-making Event

with natural greens

Friday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

Cost is $25 per wreath

Limited to a total of 30 wreaths

Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside the library

Girls' Bible Study:

Holiday Gathering!

All ages of girls welcome!

Friday, December 4th
@ 6:00pm
At the church

Girls, ages 0-4th grade and a mom/aunt/grandma/loved one are invited to come and join the Girls' Bible Study for an evening of Holiday fun of baking cookies (will go towards the Cookie Walk) and crafts and games.



Zion Christmas Pageant 2026

"The Perfect Pageant"

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about Zion's Christmas Pageant for 2026! We need children, youth, and a few parent/adult volunteers to make this pageant a success. Participating is a great way to help your child focus on faith in the Advent season.

Please let Ryan Custead know at ryncust@gmail.com or at (814) 695-0091 if your children will participate.

Zion's pageants are always unique and fun! There will be speaking and non speaking roles for all ages.

Pageant Schedule:

- **Saturday, December 5th** from 10:00am-Noon Pageant practice
- **Saturday, December 19th** from 10:00am-Noon Pageant practice
- **Sunday, December 20th** from 9:30-10:30am Pageant practice (Sunday School hour)
- **Sunday, December 20th** @ 10:45am service, Pageant performance

Girls' BIBLE STUDY

For youth, 4th-12th Grade
and an optional accompanying grown up

Sunday evenings (every other week), 6:00-7:30 pm

Location Rotates
(Donlan home or Clark home, contact Brigitte below!)

***Upcoming Dates:**
11/1, 11/15
NO GBS 11/29!

RSVP/Contact Brigitte Donlan at
educatorpsu@yahoo.com or (814) 207-0646
with any questions and for location details.
(You may also contact the church office)

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

Zion Food Pantry

We are in need of donations to replenish Zion's food pantry!

Your past generosity has enabled us to give assistance to quite a few members of our community, but the need is always there, and our pantry shelves always need refilling.

We are asking for donations of boxed, pre-packaged, & canned items.

Ex. Cereal, oatmeal/cream of wheat, canned pasta meals, canned vegetables, canned/cups fruit, canned chicken or tuna, peanut butter, jelly, ramen, flavored rice or noodle packets, pasta, sauce, soups, crackers, granola or cereal bars, applesauce, etc.

Sometimes there is limited ability/supplies to prepare food, so simple one-pot/no-pot items can be helpful.

Other items that can be helpful are can openers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, shaving cream, feminine products, & toilet paper.



Any items in excess of what we can use will be donated to the American Rescue Workers.

Please do not donate expired food.
Thank you in advance for your kindness!

Stride with Confidence

Walk Safely. Feel Independent. No Matter Your Age.



Join us for an informative and encouraging talk that will help you:

- Walk safely at home, in the community, and beyond
- Build confidence in your mobility
- Stay active and independent at every stage of life

Presented by
Kevin Naugle

Tuesday, November 17th at 9:00 AM

Hillcrest Apartments

Hosted by
Zion Lutheran Church's Ruth Circle

Helping Hand



We are collecting gift cards to support families in our church and community who are going through a difficult time. They may be facing a medical situation that requires a lot of travel, or they may be experiencing financial struggles. In these times, a little help with everyday needs like food and fuel can ease the burden.

If you would like to offer assistance, gift cards to **Martin's, Hometown Market,** and **Sheetz,** in **$10 to $25** values, seem to work the best.

Please bring the cards to the church office, and we will distribute them to the families.

Thank you for your kindness.

Zion Music Groups

ZION NOIZ & ZION "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 opportunity 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 **9:00am–9:30am**
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.

ZION YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Cr@zy, Cr@zy "lite", and FaithFormers at Zion!

Zion has regularly meeting groups for **preschool–3rd Grade** kids, **4th–6th Grade** and **7th–12th Grade** youth. These small groups are a great chance for kids to grow in their faith and sustain positive relationships with peers and leaders!

FAITHFORMERS (preschool–3rd Grade)
meets every **1st and 3rd Wednesday,**
September–May from **4:30–5:30pm**
at the church.

CR@ZY "LITE" (4th–6th Grade)
meets every **2nd and 4th Wednesday,**
September–May from **7:00–8:30pm**
at the church (unless otherwise announced).

CR@ZY (7th–12th Grade)
meets every **2nd and 4th Wednesday,**
September–May from **7:00–8:30pm**
at the church (unless otherwise announced).

*Children and youth will need a release form signed for the 2026–27 school year. Release forms will be available at our small groups when dropping kids off and in congregational emails.

Please contact us at **(814) 695-0091** or **office@zionhollidaysburg.org** if you do not currently receive congregational emails.

Zion ADULT GROUPS



STITCH & SEW:
For anyone with the time to help make quilts 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. at the Fellowship Hall. 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. 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. Any questions, please contact Sam McClure.