

Zion Lutheran Church

10 am Worship

September 25, 2022

Community News & Announcements

“One Foot in the Pinelands, One Foot in the Bay” – September 27th at 7pm in our Fellowship Hall. A night of fun and fellowship celebrating in story and photographs the great beauty of our land and sea! **Bob Birdsall** is our tour guide! Don't miss this one!

Zion's Bazaar – Saturday, October 1st from 9 - 1pm. Helpers needed on Friday – 9am – noon for set up. Come and help on Saturday. Bring your family and friends to another great adventure through the wonderful crafts, home baked goods, jewelry and antique items that you just have to have!



Offering Envelops - Anyone who has the offering envelop books and no longer needs them please let us know. Anyone who doesn't get them and would like your own envelops, also please let us know. We need to order these by the end October. Call us at 609-494-8676 or email us at zionchurchlbi@gmail.com.

Fall Worship Schedule begins next week October 2nd. The 8:30 Pavilion Service will move to Zion's Fellowship Hall. Same time 8:30! We will also have the 10 am Communion Service in the Sanctuary! CU THERE!

Greetings and Welcome to our worshippers at home!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. (*Silence*)

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.

**We have failed to do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN: #720 – We Are Called

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GOD'S HOLY WORD

First Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed
down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but
frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**



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.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 16: 19-31 – **Glory to You, O Lord!**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich



man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been

fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that

they will not also come into this place of torment.’²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

REFLECTIONS

HYMN: #723 – Canticle of the Turning

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation. *(A brief silence.)*

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. **Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. **Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species.**

For the peoples of the Ukraine and Russia. **God give them His Grace and Peace!**

Lord Jesus, give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. **Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger.** Tend to those who are ill *(especially, names are read aloud)*.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Offertory

Prayer: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

WE REMEMBER ON THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS DIED...

LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come to the Table of the Lord.

*[Ushers will escort you to the Communion Rail to receive.
After receiving the wafer,
(GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE)
you will be able to take a small cup of wine (red) or grape
juice (white) from a tray.
Deposit the empty cup in the basket. Then return to your seat.]*

OUR TIME OF COMMUNION WITH THE LORD



Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

HYMN: #669 – Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Dismissal - Go in peace. Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

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“God calls us to share our faith in Christ with the community in all seasons.”