



ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Defiance, Ohio

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2026 — 9:45 a.m.

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THE MINISTERS ARE THE PEOPLE

July 12, 2026 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Message	Mary Boals	Ushers	Bill & Cindy Wendell
Musician	Neal Deniston	Fellowship Hour	Lois Dodt &
Lector	Marion Hanson		Regina Snyder
Altar Care	Sue McKibben	Offering Collectors	Cindy Wendell & Donna Schindler

AV Team: Doug Eis, Sandy Eis, Stormy Gutman, Angela Gutman, & Shaun Holley

— We Gather To Hear God's Word —

"Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

***We invite everyone to enter the sanctuary with a spirit of prayerful silence.
Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word without distractions.***

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

"This is the Day"

W&P Book #141

OPENING HYMN

"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Red Book #516

GREETING

Marion Hanson

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We sit

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 55:10-13**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalm 65:1-13**

SECOND READING: **Romans 8:1-11**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Be Not Afraid"

Red Book #388

GOSPEL: **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

We sit

MESSAGE

"Word of God Speak"

Mary Boals

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

Red Book #550

APOSTLES CREED

Red Book Setting 1, pg. 105

— We Respond to God's Word —

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Marion Hanson

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Marion Hanson

We sit

OFFERTORY HYMN
We stand

“Let the Vineyards”
Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 35

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154

— *We Go To Live God’s Word* —

SENDING HYMN
DISMISSAL

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”
Red Book #545

July 5, 2026 Attendance & Collection

Sunday Attendance	50	Ministry Fund	\$ 4,160
Youtube Views	56	Building Fund	\$ 40

In order to meet our weekly budget guidelines, the Ministry Fund needs \$3,041.75 each week.

— *This Week at Zion’s* —

Sunday, July 12	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Worship Service-Barbershoppers Perform
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, July 13	12:00 pm	Book Group
	4:30 pm	CIC Group
	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Wednesday, July 15	10:30 am	Dulcimers
	12:00 pm	AA Group
Thursday, July 16	9:00 am	Men’s Fellowship
	5:00 pm	TOPS 1811
Sunday, July 19	9:45 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Endowment Committee
	7:30 pm	AA Group

Lutheran History

Nathan Soderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died July 12, 1931. In 1930, this Swedish theologian, ecumenist, and social activist received the Nobel Prize for peace. Soderblom saw the value of the ancient worship of the church catholic and encouraged the liturgical movement. He organized the Universal Christian Council on Life and Work, one of the organizations that in 1948 came together to form the World Council of Churches.

To be added to the prayer chains, please contact:
ePrayers: office@zionslutheranchurch.com

WE PRAY...For:

Members: John Lieswyn, Marsha Leaders, Gary Smith, and Donna Ripke.

Non-Members: Amy Donahue, Sandy Hupp, David Shafer, Linda Street, John Nawarskas, Shelley Anderson, Curtis Shafer, Mary Keel, Julie Logan, Becky Mohr, Clara Zimmer, Brent Rosebrook, Don Watkins, and Roger McDowell.

For the men and women of our military both here and abroad: Especially, Dan Bostelman, Scott Clippinger, Jeremy Horstman, Andrew Mullett, Zachary Price, Benjamin Mullett, Erika Rogers, Matthew Rogers, and Evan DeTray.

— Announcements —

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday this today to Jan Brown & Caden Eis and this week to Carole Zachrich & Stormy Gutman!!!

PANTRY DONATIONS: July's pantry needs are baby wipes, paper towels, and toothpaste.

COOKIES NEEDED: The innkeepers are requesting donations of cookies for the Wednesday Community Meals. Please package them for the freezer and place them in one of the freezers in the kitchen. Thank you!

EMPTY BOTTLES: Due to the donation of gallon sized bottles of hand soap, the pantry needs empty bottles to refill such as empty individual hand soap bottles (both foaming hand soap type and regular type). All can be placed in the chest in the Narthex. Thank you for recycling with us!

WELCOME VISITORS: If you are a visitor, please fill out the "***Prayer Request & Visitor***" card in the back of the pew in front of you. We would love to invite you to any upcoming events and services.

PRAISES, PRAYERS & VISITORS: In the back of the pew in front of you are, "***Prayer Request & Visitor***" cards. Be sure to fill one out if you have a praise and/or prayer request and drop it in the designated basket in the back of the sanctuary.

HUGS: The group is accepting gently used stuffed animals, books, and blankets for distribution to local pantries, crisis centers, and family support groups. There is a collection bin located in the narthex.

SECRET SANTA: The project is under way. Sign-up forms are available in the church library. If you are signing up a family who has more than one child, please make sure there is a form filled out for each child. For more info, please see the bulletin board in the narthex.