



ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Defiance, Ohio

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2026 — 9:45 a.m.

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THE MINISTERS ARE THE PEOPLE

July 19, 2026 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Message
Musician
Deacon
Altar Care

Dan Meffley
Neal Deniston
Angela Gutman
Linda Hardy

Ushers
Fellowship Hour
Offering Collectors

Ed & Joyce Rayle
Cindy Wendell
Angela Gutman &
Sue McKibben

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

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

Red Book #689

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We sit

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 44:6-8**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalm 86:11-17**

SECOND READING: **Romans 8:12-25**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Be Not Afraid"

Red Book #388

GOSPEL: **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

We sit

MESSAGE

"Listen"

Dan Meffley

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

Red Book #693

APOSTLES CREED

Red Book Setting 1, pg. 105

— We Respond to God's Word —

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Angela Gutman

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Angela Gutman

We sit

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Let the Vineyards"

Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 35

We stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154

— We Go To Live God's Word —

SENDING HYMN

"Oh, Worship The King"

Red Book #842

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"Go in Peace and Serve The Lord"

W&P #46

July 12, 2026 Attendance & Collection

Sunday Attendance 50
Youtube Views 52

Ministry Fund \$ 1,625.00
Building Fund \$ 25.00

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

—This Week at Zion's—

Sunday, July 19	9:45 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Endowment Committee
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, July 20	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Wednesday, July 22	10:30 am	Dulcimers
	12:00 pm	AA Group
Thursday, July 23	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	5:00 pm	TOPS 1811
Sunday, July 26	9:45 am	Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group

Lutheran History

Mary Magdalene, Apostle: The gospels report Mary Magdalene was one of the women of Galilee who followed Jesus. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial. When she went to the tomb on the first day of the week to anoint Jesus' body, she was the first person to whom the risen Lord appeared. She returned to the disciples with the news and has been called "the apostle to the apostles" for her proclamation of the resurrection. Because John's gospel describes Mary as weeping at the tomb, she is often portrayed in art with red eyes. Icons depict her standing by the tomb and holding a bright red egg, a symbol of the resurrection.

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

WE PRAY...For:

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

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~

July 19, 2026

ANNIVERSARIES: Happy Anniversary today to Kyle & Julie Gustwiller and this week to Eric & Megan Engel.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are provided by Mary Rickard in memory of Craig Batt, Mike Batt, and Richard Carter and for the Glory of God!

PANTRY DONATIONS: August pantry needs are Kleenex, ladies' disposable razors, bath soap, and toothpaste.

WHILE PASTOR TOM IS AWAY: If anyone has an immediate pastoral need while Pastor Tom is away, please contact your Deacon or the Head Deacon, Helena Morris @ 419-956-7656.

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 and drop it in the designated basket in the back of the sanctuary. 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.
