



ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Defiance, Ohio

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026 — 9:45 a.m.

www.zionslutheranchurch.com

THE MINISTERS ARE THE PEOPLE

August 16, 2026 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Preaching
Musician
Deacon
Altar Care

Pastor Tom Zulick
Neal Deniston
Regina Snyder
Sue McKibben

Ushers
Fellowship Hour
Offering Collectors

Ed & Joyce Rayle
Linda Hardy
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

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Red Book #886

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We sit

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalm 67**

SECOND READING: **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Be Not Afraid"

Red Book #388

GOSPEL: **Matthew 15:10-28**

We sit

HOMILY

"A House of Prayer"

Pastor Tom Zulick

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Red Book #650

APOSTLES CREED

Red Book Setting 1, pg. 105

— We Respond to God's Word —

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit

OFFERTORY HYMN <i>We stand</i>	"Let the Vineyards"	Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 35
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 152
SANCTUS	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 153
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER V		
THE LORD'S PRAYER <i>We sit</i>		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154
AGNUS DEI	"Lamb of God"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154
DISTRIBUTION	"One Bread, One Body"	Red Book #496
<i>We sit</i>	"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"	Red Book #712
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE	"Thankful Hearts"	Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 40
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BLESSING		

— We Go To Live God's Word —

SENDING HYMN	"God, Whose Almighty Word"	Red Book #673
DISMISSAL		
POSTLUDE	"Go in Peace and Serve The Lord"	W&P #46

August 9, 2026 Attendance & Collection

Sunday Attendance	64	Ministry Fund	\$3,136.41
Youtube Views	60	Building Fund	\$ 0.00

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

TODAY WE CELEBRATE the Eucharist, the meal of the baptized children of God. All who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are invited at the table. White grape juice is available for those who prefer it. Indicate so by placing your right hand across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

—Lutheran History —

Mary, Mother of Our Lord. The church honors Mary with the Greek title *theotokos*, meaning "God-bearer." Origen first used this title in the early church, and the councils of Ephesus and Chalcedon upheld it. Luther upheld this same title in his writings. The honor paid to Mary as *theotokos* and mother of our Lord goes back to biblical times, when Mary herself sang, "from now on all generations will call me blessed" (Luke 1:48). Mary's life revealed the presence of God incarnate, and it revealed God's presence among the humble and poor. Mary's song, the Magnificat, speaks of reversals in the reign of God: the mighty came down, the lowly are lifted up, the hungry are fed, and the rich are sent away empty-handed.

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

WE PRAY...For:

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

Non-Members: Amy Donahue, Linda Street, John Nawarskas, Shelley Anderson, Curtis Shafer, Mary Keel, Julie Logan, Becky Mohr, Clara Zimmer, and Dawn Mack.

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, Evan DeTray, and J.C. Winstead.

—This Week at Zion's —

Sunday, August 16	9:45 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	SIC—Sign Cards
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, August 17	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Wednesday, August 19	12:00 pm	AA Group
Thursday, August 20	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	5:00 pm	TOPS 1811
Sunday, August 23	9:45 am	OUTDOOR Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group