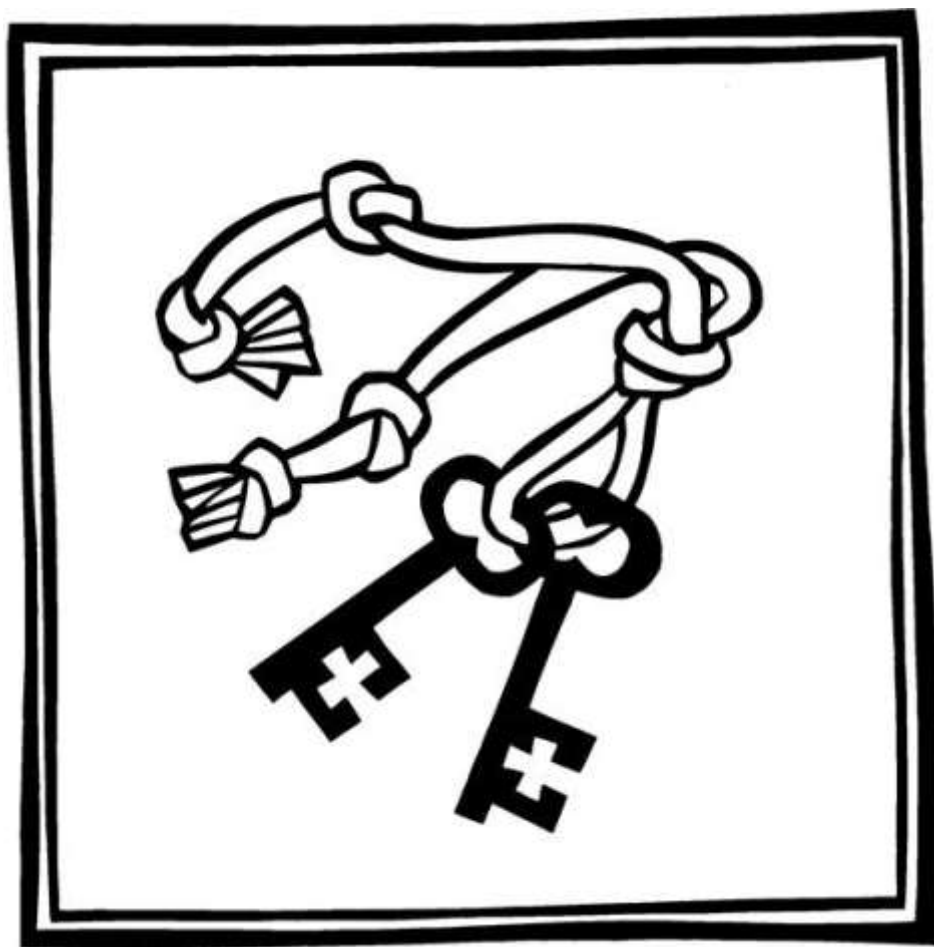




ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Defiance, Ohio

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 2026 — 9:45 a.m.

www.zionslutheranchurch.com

THE MINISTERS ARE THE PEOPLE

August 23, 2026 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Preaching	Pastor Tom Zulick	Ushers	Colleen Holley &
Musician	Neal Deniston		Angela Gutman
Lector	Marion Hanson	Offering Collectors	Marsha Leaders &
Altar Care	Linda Hardy		Sue McKibben
Fellowship Hour	Audrey Eis		

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

"The Church's One Foundation"

Red Book #654

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We sit

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 51:1-6**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalms 138**

SECOND READING: **Romans 12:1-8**

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Be Not Afraid"

Red Book #388

GOSPEL: **Matthew 16:13-20**

We sit

HOMILY

"Friend, Deliverer, and Redeemer!"

Pastor Tom Zulick

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Red Book #802

APOSTLES CREED

Red Book Setting 1, pg. 105

— We Respond to God's Word —

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit

WELCOME SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPEAKERS

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 <i>We sit</i>	"As the Grains of Wheat" "Seed, Scattered and Sown"	WOV #705 W&P #121
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE	"Thankful Hearts"	Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 40
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BLESSING		

— *We Go To Live God's Word* —

SENDING HYMN	"We All Are One in Mission"	Red Book #576
DISMISSAL		
POSTLUDE	"Go in Peace and Serve The Lord"	W&P #46

August 16, 2026 Attendance & Collection

Sunday Attendance	52	Ministry Fund	\$ 2,095.00
Youtube Views	86	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.

*When you see Wilbur Gick, give, him a special "Happy Birthday" shout out .
Wilbur will be turning 92 on August 28th!!!*

—Lutheran History —

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153—Bernard was a Cistercian monk who became an abbot of great spiritual depth. He was a mystical writer deeply devoted to the humanity of Christ who emphasized the inner human experience of prayer and contemplation. Bernard's devotional writings are still read today. His sermon on the Song of Solomon treats that Old Testament book as an allegory of Christ's love for humanity. Bernard wrote several hymns that are still sung today in translation, including "Jesus, the very thought of you."

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, Dawn Mack, and J.C. Winstead.

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 23	9:45 am	OUTDOOR Worship Service
	11:00 am	Christian Ed Meeting
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, August 24	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Wednesday, August 26	12:00 pm	AA Group
Thursday, August 27	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	5:00 pm	TOPS 1811
Sunday, August 30	9:45 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Deacon's Meeting
	7:30 pm	AA Group