ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Defiance, Ohio

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 20, 2026 — 9:45 a.m.

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THE MINISTERS ARE THE PEOPLE

September 20, 2026 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Preaching	Pastor Tom Zulick	Ushers	Ed & Joyce Rayle
Assisting Minister	Angela Gutman	Altar Care	Linda Hardy
Musician	Neal Deniston	Fellowship Hour	Angela Gutman
Lector	Libbie Engel	Offering Collectors	Angela Gutman & Sue McKibben
Acolyte	Dax Engel		

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.

GATHERING SONG "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" ACS #942

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN "Take My Life, That I May Be" Red Book #685

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God" Red Book Setting 4, pg. 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY
We sit

FIRST READING: **Jonah 3:10-4:11**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalm 145:1-8**

SECOND READING: **Philippians 1:21-30**
We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Be Not Afraid" Red Book #388

GOSPEL: **Matthew 20:1-16**
We sit

HOMILY "First & Last" Pastor Tom Zulick
We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord of All Hopefulness" Red Book #765

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 "Let the Vineyards" Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 35
We stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER		
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 152
SANCTUS	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 153
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154
We sit		
AGNUS DEI	"Lamb of God"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154
DISTRIBUTION	"We Come to the Hungry Feast"	Red Book #479
	"I Am the Bread of Life"	Red Book #485
We sit		
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE	"Thankful Hearts"	Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 40
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BLESSING		

— We Go To Live God's Word —

CLOSING HYMN	"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"	Red Book #620
POSTLUDE	"Go in Peace and Serve The Lord"	W&P #46

September 13, 2026 Attendance & Collection

Sunday Attendance: 70		Ministry Fund	$ 2,060.00
Youtube Views: 38		Building Fund	$ 25.00

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

TODAY WE CELEBRADE 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 —

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, was a tax collector for the Roman government in Capernaum. Tax collectors were distrusted because they were dishonest and worked as agents for a foreign ruler, the occupying Romans. In the gospels, tax collectors are mentioned as sinful and despised outcasts, but it was these outcasts to whom Jesus showed his love. Matthew's name means "gift of the Lord." Since the second century, tradition has attributed the first gospel to him.

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

WE PRAY…For:

Members: John Lieswyn, Barb Jones, Linda Wagner, John Jacob, and Elaine Davis.

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

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, Sept. 20	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, Sept. 21	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Wednesday, Sept. 23	12:00 pm	AA Group
	4:30 pm	Outreach Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 24	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	4:30 pm	Finance Committee
	5:00 pm	TOPS 1811
Saturday, Sept. 26	12:00 pm	Filling Homes Festival of Tables
Sunday, Sept. 27	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group