

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Defiance, Ohio

Twenty-Fourth Day after Pentecost

Sunday, November 8, 2026 – 9:45 a.m.

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~ This Week at Zion's ~

November 8, 2026 9:45 a.m. Worship

Preaching	Pastor Tom	Ushers	Bill & Cindy Wendell
Assisting Minister	Cyndi Ensign	Altar Care	Linda Hardy
Musician	Neal Deniston	Fellowship Hour	No Fellowship Hour
Lector	Karen Graf	Offering Collectors	Cindy Wendell & Donna Schindler
Acolyte	Dax Engle		

AV Team: Doug Eis, Sandy Eis, Stormy Gutman, Angela Gutman

~ 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	"This is the Day"	W&P #141
INVOCATION		
COFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		
OPENING HYMN	"Blessed Assurance"	Red Book #638
GREETING		
HYMN OF PRAISE	"Glory to God"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 148
PRAYER OF THE DAY		
We sit		
FIRST READING: **Amos 5:18-24**		
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Psalm 70**		
SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**		
We stand		
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Be Not Afraid"	Red Book #388
GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:1-13**		
We sit		
HOMILY	"Keep the Light On!"	Pastor Tom Zulick
We stand		
HYMN OF THE DAY	"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"	Red Book #244
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 Vinyards"	Red Book Setting 5, pg. 35
We stand		

OFFERTORY PRAYER		
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 152
SANCTUS		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 153
EUCHARSTIC PRAYER V		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
We sit		
AGNUS DEI	"Lamb of God"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154
DISTRIBUTION	"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"	Red Book #461
	"When Peace, like a River"	Red Book #785
We stand		
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE	"Thankful Hearts"	Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 40
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BLESSING		

~ We Go To Live God's Word ~

CLOSINNG HYMN	"Soon and Very Soon"	Red Book #439
POSTLUDE	"Go in Peace and Serve The Lord"	W&P #46

November 1, 2026 Attendance & Collection

Sunday Attendance: 74	Ministry Fund	$ 4,195.75
Youtube Views: 34	Building Fund	$ 15.00

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.

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

WE PRAY...For:

Members: John Lieswyn, Barb Jones, John Jacob, Elaine Davis, and Michael Mullett.

Non-Members: Amy Donahue, Linda Street, John Nawarskas, Shelley Anderson, Curtis Shafer, Mary Keel, Becky Mohr, Clara Zimmer, J.C. Winstead, Kelly Jones, and 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.

~ Lutheran History ~

Three missionaries are commemorated on November 7th.

- John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873: John was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. Ordained in 1820, he established Sunday schools and taught at Gettysburg College & Seminary.
- Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719: Bartholomaeus was a missionary to the Tamils of Tranquebar on the southeast coast of India. The first convert to Christianity was baptized about ten months after Ziegenbalg began preaching. His missionary work was opposed by the local Hindus and by Danish authorities in that area. He was imprisoned for his work on a charge of converting the natives.
- Ludwig Ingwer Nommenes, died 1918: In the early 1860s, Ludwig went to Sumatra to serve as a Lutheran missionary. His work was among the Batak people, who had previously not seen Christian missionaries. Though he encountered some initial difficulties, the missions began to succeed following the conversion of several tribal chiefs. Ludwig translated the scriptures into Batak while honoring much of the native culture.

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Sunday, Nov. 8	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Shared Vision-Shared Success Luncheon
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, Nov. 9	12:00 pm	Book Group
	4:15 pm	CIA Group
	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Tuesday, Nov. 10	6:00 pm	Worship & Music
Wednesday, Nov. 11	10:30 am	Dulcimers
	12:00 pm	AA Group
	4:30 pm	Pantry Meal & Distribution
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm	Bible Study w/Pastor Tom
Thursday, Nov. 12	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	5:00 pm	TOPS Group
Sunday, Nov. 15	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Breakfast Club
	9:45 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	OCC Shoebox Packing
	7:30 pm	AA Group

~Announcements~

November 8, 2026

BIRTHDAY: Happy birthday this week to Sandy Eis & Ashley Gutman.

BIBLE STUDY: Please join Pastor Tom this Wednesday evening @ 6:00 p.m. for a new Bible Study, "Discipleship in a Post-Christian Age." Books are available in the church office.

SIC GROUP: There are cards ready to be signed after worship today.

SHARED VISION, SHARED SUCCESS LUNCH: TODAY'S THE DAY!!! Please stay for lunch & fellowship!!!

NEWPORT AQUARIUM TICKETS: The tickets have been picked up.

COATS FOR CHIRSTMAS: Distribution for the Coats for Christmas will be Saturday, November 14th from 9am–5pm and Sunday, November 15th from Noon–3pm at First Presbyterian Church, 501 Washington Avenue, Defiance.

FILLING HOMES WOMEN'S GUILD: Membership is still open for this wonderful ministry. Anyone interested in joining and/or supporting them, please see Karen Graf.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2027 Offering Envelopes have arrived. If you normally use the offering envelopes for your giving, please stop in the church office to pick up your 2027 booklet. If you do not have a personalized booklet and would like to use them in the new year, please let Teresa know and she will set you up!

PANTRY DONATIONS: November pantry needs are Kleenex, paper towels, bar soap, and baby wipes.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 15th – Breakfast Club meets at 9:00 a.m.
November 15th – OCC Shoebox Packing Party

Operation Christmas Child

a Ministry of Samaritan's Purse

"I want every child to know there is a God who loves them."
- Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse



Show God's love to children around the world.

Every child who receives a gift also hears the gospel message and is invited to follow Jesus.

Our goal is to pack and send **150 shoeboxes** to bless these children.

Here's how you can participate:

1. Pack your own shoebox or 2 and drop it off at church by **Sunday, November 15**, along with **$10/box** for shipping.
2. **Donations accepted** to help with supplies and shipping. Please write "OCC" on the memo line of your check.
3. If you find a great deal on a bulk item, please drop off your extras in the wood chest in the Narthex.
4. Stay after the church service on **Sunday, November 15** to pack shoeboxes.
5. **Pray!** Pray that each box will contain just the right items for each child and for salvation for the children and their families. Pray for teachers who lead The Greatest Journey discipleship classes for new believers.

FUN .... FULL .... PERSONALIZED

Some needed items are: Matchbox cars, coloring books, colored markers, dolls, Yo-Yo's, 24 packs of crayons, dry watercolor paint sets, books, socks for boys or girls & cold weather items like hats and gloves.