

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Defiance, Ohio

Twenty-Fourth Day after Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 2026 – 9:45 a.m.

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~ This Week at Zion's ~

November 15, 2026 9:45 a.m. Worship

Preaching	Pastor Tom	Ushers	Ed & Joyce Rayle
Assisting Minister	Cyndi Ensign	Altar Care	Marsha Leaders
Musician	Neal Deniston	Fellowship Hour	Libbie Engel
Lector	John Diehl	Offering Collectors	Angela Gutman & Sue McKibben
Acolyte	Lucy Epple		

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.

SONG	"Come Ye Thankful, People Come"	Handbells
GATHERING SONG	"This is the Day"	W&P #141
INVOCATION		
COFESSION AND FORGIVENESS		
OPENING HYMN	"Christ, Be Our Light"	Red Book #715
GREETING		
HYMN OF PRAISE	"Glory to God"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 148
PRAYER OF THE DAY		

We sit

FIRST READING: **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Psalm 90:1-12**

SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

We stand

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Be Not Afraid"	Red Book #388

GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:14-30**

We sit

HOMILY	"Well Done Good and Faithful Servant!"	Pastor Tom Zulick

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY	"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"	Red Book #707
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 (SUNG)		
We sit		
AGNUS DEI	"Lamb of God"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154
DISTRIBUTION	"God is So Good"	Handbells
	"Be Thou My Vision"	Handbells
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	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"	Red Book #632
POSTLUDE	"Go in Peace and Serve The Lord"	W&P #46

November 8, 2026 Attendance & Collection

Sunday Attendance: 64	Ministry Fund	$ 2,710.00
Youtube Views: 32	Building Fund	$ 50.00

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, Aza Ferguson, and the family of George Zimmer.

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 ~

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231.
This Hungarian princess lived her entire life in east-central Germany and is often called Elizabeth of Thuringia. Married to a duke, she gave large sums of money, including her dowry, for relief of the poor and sick. She founded hospitals, cared for orphans, and used the royal food supplies to feed the hungry. Though she had the support of her husband, her generosity and charity did not earn her friends within the royal court. At the death of her husband, she was driven out. She joined a Franciscan order and continued her charitable work, though she suffered abuse at the hands of her confessor and spiritual guide. Her lifetime of charity is particularly remarkable when one remembers that she died at the age of twenty-four. She founded two hospitals, and many more are named for her.

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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
Monday, Nov. 16	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Wednesday, Nov. 18	10:30 am	Dulcimers
	12:00 pm	AA Group
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm	Bible Study w/Pastor Tom
Thursday, Nov. 19	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	5:00 pm	TOPS Group
Sunday, Nov. 22	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group

~Announcements~

November 15, 2026

BIRTHDAY: Happy birthday today to Steve Hageman.

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.

CHRISTMAS BELSSINGS BASKETS: Zion's has signed up to participate in the collection for the Christmas Blessings Basket's that Children's Lantern gives away. We have committed to collecting 90 cans of frosting by December 6th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex to let us know how many cans of frosting you are committing to collecting. Thank you for participating in this worthy cause!

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 26th – Thanksgiving Day
December 5th – Hanging of the Greens



GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

Children's LANTERN

CHRISTMAS BLESSING BASKETS

Help make Christmas brighter for foster, kinship, and adoptive families by donating to our Christmas Blessing Baskets Toy Drive!

Last year, we served 301 kids. Let's make that number even greater this year.

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