

# Zion

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

9:15 am Worship

*Live streamed on Zion's facebook page*

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# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT: Katie, Mummau, Director Zion Lutheran Pre-School.

\*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice, love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God:  
your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.  
God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.  
Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

\*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*OPENING HYMN “We Are Called” vs. 1&3



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



*Refrain*  
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

- <sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
<sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;  
<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
<sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 146**

- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**  
<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there is no help.  
<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**  
<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;  
<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**  
<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the captive free.  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are  
bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be

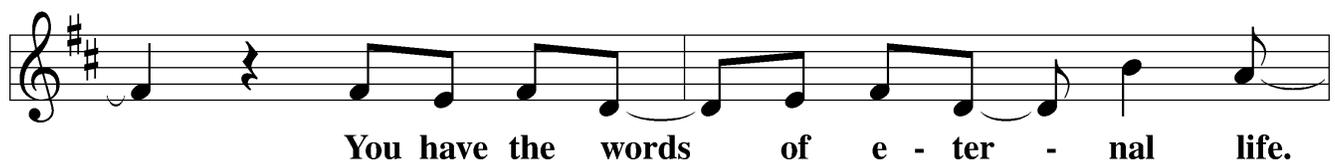
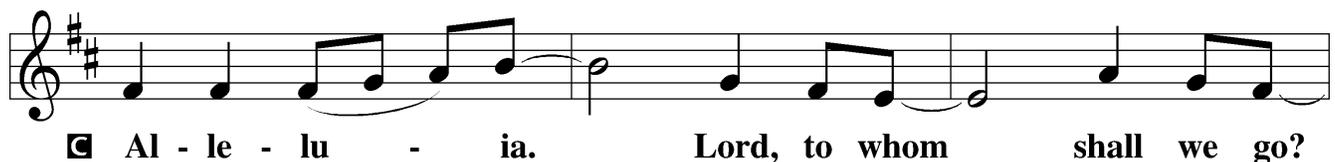
rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\* GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

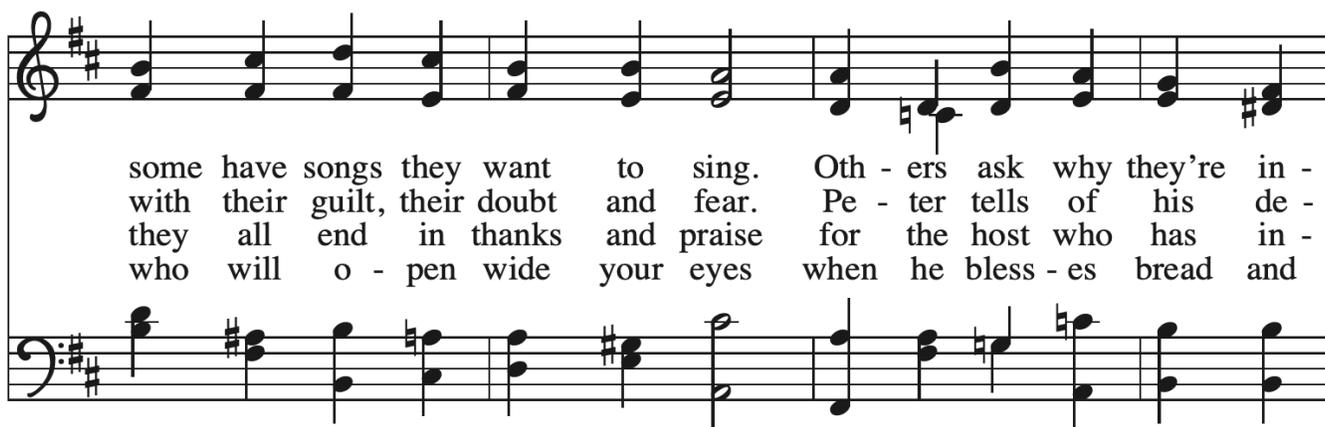
Rev. Kate Warn

HYMN OF THE DAY “Look Who Gathers At Christ’s Table”

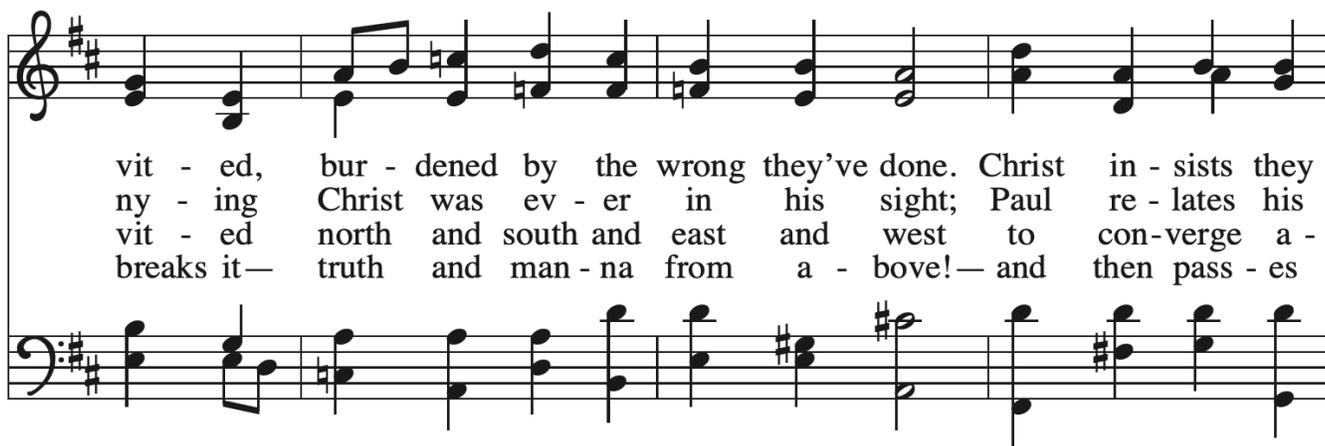
1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;  
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled  
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:  
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -  
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -  
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -  
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they  
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his  
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -  
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.  
fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.  
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.  
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*A stewardship note: Offering plates have been placed near the entrance to receive your gifts. An additional offering plate is on the stand near the organ. If you miss the chance to drop off your offering when you arrive, you are welcome to place your offering in the plate at the close of the service.*

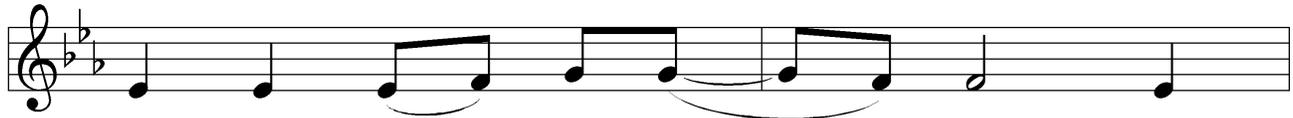
**OFFERTORY CANTICLE**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me.



Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your



Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



hold me with your free Spir - it.



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God, **in your great love you richly provide for our needs.**

**Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

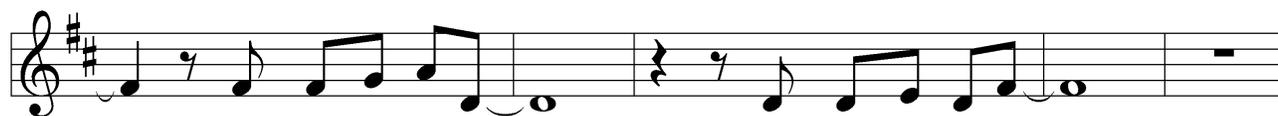
## INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Welcome to the Lord's Table: Communion will be distributed by continuous progression at the front of the sanctuary, and you are welcome to come forward by side, as directed by the pastor. In addition to the pre-poured cups of communion wine, grape juice (darker in color) is available in the center of each tray, and gluten free wafers are available upon request. You are welcome to kneel at the rail for prayer after receiving the elements. The communion cups may be placed in the small baskets near the end of the pews as you return to your seat.*

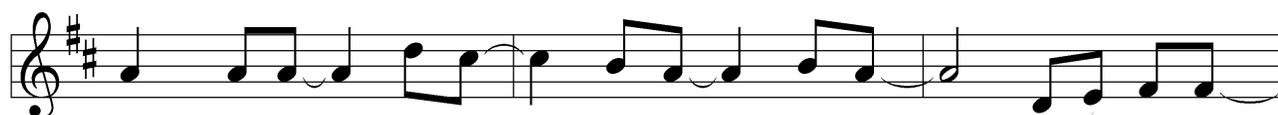
# COMMUNION HYMN



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.**



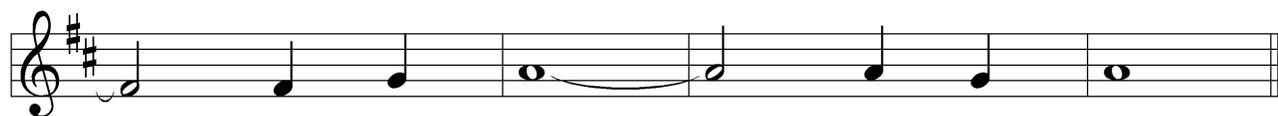
**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## QUIET MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN “To Be Your Presence”



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - joice,

\*BENEDICTION

\*THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Flowers are presented by Doug & Sue Shaw in honor of Beth & Seth's birthdays

Bulletins are sponsored by Bob & Mary Ann Greiner in honor of their family

**TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM:**  
**Pastor Kate Warn, Carol Atherholt**  
**Greeters/Ushers – Dan & Jean Rambler**  
**Lay Reader – John Blanck**

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Weekly Record	Last week	Mo. Total	Budget
Attendance (in-person)	60	147	-----
Attendance (#devices on-line)	6	n/a	-----
General Fund offering	7,771	17,406	17,505
Capital Campaign Offering	475	1,817	-----



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## Comments on the Gospel Reading

The parable in Luke 16 does not say if the rich man's cruelty toward Lazarus is intentional or not; neither is particularly defensible. It was part of the role of the wealthy in the ancient world to provide alms for the poor in their community. Even if it was largely self-serving, patronage was an expected means for some of the poor to be fed while the wealthy reinforced their status with virtuous action.

Often there was a bench outside homes where the poor could wait for assistance. A beggar who sat on this bench at the gate could expect some sort of attention, especially from a feasting host and guests. And, as verse 19 says, this particular rich man feasted every day, meaning Lazarus was denied many times as the rich man repeatedly ignored the unwritten codes of honor. Further, verse 21 makes clear that Lazarus is not asking for much. Scraps and leftovers from the sumptuous feasting would have made all the difference. Those waiting benches are still present in the excavated site of Pompeii outside the large homes of the wealthy, a reminder of the established practice and the rich man's neglect.

In her work on beggars in the ancient world, Zhenya-Gurina Rodriguez imagines what might happen if a man whose physical injury had turned him into a beggar happened upon a bench outside of a meeting of early Christians. How would this beggar be treated? How would he hear the stories of Jesus' healing? Of his words of blessing to the poor? How, if at all, would his life change as a result of choosing that bench?

The answers to these questions, both then and now, are likely messy. There are some needs that can be met, and others that cannot. There are things we can and things we cannot control. Regardless, alleviating the suffering of our neighbors is a clear calling for those who wish to follow Jesus. Our responsibilities to one another in this life are real. Fear may not be a good motivator. But compassion, vocation, stewardship, and gratitude can be. Everything to be done has already been done. We have been given all we need.

*From Commentary by Rev. Kendra Mohn,  
Working Preacher Website for 9/25/22*

## *Announcements*

**This morning, we will receive a special offering** dedicated to financial support for the Preschool. Please note: you may add your contribution to your regular offering, indicating the amount on the envelope under “Other.” Alternatively, you may give a special offering in the collection plate as you depart. We will offer special prayers of support and blessing for our preschool ministry. We welcome Katie Mummau, Director of the Preschool to our worship this morning.

**Beginning today**, Pastor Kate will lead a Bible study on the book of Acts. Come and learn about the work of the Spirit and the growth of the early church. These studies will continue weekly following our 9:15 worship (we’ll begin by 10:30 or so).

**Photos for Zion’s New Pictorial Directory**: This is the week!

**We want to say “Thank you” for the wonderful meal we shared** this past Sunday for our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. It was wonderful to see and reconnect with people we have not seen in a while. The church was full of happy faces! We extend our thanks to all the people who helped get the celebration together...the planners, servers, decorators, bakers, and all others involved. We are grateful for the love overflowing!

**Please take note**: The church office hours have changed. New hours are Mon-Thurs, 8:00-2:00pm, and Fri 8:00-12:00. Pastor Kate is not in the office on Fridays, as she takes that day as her sabbath day.

**Zion’s Sanctuary Choir** practices each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. If you’d like to make a joyful noise to the Lord in the choir, feel free to come to the practices, or contact Karen Kline at 443-1130.

## ***Announcements cont.***

**TODAY! The Food Pantry is celebrating its 10th year in operation!** An Open House will be held at the pantry, 334 W. Gramby St., Manheim, this afternoon from 2-4 PM. Information on volunteering, donating, and registering will be available. Light refreshments will be served.

**Manheim Central Food Pantry** needs cereal, crackers, toilet paper, canned soups, especially tomato, boxed potatoes, canned spaghetti with meatballs, Spam, boxed rice-not bagged, microwaveable rice packets, and paper towels. Please make sure any food items you may be donating are not out of date. Please put your donations in the grocery cart outside the church office.

**Farm Show Parade food stand requests are now posted** for this annual fund raiser on Wednesday Oct. 5. The photos of the requested items can be taken from the bulletin board, and donations can be returned to the office between now and Oct. 4. We know that many people look forward to coming here for their evening meal and for snacks, both before and during the parade. It takes many volunteers to put this on, so your help is greatly appreciated. We are looking for volunteers to help set up Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon. See Sharon Lynes for more information or to volunteer.

