

“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

with Holy Baptism



July 12, 2026

Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

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Prelude - Accordion Music by Shirley Gronewold

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Gathering our Spirits for Worship *(As you are able please stand)*

P - Love is growing within us as we gather for worship.

C - Coaxing forth green leaves of the Spirit.

P - And bringing forth buds of bright flowers

C - My soul is shining like prairie grass flickering with
lightening bugs.

Gathering Hymn - O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate
ELW #722 vs 1-3

O Christ, your heart, compassionate,
bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God;
its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ
combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds,
eternity in time

As once you welcomed those cast down
and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives
through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep
that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain
as though it were our own.

O Christ, create new hearts in us
that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart,
become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ;
our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry
your love may be revealed.

Holy Baptism of Dacota Louis Rieken and Callam Eugene Rieken

**Baptism Sung Response - Baptized in Water
ELW #456 (verse 3)**

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Prayer of Opening our Hearts to God

P - Christ Jesus,

C - I promise to treat others the way I want to be treated. I will honor the earth beneath my feet, the food and drink that nourish me and every animal that lives and breathes. Amen

Reading of the Scriptures

First Reading - Deuteronomy 15:7-8 & 10-11

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'

Psalm 82:3-4 *(Please read responsively)*

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;

maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy;

deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Second Reading - Acts 4:32-35 **Sharing possessions**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. *Here ends this reading. (Please stand as you are able)*

Gospel - Luke 16:19-31 The parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 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.' 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. 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.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will

repent.' 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.'"

Gospel Sung Response tune - Darwall's 148th #893

Rejoice, give thanks and sing: your Sovereign God adore! The scripture has been read to guide us evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice again, I say Rejoice!

Children's Message

Sung Blessing for our Children - Go, My Children, with My Blessing
ELW #543 vs 1

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Offering Hymn - We Are Called ELW #720

Come! live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Sung Offering Response tune #841 Lift Every Voice and Sing
**Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring; ring with
the blessings of our offering. Let our rejoicing rise, high as the
listen-ing skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

Offering Blessing

P - Loving Christ,

**C - May these offerings become bread for the hungry, shelter
for the weary, hope for the discouraged, and comfort for those
who walk alone. We are here to be generous people whose
hands remain open to the needs of the world. Transform what
we have given today into acts of compassion. Amen** *(Please be
seated)*

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the holy spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 Church - *When the pastor says, “Lord in your mercy” please respond with “**Hear our Prayer.**”*

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.**

Holy Communion Liturgy

P - May the Lord bless you and keep you

C - May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

P - May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

C - Amen

The Words of Institution

Benediction Litany (responsively)

P - Go now in the peace of Christ, upheld by the everlasting arms of divine compassion.

C - We go in gratitude, mercy, and joy, to love others as we want to be loved.

Announcements in the Life of the Church

C - ZION... a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Sending Hymn - Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

ELW #545

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.

Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

P - Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C - Thanks be to God.

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Helping out with Worship Today

Pastor:.....Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
Organist.....Shirley Gronewold
Acolytes:.....Cash Harwood
 Millie Garton
Lector:Peggy Johnson
Greeters:.....Eddie & Lynette Dorn
 Michael & Doreen Busboom

July Altar Guild: Rhonda Fossler, Linda Ideus, DeAnn Oltman, Annette Wiese

July Table Troop: Lynette Jurgens (Leader), Steve & Peggy Johnson, Larry Gronewold, Eddie & Lynette Dorn, Gary & Brenda Gronewold, DeAnn & Terry Oltman

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship: 76 Giving: \$1,384.00

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

9:00am – Worship

****Semi-Annual Meeting after worship**

****Grace Circle serving summer fellowship after service**

Thursday

Ladies Aide

Next Sunday

9:00am – Worship with Pastor Arden Dorn/Communion

****Grace Circle serving summer fellowship after service**

Helping out next Sunday

Pastor:.....Pastor Arden Dorn

Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Tavin Lieneman
Alexis Folkerts

Lector:Connie Thornburg

Greeters:.....Kim & Alan Folkerts
Danelle & Brian Evers

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July 10th.

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may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check
out to Zion Church for \$75.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! A Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We are so glad you are here & would love to have you visit again! Please sign a visitor card located in the pews and place the information section of the card in the offering plate. We hope to see you again!

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING DATE - Please plan to attend the
Semi-annual meeting today right after church service.

VACATION - Pastor Renae will be on vacation in Scotland July
13-23. Pastor Arden Dorn will lead worship next Sunday, July
19th.

WELCOME - to our newest members in Christ, Dacota & Callam Eugene Rieken

Baptized today July 12, 2026. Dacota is the son of Craig & Gina Rieken. Callam is the son of Miranda Zeman and Dacota Rieken, born on May 11, 2026. The sponsors are Clay & Cassie Schaardt. Grandparents are Leonard & Kerri Zeman and Craig & Gina Rieken. Dacota will be recognized as a new member of Zion on Recognition Sunday this fall.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #367 - Chicken BBQ on Sunday, July 12th, serving 11:00-12:30pm at the Virginia Legion. They will be serving ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and baked. Dine in or drive thru. Freewill Donation. Your support is Appreciated!

🇺🇸 Sunday School Teachers Needed for the Upcoming Year! 🇺🇸

We are looking for volunteers to help teach our Sunday School students this coming year!

Open Positions:

- * 2nd Grade Teacher (will assist another teacher)
- * 4th Grade Teacher (will assist another teacher)
- * 8th Grade Teacher

Teaching Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity to share God's Word and help nurture the faith of our children and youth. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to a member of the Parish Education Committee.

Contact:

📞 Courtney Schlake – 402-239-4628

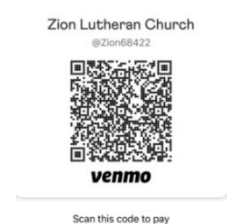
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Thank you for helping make a difference in our Sunday School program! ❤️🇺🇸🙏

FARM FRESH EGGS - Farm fresh eggs are now available for purchase! Suggested price is \$3 per dozen and can be found on the Welcome Center. Proceeds will support various projects around the church. Eggs have been generously donated by Don Schuster—thank you for your kindness and support!

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GIVING
easy. fast. effective.

GIVING OPTION - Simply scan the QR Code to the right to access Zion's Venmo account and submit your offering. Offering envelopes and online giving via Vanco are still available to members as well. **Any members with questions regarding these options can reach out to a church council member.**



Bailey Pointe - Vivian Schuster

Gold Crest - Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson

Homestead House - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller, Marsha Zulauf

Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman