Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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



Twenty-third Sunday of Penecost All Saints Day with Holy Communion

November 1, 2026 Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

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Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship *(As you are able please stand)*
P - Today is All Saints Day, and what are you doing?
C - I am here in church, where I belong.
P - You worked and helped others all week.
C - And now I am at home here at Zion, in the house of the Lord.
P - Let us thank God for the saints who went before us.
C - And rejoice in a bountiful harvest.

Gathering Hymn - “Bringing in the Sheaves”
Words: Pastor Renae Music: George A. Minor

Harvest in the morning, dew still on the grasses,
Combines rolling gently through the golden seas;
Prairie winds are singing, over fields and passes
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Verse 2:
Corn is standing ready, beans have turned to amber,
Engines hum their hymn beneath the autumn leaves;
Neighbors lend a hand where hearts and labors gather
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. (Refrain)

Verse 3:
When the bins are brimming, trucks roll toward the highway,
Evening paints its blessing on the golden leaves;
God of field and furrow, thank you for the bounty
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. (Refrain)

Opening Prayer
P - Loving Christ,
C - As we worship together this morning, let us be acutely aware of the great cloud of saints surrounding us. Remind us that our loved ones who have passed away, continue to send us love and encouragement. Fill our chests with pride in our ancestors who worshiped here at Zion before us. Let us continue their legacy of love, generosity, and commitment. Amen

Scripture Readings
First Testament: Genesis 48:15-16 Blessed by the generations before us
He blessed Joseph and said, “The God before whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all harm, bless the boys, and in them let my name be perpetuated and the name of my ancestors Abraham and Isaac, and let them grow into a multitude on the earth.”

Psalm 126:5-6
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3 Surrounded by a cloud of saints
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart. *Here ends this reading.*

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 9:28-31 Jesus stand between two saints, Moses and Elijah
Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

Gospel Sung Response tune - (tune: Blessed Assurance)
Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of Christ spirit, washed in his love. This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long: this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.
(Please be seated.)

Children's Message

Sung Blessing for our Children Tune – (tune: Children of the Heavenly Father)
Chil-dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo-som gath-er; nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.

Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Offering Hymn - For All The Saints ELW #422 vs. 1-3

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Sung Offering Response - (tune: For all the Saints)
We bring this off-ring to our God di-vine; for works of just-ice, so that love may shine. Bless us to-day and let our lives en-twine. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Offering Blessing
P – Loving Christ,
C - We give this offering because of the love you have poured out on us. Your gifts call for a response that cannot be contained in offering plates and online giving; We also give you all that we have and all that we are, to your purposes. With joy and gratitude, we bring all we that have to give – ourselves. Use us, that your love may be realized among all people. Amen

Nicene Creed
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
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 - The Lord be with you.
C - And also with you.
P - Lift up your hearts.
C - We lift them to the Lord.
P - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C - It is right to give our thanks and praise.
P - It is our joy, at all times and in all places to give God thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion - All visitors are welcome at the Lord's Table with us.

Communion Hymn - The Old Rugged Cross
Author: George Bennard (1913)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for t'was on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

Prayer After Communion
P - Gracious Christ,
C - Thank you for refreshing me at your table. Strengthen my faith, increase my love for others, and send me forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Benediction (responsively)
P- Go with blessings into this coming week and be a living saint to everyone you meet.
C - I will be a living saint with the help of God.
P - Alleluia
C - Amen

Announcements in the Life of the Church

C - Zion, a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Sending Hymn - Rise Up, O Saints of God! ELW #669 vs 1-4

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:…….....Brixton Coffin
Bryleigh Ideus
Lector: ……..Linda Blackwell
Greeters:……Alex & Beth Buhr
Dennis & Patti Behrens

November Altar Guild: Karla Holland, Rhonda Dorn, Lynette Dorn, Doreen Busboom, Kelly Lenners, Christy Buhr

November Table Troops: Lynette Jurgens (Leader), Steve & Peggy Johnson, Larry Gronewold, Eddie & Lynette Dorn, Gary & Brenda Gronewold, Dave & Carrye Meints, DeAnn & Terry Oltman

Snow Brigade

November 2nd - Eric Parde (Captain) - Tractor, Chris Fossler, Steve Oltman, Jordan Busboom, Greg Robinson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Taiten Harms, Kyle Schlake
November 9th - Alan Wiese (**Captain)** -Tractor, AJ Wiese, Kenny Newman, Paul Jurgens, Gerald Ideus, Todd Bohlmeyer, Brian Garton, Josh Gronewold
November 16th - Gary Gronewold (Captain) -Tractor, Stan Lenners (Tractor), Justin Hippen, Mark Buhr, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus

November 23rd - Dean Zimmerman (Captain) - Tractor, Russ Wallman (Tractor), Dan Jurgens, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr, Mike Busboom
November 30th - Les Lieneman (Captain) - Tractor, David Meints (Tractor), Jason Lovitt, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

SS: 51 Giving: $ 127.70
Worship: 165 Giving: $10,806.11

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45am - Sunday School
9:00am - BKF Club/Adult Bible Study
10:00am - Worship/Communion

Wednesday

6:00pm - 7th/8th grade confirmation class service project
7:00pm - Committee Meetings
7:30pm - Council Meeting

Next Sunday Good Neighbor/New Member Sunday

8:45am - Sunday School
9:00am - BKF Club/Endless Hallelujah practice
10:00am - Worship/Kids of the Kingdom/Men's Choir

Helping out next Sunday

Service Leader:……..……..Luke Worth
Organist……..…....Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes:…….....Ave Meints
Nolan Buhr
Lector: ……Marcia Busboom
Greeters:……Mickey Larkins
Donny & Gayle Schuster
Special Music:……...Kids of the Kingdom
Men's Choir

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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!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY -

All adults are welcome to join in these classes led by Pastor Renae at 9AM in the fellowship hall.

November 1st - Angels, Saints, Demons, Heaven and Hell
November 15th – No Class

Come learn, pray, and grow in your relationship with God!

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE – New Phone App, Online Giving, and Updated Website coming soon! We're teaming up Subsplash to create a new church app, update our website, and introduce a fresh way to give online. Starting **November 1, 2026**, we will no longer use Vanco or Venmo for giving. Instead, all offerings and donations will go through Subsplash. Please scan the new QR here. Offering envelopes are still available to members as well**. Any members with questions regarding these options can reach out to a church council member.**

PEW REMOVAL - Church Council plans to permanently remove the front pew by the new sound system cabinet. Anyone interested in purchasing the pew, please contact a council member.

BREAKFAST CLUB SIGN-UP – Please consider helping with providing breakfast for our high school youth on a Sunday morning. Use the link or the QR code to sign-up

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44AFAD2FA0FEC52-66766232-breakfast

YOUTH CAMP REIMBURSEMENTS - Any youth who attended confirmation camp or a summer Christian based camp during 2026, may qualify for reimbursement up to 75% of the camp cost based on the "Early Bird Discount" (if applicable). Funds are provided through the Willie & Anna Meints Endowment Fund. Applications are located on the Welcome Center in the fellowship hall. Application deadline is 12/1/26.

THANK YOU - A **BIG** thank you to Perry Jurgens for his donation of 2 Vice Grip C- Clamps requested by Ladies Aide. This donation is greatly appreciated.

FALL BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY DRIVE - Special thanks to Mary & Stan Lenners for writing a Thrivent Grant to support this project.



Bailey Pointe - Vivian Schuster
Gold Crest - Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson
Homestead House - Rosanna Miller
Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman
Wilber Care Center - Marsha Zulauf