

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.



**19th Sunday after Pentecost with
Holy Communion**

October 19, 2025

Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

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Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Gathering *(As you are able please stand)*

P - Come, you people of wind and dust, come all who are thirsty for a better world.

C - We come to the river, where Amos says justice will roll like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

P - The Spirit of the Lord is upon us; to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and sight to the blind.

C - We are the people of that Spirit, and the followers of that river. We have come here this morning to worship the God of rolling justice and flowing grace!

Gathering Hymn - God of Grace and God of Glory ELW # 705 vs 1-3

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r,
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Prayer of the Day

P - Almighty God,

C - **We follow your Son who stood in the synagogue and
declared freedom for those still in chains. So set us loose!**

**Turn our prayers into actions of justice and love. Let
righteousness look down from the sky, and faithfulness spring
up from the ground beneath our feet. May your river rise in us;
rolling, laughing, and unstoppable, until the dry lands of the
world bloom with peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Special Music – Men’s Choir

Reading of the Scriptures

First Reading – Amos 5:14-15 and 24

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live,
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 85:10-13 (Please read responsively.)

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

Second Reading - James 2:14-17

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. *Here ends this reading.*

Gospel: Luke 4:16-21 (Please stand as you are able)

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Gospel - Sing Response (To the tune of #509)

God’s word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever; to spread its light from age to age, shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while time shall last Your church may hold it fast throughout all generations.

(Please be seated.)

Children’s Message

Sing Response: I Love to Tell the Story ELW #661 verse 1
I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love, I love to tell the story, because I know it’s true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

I love to tell the story; T’will be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Message - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Offering Hymn - Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ELW# 717

Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life,
abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Offering - Sing Response ELW #885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all
creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering Blessing -

P - Loving God,

C - **Bless these offerings, that they may ripple outward to
places we will never see; to heal, to build, and to set captives
free. And when the river of your grace reaches the sea, let it
carry us with it; joyful, drenched, and singing your name: the
God of mercy, righteousness, and peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

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.**

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.

Canticle of Praise - This is the Feast

(Holy Communion Liturgy pg. 139)

Sing in Unison

(REFRAIN) *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *(refrain)*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *(refrain)*

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever, A-men. *(refrain)*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *(refrain)*

The Great Thanksgiving

P - With all of our loved ones who have died are living as saints in heaven, and all of us living our mortal lives here on earth, we glorify God together:

C - Holy, holy, holy - God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most high. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Communion Hymn – The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW #502

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth

and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Prayer After Communion (As you are able please stand)
C- Gracious God, I give you thanks for this holy meal. May it strengthen and heal me, increase my love for others, and send me forth into the world in courage and peace. Amen

Benediction
(Please be seated)

Announcements in the Life of the Church

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

Sending 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!**

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:.....Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes:.....Nolan Buhr
Sadie Gronewold
Lector:.....Brian Garton
Greeters:.....Kenny & Carrie Reed
Darvin & LaDonna DeBuhr

October Altar Guild:

Christy Buhr, Karla Holland, Rhonda Dorn, Lynette Dorn, Doreen Busboon, Kelly Lenners

October Table Troop: Doug & Rhonda Dorn (Leader), Duane & Janice Parde, Gary Wiese, John & Marcia Busboom, LeAnn Fossler

Snow Brigade

October 19th – Mike Busboom (Captain), Dean Zimmerman (Tractor), Russ Wallman (Tractor), Dan Jurgens, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr

October 26th – Jeff Wiese (Captain), Les Lieneman (Tractor), David Meints (Tractor), Jason Lovitt, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship 177 Giving \$3,012.56

SS 49 Giving \$101.50

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THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45 - SS

9:00 - BKF Club/Adult Bible Study

10:00 - Worship/Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler/Communion/Men's Choir

3:00-5:00pm Trunk or Treat

Monday

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Wednesday

6pm – 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

Next Sunday

8:45am SS

9:00am BKF Club

10:00am Worship/Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler/Endless Hallelujah

2:00pm THE 56th ANNUAL GAGE COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK

Newsletter Printing Day!!!

Helping out next Sunday

Pastor:.....Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Piano:.....Janelle Ideus

Guitar:.....Deric Bloom

Acolytes:.....Micah Hofstetter
Hunter Grone

Lector:.....Linda Blackwell

Greeters:.....Irene Busboom
Hunter & Linda Blackwell

Special Music:.....Endless Hallelujah

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!



TRUNK OR TREAT –

TODAY OCTOBER 19TH 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

PRIZES FOR: Best Dressed and Best Trunk

BREAKFAST CLUB SIGN-UP - There is a sign-up clip board on the Welcome Center for the Breakfast Club – help feed our hungry high school students on Sunday Mornings.



JOIN - Church World Service and the 56th Annual CROP WALK: Ending Hunger One Step at a Time
THE 56th ANNUAL GAGE COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK
Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 2:00

Hannibal Park Trail, weather permitting.

Register, Join a Team, Create a Team, Invite Friends

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks>

BLANKET SEWING – Come join us for Blanket Sewing and fellowship on October 20th and/or 21st from 9am to 3pm in the Parish Hall. No experience is necessary. We sandwich tops and bottoms with quilt batting in between. The blanket is sewn around the edges and then crochet thread ties are made to secure it together at intervals. Bring your lunch and join us for mid morning coffee. Come for a couple of hours or more. The blankets are given to Lutheran World Relief and local non profits. If you have questions contact Denise Schlake-Ideus at 402-806-2236 or Elnora Lenners 402-806-5909.

THANK YOU: To the Shirley and the Men's Choir for their special music today.

THANK YOU: To the Women of Zion – Thank you so much for the fall gift bag! I appreciated it so much! ~ Rosanna Miller

THE FLOWERS under the hymn board are in celebration of Dorothy Trauernicht's 85th birthday on October 18th from her children and grandchildren. Happy Birthday Dorothy!

THANK YOU: With grateful hearts, we would like to thank everyone for your prayers, messages, visits, meals, and loving kindness we have received during Garrett's hospital stays, rehabilitation and cancer treatments! We are blessed with a wonderful church family that we are so thankful for! - Psalm 107:1 "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" – James, Kelly, Garrett & Reagan Lenners and family.

NEW TO ZION - NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

We are using a new platform called "Gloo" to communicate to our congregation when events are happening within the church, notification of weather cancellations, reminders to those who are greeting, reading, or acolyting on various Sundays. For those who have shared their cell phone number with the church, please make sure to add the following number in your contact information **1-833-587-5062 and reference it as "Zion Lutheran Church"** This will help you identify the number. We will continue to utilize Facebook, but hope this will give you additional ways to be notified. **If your cell phone has changed or you want to share your number (landlines do not work), please let Michele Kolm know.**





Another option for giving is available for our Zion members.

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.

Gold Crest - Mildred Meints, Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson

Homestead House - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman

Bailey Pointe – Vivian Schuster