

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.



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany with Holy Communion

February 1, 2026

Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

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Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

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

P - Almighty God, we are here and we are listening.

C - We are becoming more aware of the true purpose of our lives.

P - We are awake to life as your gift, that is intended to be enjoyed and experienced with delight.

C - Remove from us the ruts and habits that prevent us from listening to our instincts and the intuition that you have placed within our souls.

Gathering Hymn – Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW #414 vs 1 & 2

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

Prayer of Opening our Hearts to God

P - Loving God,

C - we can sense you clearing away what clutters our souls and healing what has been wounded inside of us. Thank you for releasing what no longer belongs to us. Restore us to ourselves, so that we may live as your beloved people; renewed, whole, and rooted in love. Amen. (Please be seated)

Special Music – Men’s Choir

Reading of the Scriptures

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:33-34

Listen to your instincts and intuition.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 139:1-4 (Please read responsively.)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

Second Reading - Acts 3:1-10

Inner healing is more valuable than authority.

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him. *Here ends this reading.*

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 Jesus heals a possessed man

(Please stand as you are able)

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the

scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Gospel - Sing Response (To the tune of Abide with Me ELW #629 vs 1)

**Abide with me, fast falls the even-tide. The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts
flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.**

(Please be seated.)

Children's Message

Sing Blessing of our Children (To the tune of Go, My Children, with My Blessing ELW #543)

Go, my children, with my blessing, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirits power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, with my blessing, joyful and free.

Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Offering Hymn - Lord of All Hopefulness ELW #765

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.
(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Offering Sing Response (To Be Your Presence ELW #858 vs 4)
Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

Offering Blessing

**P - Giver of every good gift,
C - bless what is given and bless the hearts that give; that these offerings may loosen what is bound, heal what is hurting, and help your kingdom take flesh in acts of kindness, justice, and mercy. 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.**

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; therefore we join with the saints in heaven as we say;

C - Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

Communion Hymn - All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW #461

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here is joy we keep the

feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love

have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that

God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been

fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Prayer After Communion

P - Almighty God,

C - we thank you for the strength rising within us from your holy bread and wine. We rejoice in your reviving power taking place within us right now; healing us in the places where we were hurting. For these gifts of love and life within your holy meal, we give you thanks. Amen.

Benediction Litany

P - The kingdom of God does not wait for you somewhere down the road.

C - It walks with me, breathes within me, and rises from the deepest truth of who I am.

P - Go bravely into the world.

C - I trust the holy work unfolding inside of me.

P - And may the blessings of Creator, Christ, and Spirit guide you. Amen

Announcements in the Life of the Church

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

Sending Hymn - Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW #645 vs 1 & 2

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come with all your loving-kindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

P- Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C- **Thanks be to God.**

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Helping out with Worship Today

February Altar Guild: Patti Behrens, Lynette Jurgens, Caroline Ideus, and Susan Buss

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

Snow Brigade:

February 2nd – Mike Busboom (Captain), Dean Zimmerman (Tractor), Russ Wallman (Tractor), Dan Jurgens, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr

**February 9th - 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: Cancelled Giving:

SS: Cancelled Giving:

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45am - Sunday School

9:00am - BKF Club/Adult Bible Study

10:00am - Worship/Communion/Men's Choir

Annual Meeting following worship

Monday

Men's Choir Practice

Wednesday

6:00pm - 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

7:00pm - Committee Meetings

7:30pm – Council Meeting

Next Sunday

8:45am - SS

9:00am - BKF Club

10:00am – Worship/Kids of the Kingdom/Installation of 2026 Church Council & Elected Committees

Helping out next Sunday

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

Organist.....Shirley Gronewold

Acolytes: Micah Hofstetter
..... Hunter Grone

Lector:.....Connie Thornburg

Greeters:.....Alan & Kim Folkerts

Dennis & Rhonda Fossler

Special Music:.....Kids of the Kingdom

**Installation

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!

THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY: Pastor Renae Koehler in memory of her father, Bill Koehler.

IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A WEEKLY BULLETIN you may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check out to Zion Church for \$75.00.

THANK YOU - To Alnora and the Men's Choir for providing special music today.

FLOWERS – The flower bouquet on the piano today is in honor of Alnora Daubendiek's birthday on Wednesday from Denise and Diane and their families. Happy Birthday Alnora!

ANNUAL MEETING IS TODAY

The Annual Meeting will be held immediately following today's service. Please plan to stay so we have a quorum. Copies of the Annual Report are available for your review at the tables by each entryway. Please plan to stay as your presence and vote are important to our church family.



NEXT SUNDAY - Installation of 2026 Church Council & Elected Committees. Individuals elected at the Annual Meeting today will be installed next Sunday, February 8th during the service.



AUDITED BOOKS - The Auditing Committee has completed their audit of the church records. Please pick up your reports and statements in the Church office today. Thank you to Jordan Freeman, Mary Lenners, Cindy Lieneman and James Lenners for completing the audit.

WILLIE AND ANNA MEINTS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Students attending college can apply for the scholarship for up to 4 years, following the start of the first college semester. Applications are located on the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall. **Deadline to submit the application is February 15, 2026.** Please make sure to read the qualifications listed on the application.

Committee members: DeAnn Oltman, Steve Oltman & Laura Fikar



PLEASE PICK UP - Please stop by the fellowship hall after church and pick up any of your bowls and/or casserole dishes that have been left in the kitchen from previous events.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA

invites you to attend our
Annual Soup Luncheon
Sunday, February 1, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Chili, chicken noodle, and vegetable beef soup will be served, along with desserts and a beverage.

Bring a friend—we're looking forward to seeing you there!

Free will offerings will be accepted.



CEMETERY FENCE PROJECT – Our cemetery fence project is nearing completion. There are some small crosses that need to be installed. Thanks to all who contributed to making this project successful. ~Cemetery Board Members

GALENTINE'S DAY PARTY – See flyer for details. Sign-up's will be passed around during service and also found on Welcome Center. Please sign-up as soon as possible for planning purposes.



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.**



Camp Sonshine-Solaris is excited to announce a new day camp: Solaris Trek!



Day Camp located at Solaris near Firth, Nebraska - 20 minutes from Beatrice, 9 minutes from Adams, 20 minutes from Wilber!

Full-day of activities and adventures for 1-8th grade with the ability to head home at the end of the day. Group setting designed to grow friendships with friends, old AND new!

FREE Bus Stop available in Beatrice for convenience!

Christ Community Church Beatrice
2727 Lincoln St, Beatrice, NE 68310
8:15 – 8:25 AM
5:15 – 5:25 PM

**No Bus Routes on Friday PM. All campers picked up at Solaris after the end- of -session Parent Program!*



Please do not hesitate to call the office at 402-423-8746 with any questions. Registration opens February 1 and spots fill fast. Visit their website for more information or to get registered at <https://campsonshinememories.org/summer-camp/firth-day-camp/>

Bailey Pointe - Vivian Schuster (New Phone# 402-484-9104)

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

Homestead House - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller

Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman

Beatrice Health & Rehab - Marsha Zulauf, Betty Daubendiek