

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 of Easter

May 11, 2025

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Prelude – Bell

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Easter Gathering

P- Christ is risen!

C- Christ is risen!

P- The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ

brings us to life. It is the relationship between shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love that gives the shepherd authority.

C- Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

P- The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love and demonstrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with anyone in need,

C- Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

Gathering Hymn - Our Father, by Whose Name ELW 640

1 Our Father, by whose name
all parenthood is known,
in love divine you claim
each family as your own.

Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well, w
ith constant love as sentinel,
the homes in which your people dwell.

2 O Christ, yourself a child
within an earthly home,
with heart still undefiled
to full adulthood come:
our children bless in every place
that they may all behold your face
and, knowing you, may grow in grace.

3 O Holy Spirit, bind
our hearts in unity
and teach us how to find
the love from self set free;
in all our hearts such love increase
that every home, by this release,
may be the dwelling place of peace.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P- Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C- Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P- In the name of † the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

C- Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P-Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C- make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C- make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C- make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
the Crucified and Risen One.

C- Amen.

Special Music - Amigos

Children's Time

Special Music - Kids of the Kingdom

Readings

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23- *Read responsively.*

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall not fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed

their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- O God of peace,

C- you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." The gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Lord.

Please be seated.

Message - Rev. Heidi Wallace

Offering Hymn - Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us ELW 789

1 Savior like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.

2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

Offering Prayer

As you are able, please stand.

P- Risen One,

**C-you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.**

**Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
Amen.**

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Please be seated.

Announcements in the Life of the Church

Blessing & Dismissal

As you are able, please stand.

P- Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P- Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C- Thanks be to God. Alleluia! ZION...a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Sending Hymn- Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW 843

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;

praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;

praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship/Kids of the Kingdom & Amigos/Mother's Day
Celebration hosted by Hospitality

Tuesday

5:30 pm Adams A's 8U BB vs NBA 8U Red

Wednesday

1:30 pm Grace Circle

7:00 pm Freeman Baccalaureate Service @ Adams United
Methodist Church

Thursday

Ladies Aid

5:30 pm Adams A's 8U BB vs Wahoo

7:00 pm Adams A's 9U BB vs NBA Red

Next Sunday

10:00 am Worship/Graduate Recognition

3:00 pm Adams A's 9U BB vs Braves Doubleheader

Helping out next Sunday

Pastor:Sharon Schuster

Keyboard:Janelle Ideus

Guitar:..... Deric Bloom

Acolytes:..... Karlee Riha

Sadie Gronewold

Lector:..... Elnora Lenners

Greeters:..... Duane & Marsha Zulauf
Karla Carstens
Special Music:..... Endless Hallelujah

May Altar Guild:

Carrie Reed, Janet Harms, Peggy Johnson, Cindy Jurgens, Rose Gronewold

May Table Troop: Don Schuster (Leader), John Gronewold, Paul & Shellie Remmers, Les & Mert Rademacher, Linda & Robert Ideus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! A Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask you please sign a visitor card located in the pews and bring the information section of the card to the information center desk, located in the Fellowship Hall or place it in the offering plate. We are so glad you are here!

This week's bulletin is sponsored by: Patty, Jeremy, Brittany Thomas & Larry & Macy Gronewold in memory of Willie W. Gronewold's birthday.

Memorial Day Service – Will be held May 25th at 2:30pm at the cemetery.

Cemetery board is looking for help putting out flowers on May 25th at the cemetery after church, all are welcome to join.

Congratulations to Evan and Olivia Busboom (Jamison) who were married yesterday, May 10th here at Zion. May God bless you with a lifetime of shared joy, laughter, and unwavering love.
*The flowers under the hymn board are from their wedding.

Mother's honored Today! – newest mother is **Courtney Busboom** and the wisest in turn is **Mildred Fossler**. The plant for Courtney is on the piano – Congratulations Courtney on being our newest mother! Mildred's plant was delivered to her already! Congratulations Mildred for being our wisest mother! **The plants are from Zion Church.** Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, mother figures today!

FULLER PARK ACTIVITIES

May 13th- 5:30 Adams A's 8U BB vs NBA 8U Red

May 15th- 5:30 pm Adams A's 8U BB vs Wahoo

7:00 Adams A's 9U BB vs NBA Red

May 18th- 3:00 Adams A's 9U BB vs Braves Doubleheader



Recognition Sunday is May 18th. Please get your graduates information to the church office (402-239-0417 or jpzionlutheran@yahoo.com) if you would like your family member who is graduating either high school or college to be recognized. **Deadline for the bulletin is May 15th.**

2025 BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Adams United Methodist Church is hosting the Freeman Baccalaureate Service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14th. All are welcome to attend to honor our church graduates & others graduating this year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The council is looking for individuals who would like to visit members of our congregation in Care Facilities and those members who may be homebound. If you have an interest, please reach out to any Council member.

THANK YOU.....

Jer and I would like to thank you for all the gifts and well wishes. We truly have made some great friends, and Zion has felt like home the last 11+years. We are getting settled in here and are tired at the end of the day. You are in good hands with the council and again trust the process! You are a great church!

~Karen & Jerry Gilbreath

VBS Registration is open!

Join us as we embark on the ultimate Alaskan adventure - Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!

WHEN: May 27th - May 30th

TIME: 8:30 AM - 11:30AM

AGES: Prek - 5th Grade

Scan the QR code today. **Deadline to sign up is May 12th**
\$10 fee per child due at registration.





Willow Center “Baby Bottle” Fundraiser begins on Mother's Day & goes through Father's Day!

Plan now to pick up a bottle next Sunday to fill with change or cash! Set a personal goal or create a team challenge and give support to someone facing an unplanned pregnancy! Your gift allows them to find hope in the midst of a crisis!

HERITAGE ROOM CONFIRMATION DISPLAY:

Have you ever found yourself saying, "I wish I would have asked" when someone is no longer able to share their memories? The Heritage Committee has begun collecting some of those memories before it is too late. Our current focus has been collecting confirmation memories especially from those very early years with more memories to be added each year. Venture on over to the Heritage Room in the school house across the road. On display are memories that have been submitted by confirmands, many from the 1940s and 1950s, along with other artifacts such as old confirmand dresses, certificates from the Reents years, and confirmand portraits.

Offerings Made Easier

Scan the QR Code to the right to access **Zion's Venmo account & submit your offering. Offering envelopes &**

online giving via Vanco are also available. Reach out to a council member with any questions.

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Join the Hospitality Committee TODAY



Attention Middle Schoolers Camping in the Lawn June 26-27th



Join us for a two-day camping adventure at Fuller Park, Pickrell, NE! We'll kick things off Thursday evening with food, games, and a movie under the stars. Then stick around for the full day of fun on Friday with more activities, fellowship, and great food. Bring your own tents, lawn chairs, and invite your friends – everyone is welcome. This is **FREE** event. Scan the QR code to register now.





Congrats to Logan Hippen on Perfect Attendance for the 2024-2025 Sunday School Year!

We would also like to give a shoutout to anyone who missed 3 or less days of Sunday School this year.

Dorothy Freeman, Ellie Grummert, Palmer Parks, Carrick Eickhoff, Rory Detert, Jaxson Lane, Claire Freeman, Tucker Parks, Lane Grummert, Emmalynn Blecha, MJ Detert, Lincoln Eickhoff, Emma Lane, Brooks Coffin, Brixton Coffin, Ellis Freeman, Mason Hippen, and Nora Glynn.

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

Homestead House - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman

Wilber Care Center – Ernie Jurgen