

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.

18th Sunday after Pentecost



October 12, 2025

Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Good Neighbor/New Member Sunday

For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask an usher or council member for one and they will show you how to use it.

Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Gathering *(As you are able please stand)*

P - Come, people of God, bringing the fruits of your hands and the songs of your hearts.

C - We come to praise the One who fills the fields with grain and the air with song.

P - Come, like Lydia with an open heart, ready to share what we have and welcome one another in love.

C - We come to give thanks for the healing mercy of Christ that restores and renews.

P - Let all the earth shout with joy!

C - We will worship God with thanksgiving and with lives of generosity and praise!

Gathering Hymn - All Creatures Worship God Most High ELW #835

All creatures, worship God most high!

Sound every voice in earth and sky:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright,

sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Chorus

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain

you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear sister water, useful, clear,

make music for your Lord to hear: (chorus)

3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;

drive far the shadows, join the throng:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, so rich in care,

praise God in colors bright and rare: (chorus)

4 All who for love of God forgive,

all who in pain or sorrow grieve:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears;

still make your song amid the tears: (chorus)

5 And you, most gentle sister death,

waiting to hush our final breath:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,

fair is the night that leads us home. (chorus)

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit Three in One: (chorus)

Recognition of New Members

Prayer of the Day

P - Holy Giver of Life,

C - You scatter seeds of goodness in every season; grain for the hungry, and grace for every soul. Teach us to leave the corners of our fields unharvested, and to share from our abundance without fear. Open our hearts like Lydia's, that our homes and hands may welcome your love into the world. And as the leper returned to give thanks, so let us live in gratitude.

Amen

(Please be seated)

Reading of the Scripture

First Reading – Leviticus 23:22-25

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and for the alien: I am the Lord your God.”

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the Israelites, saying: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of complete rest, a holy convocation commemorated with trumpet blasts. You shall not work at your occupations, and you shall present the Lord’s offering by fire.”

Psalms 66:1-4 (Please read responsively)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name."

Second Reading – Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. Here ends this reading.

Gospel - Luke 17:11-19 *(Please stand as you are able)*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the

priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Sing Response – To the tune of (ELW #509)

**C - 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)

Special Music – Kids of the Kingdom

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 - Will You Come and Follow Me ELW #798

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Sing Response – to the tune of (ELW # 885)

**C- 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 - Generous God,

**C - we bring these gifts as symbols of our gratitude; for the
harvest that feeds us, the mercy that heals us, and the**

community that holds us. Use what we offer here to bless those in need; the stranger, the seeker, and the weary soul. May our giving be like Lydia's, open-hearted and courageous; and may it be like the leper's, overflowing with thanksgiving. In every gift, may your love take root and grow. In Jesus' name we give and rejoice. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Special Music – The Quartet

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!"*)

The 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.**

Benediction

Announcements in the Life of the Church

Sending Hymn - The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve ELW# 551

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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:.....Tavin Lieneman
 Alexis Folkerts
Lector:.....Kelly Lenner
Greeters:.....Lorene Wallman
 Don & Elnora Lenner
Special Music:.....The Quartet/
 Kids of the Kingdom

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

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship 123 Giving \$4,214.78
SS 46 Giving \$ 191.25

THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY: Ervin & Lois Meints in honor of Ervin's 95th birthday (Oct 4) & their 70th wedding anniversary this month.

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THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45 - SS

9:00 - BKF Club/ Endless Hallelujah practice

10:00 - Worship/Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler/ Good Neighbor & New Member Sunday/Kids of the Kingdom/The Quartet

Wednesday

6pm – 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

Thursday

Ladies Aide

Next Sunday

8:45am SS

9:00am BKF Club/Adult Bible Study

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

3:00-5:00pm Trunk or Treat @ Fuller Park

Helping out next Sunday

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

Organist:.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Nolan Buhr

Sadie Gronewold

Lector:.....Brian Garton

Greeters:.....Kenny & Carrie Reed

Darvin & LaDonna DeBuhr

Special Music:..... Men's Choir

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!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Hospitality Committee for making up the gift bags today for our New Members. They are filled with information about Zion and some special goodies.

THANK YOU: To Shirley and the Quartet & the Kids of the Kingdom for providing special music today.

THANK YOU: Thanks to the ladies of Zion for thinking of me with the gift package of goodies. Also I would like to thank Marcella for the wonderful visit and driving the package all the way to Lincoln to deliver it. This brightened my day ladies, keep up the good work.
~Vivian Schuster

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Hannah Lueders & Taiten Harms

Taylor Brandert

Miranda Meints

Keith & Connie Jurgens

Amanda and Harper Knoll

Robby and Rowe Hall

GOOD NEIGHBOR & NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION, TODAY

Welcome to all our visitors today! Thank you for coming & worshiping with us. We are also recognizing those who joined Zion this year. **PLEASE JOIN US AFTER CHURCH AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO OUR NEW MEMBERS & VISITORS AND ENJOY SOME FALL TREATS COURTESY OF THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE.**

MEN'S CHOIR sings next Sunday. No practice Monday night but come at 9:45 Sunday Morning.

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.





TRUNK OR TREAT – OCTOBER
19TH 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

**PRIZES FOR: Best Dressed and
Best Trunk**

**We are looking for Trunk
volunteers. Let any Hospitality
member know or sign up on the
sheet that will be passed around
during the service.**

GRACE CIRCLE has packed 10 boxes for operation Christmas child with the help of a \$250 Thrivent Grant written by Alnora Daubendiek. See the display in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to pack a box the instruction fliers and some boxes are available or you can use your own shoebox. These will be shipped in mid November.

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.

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.**





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.

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