

## 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.**



**Day of Pentecost  
with Holy Communion  
June 8, 2025**

***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 – Bell**

P - On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ’s love and the freedom of God’s grace with all the world.

### **Gathering**

P- Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God’s mercy to places we least expect it to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, and weak hearts.

**C- Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love!**

P- Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love in the world.

**C- Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of your love!**

**Gathering Hymn – Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart** ELW 800

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
and make me love you as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
Oh, let me seek you, and, oh, let me find!

4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,  
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

*As you are able, please stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as pastor begins.*

P - Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C - Amen.**

P - 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.**

P - 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.**

P - 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.**

P - 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Children's Time**

### **Readings**

#### **Acts 2:1-21**

*Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>1</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b - Read responsively.**

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;**

**O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will praise my God while I have my being.**

May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

**Hallelujah!**

## **Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17**

*Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.*

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. Here ends this reading.

## **Prayer of the Day**

*As you are able, please stand.*

P - God our creator,

**C - the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **John 14:8-17 & 25-27**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

**C- Praise to you, O Lord.**

*Please be seated.*

**Message - Rev. Greg Berger**

**Offering Hymn – Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove** ELW 404

1 Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
with light and comfort from above.

Come, be our guardian, be our guide;  
o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.

2 The light of truth to us display  
and make us know and choose your way;  
plant holy fear in ev'ry heart,  
that we from God may ne'er depart.

3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
nor let us from his pastures stray.  
Lead us to holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God.

4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share  
fullness of joy forever there;  
lead us to our eternal rest,  
to be with God forever blest.

**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!**”*

### **Words of Institution -**

*Please join in reading the final verse in bold print.*

The night of his betrayal, our Lord took bread.  
He broke it as he blest it, and then he said,  
“My body broken for you...is what this means;  
remember now my children what you have seen!”

And then he took the chalice and raised it high,  
“My blood is given for you, a full supply...  
a covenant, a promise...a cleansing stream;  
remember now my children what you have seen!”

**We share this food together, remem’bring Christ:  
we share a common treasure and know the price;  
we share it without measure...a gift of love;  
we share our life forever, with God above!**

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### **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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

P- The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come eat at God's table!

*The ELCA and Zion Lutheran Church practices open communion. If you confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior you are welcome to come forward and partake in the bread and wine of communion. Please fill out a communion card in the pew rack. Please hand your communion card to the usher when you come forward.*

### **Communion Song – What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742**

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear --  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged --  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness --  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge --  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

### **Communion Prayer**

P- Living One,

**C- in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.  
Amen.**

### **Announcements in the Life of Our Church**

#### **Blessing & Dismissal**

*As you are able, please stand.*

P - The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**C - Amen.**

P - Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C - Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P - Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Rejoice and be glad!

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

**Sending Hymn – Holy Spirit, Truth Divine**

ELW 398

1 Holy Spirit, truth divine,  
dawn upon this soul of mine;  
breath of God and inward light,  
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2 Holy Spirit, love divine,  
glow within this heart of mine;  
kindle ev'ry high desire;  
purge me with your holy fire.

3 Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
fortify this will of mine;  
by your will I strongly live,  
bravely bear, and nobly strive.

4 Holy Spirit, peace divine,  
still this restless heart of mine;  
speak to calm this tossing sea,  
stayed in your tranquility.

5 Holy Spirit, right divine,  
king within my conscience reign;  
be my guide, and I shall be  
firmly bound, forever free.

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### **Helping out with Worship Today**

**Pastor:**..... Rev. Greg Berger

**Organist:**..... Shirley Gronewold

**Acolytes:**..... Brogan Ideus

Millie Garton

**Lector:**..... Doug Parde

**Greeters:**..... Dennis & Patti Behrens

Darwin & Susan Buss

**Coffee Fellowship by Grace Circle**

### **Vital Statistics for last Sunday**

Worship 177    Giving \$1,966.00

### **THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION**

#### **Today**

9:00 am Worship/Comm

#### **Tuesday**

6:00pm Adams A's 8U BB vs Waverly

7:30pm Adams A's 9U BB vs Beatrice

#### **Wednesday**

1:30pm Grace Circle at the Villa in Flowing Springs-Beatrice

#### **Thursday**

5:30pm Adams A's 18u Softball (DH)

## **The Next Sunday**

9:00 am Worship/Rev Dr. Renae Koehler/

Father's Day/Snack Bar by the Hospitality Committee

## **Helping out next Sunday**

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

**Organist:**..... Alnora Daubendiek

**Acolytes:**..... Max Cornelius

Aiden Hanshaw

**Lector:** .....Carrie Reed

**Greeters:**..... Billy & Janet Harms

Lynette Jurgens

**Snack Bar by the Hospitality Committee**

## **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!**

## **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.

**Willow Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser** due back on June 15<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day. Please place back in the crib on the designated table in the fellowship hall. Thanks for your "gift of hope!"



### **Semi-Annual Meeting**

Mark your calendars, the semi-annual meeting for 2025 will be held **July 13<sup>th</sup>** following service. Please plan to attend.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Offering**

Fifth Sunday in June (June 29<sup>th</sup>) has been designated for Fuller Park to assist with additional sprinklers.



### **YOUTH ATTENDING SUMMER CAMP**

Any youth attending confirmation camp or a summer Christian based camp, may qualify for reimbursement of 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.

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### **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.

**The next Hospitality event** will be June 15<sup>th</sup> honoring all our fathers in the congregation.



**Attention Middle Schoolers**  
**Camping on the Lawn**  
**June 26-27<sup>th</sup>**



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 a **FREE** event. Scan the QR code to register now.

**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 Jurgens