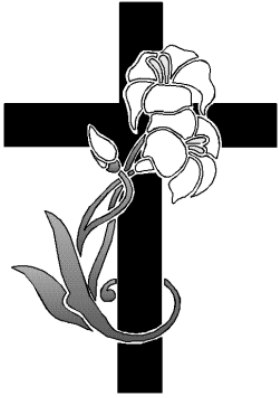


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world



EASTER SUNRISE With Holy Communion

April 20, 2025

We gather to reflect on the passion story, these events of Calvary changed the events of the world. It’s easy to identify with the people involved as you listen to their stories. We join to celebrate the resurrection we give thanks for the forgiveness of sins.

Enter in Darkness and Silence

Lighting of the Candles

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Endless Hallelujah

The Ringing of the Bells

Gathering

**As you are able, please stand for the Gathering*

Leader: On this Easter morning, we celebrate the triumph of life over death, but we must remember the price that was paid for our freedom. Jesus willingly walked the road to Calvary, bearing the weight of our sins, so that we might have eternal life."

Let us pray

C: Loving God, as we remember the journey to Calvary, we acknowledge the love that led Jesus to the cross and the hope we find in his resurrection. Open our hearts to receive the joy of Easter and help us to live as witnesses to your love AMEN

We confess our sins

C: Lord, I acknowledge my failures to love as you love, to forgive as you forgive, and to serve as you served. I have been selfish, prideful and ungrateful. Have mercy on me and grant me the grace to walk in your ways.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Jesus is the ordained by God as judge the living and the dead. All the prophets testify that everyone who believed in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Hear, believe, and live the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

**Please be seated*

THE ROAD TO CALVERY-THE BETRAYAL

Peter ~Pilate

Hymn

Man Of Sorrows

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree *to chorus*

Bridge

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed *Repeat the bridge then to chorus*

Chorus

**Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee**

**See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave** *Ending with chorus 1x*

THE ROAD TO CALVERY- LOVE AND FORGIVNESS

Mary Magdalene ~Judas

THE ROAD TO CALVERY-THE END

Caiphas ~Mary

Word and Response

Gospel John 20:1-18

**As you are able stand for the reading of the Gospel*

The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: Christ is Risen

All: Christ has Risen Indeed!

**Please be seated*

Offering Hymn

The Wonderful Cross

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride**

**O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live**

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

Love so amazing so divine demands my soul my life my all
O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

Offering Prayer

**As you are able, please stand as offerings are brought forward*

L: Gracious God

C: through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received and be a symbol of the lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. Amen.

Prayers For Gods People

L: Let us pray

From the darkness of the grave
Blood poured out, a crown of thorns
Christ the Lord is risen to-day

C: Alleluia!

From the triumph that is won
Over the power and fear of death
Christ the Lord is risen to-day

C: Alleluia!

Walking from the empty tomb
Opening wide the gates of life
Christ the Lord is risen to-day

C: Alleluia!

Lord of life
You defeated death
To show that we can rise
From all that binds us to the world
Pride, envy, anger, fear
The [debt](#) of sin that holds us here
Christ the Lord is risen to-day

C: Alleluia!

Lord of life
You defeated death
To demonstrate a love that is
Beyond our understanding
That reaches out even to me
Saving Grace to all who hear
Christ the Lord is risen to-day

C: Alleluia!

Lord of life
We **pray for** all who bring your word of life
As a light to those in darkness
For those who bring your word of peace
To those enslaved by fear
For those who bring your word of love
To those in need of comfort
Lord of love and Lord of peace
Lord of resurrection life
Be known
Through our lives
and through your power
Christ the Lord is risen to-day
ALL: Alleluia!

Holy Communion

Words of Institution-*Pastor Jer*

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**

**Please may be seated*

Distribution of Holy Communion

(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior are welcome to the Lord's Table to partake in the bread and wine to your benefit) Please follow the usher's instructions and communion will be served by flow thru. Gluten free wafers are available on the tray.

During Distribution: Lamb Of God

**Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God**

Chorus

**Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God**

**Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God *To Chorus***

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God *To Chorus*

Amazing Grace the Chains Are Broken

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine

The Well

**Leave it all behind
Leave it all behind
Leave it all behind
Leave it all behind**

**I have what you need
But you keep on searching
I've done all the work
But you keep on working
When you're running on empty
And you can't find the remedy
Just come to the well**

**You can spend your whole life
Chasing what's missing
But that empty inside
It just ain't gonna listen
When nothing can satisfy
And the world leaves you high and dry
Just come to the well**

Chorus

**And all who thirst will thirst no more
And all who search will find
What their souls long for
The world will try but it can never fill
(So) leave it all behind
And come to the well**

**So bring Me your heart
No matter how broken
Just come as you are
When your last prayer is spoken**

**Just rest in My arms a while
You'll feel the change My child
When you come to the well** *To Chorus then interlude*

Interlude

**The world will try but it can never fill
So leave it all behind**

**And now that you're full
Of love beyond measure
Your joy's gonna flow
Like a stream in the desert
Soon all the world will see
That living water is found in Me
'Cause you've come to the well** *To Chorus then ending*

Ending

**Leave it all behind leave it all behind
Leave it all behind, Leave it all behind
Leave it all behind and come to the well**

SANCTUARY

**Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You**

Gods Sends Us with His Blessings

Post Communion Blessing –*Pastor Jer*

Announcements In the Life Of The Church

Breakfast Prayer

L: Let us Pray

C: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us this Easter morning. May this meal be blessed as we gather to celebrate the risen Lord together. May your love be shared between us as we enjoy the gift of fellowship. And may we always give thanks for all you provide. In your Name we pray. Amen

SENDING BLESSING

***As you are able please stand**

L: Go forth to witness and to testify to the message of hope we have received this day.

C: Christ is risen. Christ Has Risen Indeed

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

All: ZION.. a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Sending Hymn

How Great Is Our God

**The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice**

Chorus

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

**And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb**

Bridge
Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God *To Chorus*

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ALL ARE WELCOME...Join us as we gather for fellowship in parish hall for breakfast immediately following the service. Thank you to everyone that has provided the food to be served and those helping with the tables, serving and cleaning up. All is truly appreciated! The Freewill Offering received will go towards the youth groups.

*** PLEASE REMEMBER TO STOP BY AFTER AND PICK UP YOUR NON-DISPOSABLE PANS, PLATES OR BOWLS ~THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all that had a part in this morning's Easter Sunrise Service! Those involved in leading the service and message, Janelle and Derek and the Endless Hallelujah for leading music, Pastor Jer for the communion service, altar guild and council. It all takes extra effort for an extra "early" service. May the joy of Easter be with you all.

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Helping out Today – Sunrise Service

Pastor.....Jerry Gilbreath

Keyboard.....Janelle Ideus

Guitar.....Deric Bloom

Acolytes:.....High School Youth

Lector: High School Youth

Greeters: High School Youth

Special Music:Endless Hallelujah

Breakfast Club:No Sunday School

Helping out Today -9:30 Service

Pastor:..... Jerry Gilbreath

Organist:..... Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:Max Cornelius

Millie Garton

Lector:Brian Garton

Greeters:..... Gary & Annette Wiese

Robert & Linda Ideus

Special Music:..... Brass Quartet

Breakfast Club: Easter- No Sunday School

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship 313 Giving \$4,119.44

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

7:00 am Sunrise Service/Endless Hallelujah/Comm

8:00 Easter Breakfast

8:30 Confirmands meet with the Council for their Faith Projects

9:30 Worship/Comm/Brass Quartet

Wednesday

6 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation/8th Grade party-parents invited

Thursday

Newsletter Printing Day

Ladies Aid

Adams A's 9U BB vs Waverly

Next Sunday – Confirmation Sunday

10:00 Worship/Confirmation/Baptism/Communion

Helping out next Sunday

Pastor:..... Jerry Gilbreath

Organist:..... Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:Aiden Hanshaw
Hunter Grone

Lector:Peggy Johnson

Greeters:..... David & Carrye Meints
Alan & Sheryl Wiese

Breakfast Club:..... Jennifer Mahler

April Altar Guild:

Christy Buhr (Leader), Karla Holland, Rhonda Dorn, Lynette Dorn,
Doreen Busboom, Kelly Lenners

April Table Troop: Alex Buhr (Leader), Duane Zulauf, Stan &
Mary Lenners, Alan Wiese, Doug Parde, Jeff Busboom, Steve
Gronewold, Mark Buhr

Snow Brigade

For the week of April 21st: Mike Busboom (Captain), Dean
Zimmerman-Tractor, Russ Wallman - Tractor Greg Dorn, Paul
Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr, Bob Freeman

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!

GOD'S WORK - THEIR HANDS

Please take a moment and check out the collection of items Pastor Jer and Karen have made over the years while here at Zion. Items will be on display in the fellowship hall for two weeks. We want to thank Pastor Jer and Karen for sharing their many gifts & talents with us at Zion. They have been a true blessing to us and will be deeply missed.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by:

The sunrise service is sponsored by Peggy, Jamie, Nancy, Neal and their families in loving memory of their dad Vernon Meints whose birthday was April 23rd.

The 9:30 service is sponsored by Patty, Jeremy, Brittany Thomas & Larry & Macy Gronewold in memory of George & Eleanor Wolken's wedding anniversary.

SHARE A MEMORY with Pastor Jer & Karen

Share your favorite memory or special moment with Pastor Jer & Karen by completing a memory card and placing your message in the "Memory Box" located on the Welcome Center. We will present the memories on Sunday April 27th, which is Pastor Jers last service at Zion.

Thank you to Endless Hallelujah, the Brass Quartet, and the High School youth in their music and help with today's services.

Our Sympathies to Doug & Rhonda Dorn and the whole extended family on the death of Doug's mother Marlene Dorn. The funeral was held on April 17th at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Beatrice

Thank you's.....

Zion and Council,

Thank you very much for the wonderful weekend! It was just so overwhelming how we feel.

We've been planning for more than a year for our time at Zion to come to an end. And in the blink of an eye it is here.

Thank you for all the wonderful gifts and kind words! Very humbling. And glad we were able to witness the guys or many of the guys that took part yearly in the soup supper entertainment. Always truly entertaining.

Thank you again for all the gifts, time in the planning this weekend, to Big Foot BBQ decorating committee, the video, and most of all, all the friends we have made the 11+ years. Has felt like Home!

~Pastor Jer and Karen

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 recognized.

Save the Date - VBS 2025

Join us for an Alaskan Adventure
- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!

📅 Tuesday, May 27th - Friday,
May 30th

📅 Program & Picnic - June 1

📅 Ages PreK - 5th Grade

🐻 <https://vbspro.events/p/e960b1>



Did you know some of Zion's Choirs made albums? We will feature one song from each of the three albums over the next couple weeks. Alnora Daubendiek has provided some commentary on the albums. We welcome comments or memories.

Young People's Choir

Young People's Choir



This album was recorded in about 1961, under the direction of John Ehmen. Members of the Young People's Choir were confirmed young people and single young people working in area around Zion, and college students home on weekends. Pastor Arden Dorn does a solo verse; he had started Dana College and was home for the summer. At that time, students got confirmed when they were sophomores in high school. Practice was weekly on Monday evenings, and the choir sang approximately once a month during a service. When the confirmation age changed and school activities involved more time, practice times were difficult. The Young People's Choir was discontinued in the mid 1960's.

Men's Choir



There were about 18 members in the choir at this time under the direction of John Ehmen. Practices were weekly on Monday nights, except for the summer. Many of the songs are without accompaniment because until about 1960 there was no piano in church and the organ didn't seem to work well. With the piano added to the church, we could do so many more anthems. The choir always went caroling at Christmas. It was a busy night starting at 5 pm, with caroling until 8 pm; the night of caroling was finished with eating at Ranch-O at that time.

Junior Choir



The album was made in about 1970, and was recorded in the church. Mary Lou Oltman directed the Junior Choir at that time. Children grades 1-8 sang in the choir and fill the choir loft with about 40 members. They practiced every week for an hour and all the music was memorized. They sang for church services once a month and sat in the choir loft for the complete service wearing robes. A committee mother assisted on Sunday morning with the robes.

Help Wanted - Serving Opportunities at Zion

Fuller Park is looking for concession stand help this summer and fall. We currently have about 5 home games a month this spring/early summer of 8/9U Baseball during the months of April/May/June.

Starting at the end of August we will have about 4-6 Freeman Softball Home Games. The concessions are always a great hit at our games, and we would appreciate your help. All ages welcome!

Please contact Terry Oltman at 402-416-4902 if you would like to help us this summer.

Parish Ed is looking for a Co-Teacher for 7th grade starting immediately. Please reach out to any member of Parish Ed if you are interested in co-teaching.



Parish Ed is actively looking for Sunday School

Volunteers/Teachers for the upcoming year! If you are interested in either one of the roles below, please reach out to Heather Hippen or any other Parish Ed Member.

A HUGE thank you to all the current and past teachers who have volunteered their time! The Zion Sunday School program would not happen without all of you!

If you would like a copy of the Expression you can find them on the Welcome Center. Please take if you would like one.

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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Marilyn Robinson

Homestead House - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman

Wilber Care Center – Ernie Jurgens



List of Easter Lillies

Alvera Bade and family

In Memory of Victor Bade, Emil & Margaret Wallman, Ralph & Neva Bade

Karen Buhr & family

In Memory of Leonard & Bruce Buhr

Lois Buhr Family

In Memory of Arnold Buhr

Karla Carstens, Sydney Carstens, and Matt, Jared, & Jayde Marsh
& Brooks

In Memory of Gary & Judy Carstens

Mark & Cerice Cornelius

**In Memory of Ron & Adeline Cornelius, Diane Cornelius, Steph
Morris**

Betty Daubendiek, Carol Bloodworth, Connie Thornburg & families

**In Memory of Walt & Angeline Johnson, Dean Thornburg,
Roger Daubendiek and Roger Keller**

Dennis & Rhonda Fossler and families

**In Memory of Harvey Fossler, Ernest, Rodney & Marilyn
Zimmerman**

Lynette Jurgens & family

In Memory of Ernest & Anna Jobman, Sarah Jurgens, Marilyn Folkerts, and Alisa Knipe

James & Kelly Lenners, Eddie & Lynette Dorn and families

In Memory of Ernest, Emma, Dennis and Terry Meints

Tracy & Brooklyn Lidolph

In Memory of Wayne & Dorothy Lidolph & Larry White & Loved Ones

Karla, Levi, Macy, & Faith Holland

In Memory of Dave Holland

Doug & Cindy Parde & family

In Memory of Edward & Bernice Parde

Devonna Primavera & Betty Schone & families

In Memory of Elmer & Leona Trauernicht

Dorothy Trauernicht Family

In Memory of Wayne Trauernicht

Patty, Brittany & Jeremy Thomas & Larry & Macy Gronewold

In Memory of Lawrence & Shirley Gronewold, George & Eleanor Wolken, Willie & Esther Gronewold & loved ones

Lorene Wallman & family

In Memory of Eldon Wallman & Scott Higgins