

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.



**20th Sunday after
Pentecost**

October 26, 2025

Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Reformation 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 - Loving God, may we see Your holiness in the golden beauty of this day.

C - **We will look with reverence upon all things, since everything is saturated with the sacred and has Your presence.**

P - Broaden the boundaries of our hearts, so we can encompass more than we did yesterday.

C - **As we begin this Sunday morning, one with You. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn – Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of
Your glory Pour out
Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Open the eyes of my heart
Lord Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see

You To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of
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Prayer of the Day

P - Loving God,

C - Teach us to rest like the earth, to trust the rhythm of endings and beginnings. As the fields release their grain, may we release our worries. As the trees begin to let go their leaves, may we let go of what we no longer need. Gather us now into your holy stillness. Bless this worship and all who have come; the weary and the joyful, the busy and the broken; until we, too, are made whole and golden with grace. Amen.
(Please be seated)

Blessing of the Blankets and Kits

P - Caring God, bless these gifts and the women who made them.

C - Every stitch is a prayer for peace and each quilt is a blessing of comfort.

P - May these kits and blankets warm those who are cold, comfort those who are weary, and wrap hope around those who are afraid.

C - May Your Holy Spirit weave the love of our church community of Zion into every fiber.

P - May our care travel with them like sunlight near and far. Amen.

Reading of the Scripture

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Psalms 46:1-7 (Please read responsively)

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice; the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Second Reading – Romans 1:14-17

I am obligated both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish, hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is God's saving power for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith, as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith. *Here ends this reading.*

Gospel - Mark 12:28-34 (Please stand as you are able)

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself' this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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)

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 - You Are My All in All

Verse 1

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Verse 2

Men: Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all

Women: When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Jesus Lamb of God
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Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

(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 - O God from whom all blessings flow,

**C - As we bring in the crops, and all of the work of our hands;
our coins and bills, our prayers and our time. Bless us and
our offerings, that they may grow into acts of mercy and love.
May this harvest feed the hungry, heal the broken, and comfort
the lonely. Amen (Please be seated)**

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 “O Lord, hear our prayer we offer up
to you’ O Lord, 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 – Shout to the Lord

Verse 1

**My Jesus my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You**

Chorus

**Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty**

Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

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

Piano:.....Janelle Ideus

Guitar:.....Deric Bloom

Acolytes:.....Micah Hofstetter
Hunter Grone

Lector:.....Linda Blackwell

Greeters:.....Irene Busboom
Hunter & Linda Blackwell

Special Music:.....Endless Hallelujah

October Altar Guild:

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

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

SNOW BRIDAGE

October 26th – Jeff Wiese (Captain), Les Lieneman (Tractor), David Meints (Tractor), Jason Lovitt, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson

November 2nd- Kyle Schlake (Captain), Eric Parde (Tractor), Chris Fossler, Steve Oltman, Jordan Busboom, Greg Robinson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Taiten Harms

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship 141 Giving \$2,423.00
SS 55 Giving \$ 92.53

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45 - SS

9:00 - BKF Club

10:00 - Worship/Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler/ Endless Hallelujah

Newsletter Printing Day!

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

Helping out next Sunday

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

Organist:.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Grayson Borgman
Korbin Busboom

Lector:.....Amy Wallman

Greeters:.....Robert & Linda Ideus
Alan & Sheryl Wiese

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!

THANK YOU: To Janelle, Deric, and Endless Hallelujah for providing special music today.

FLOWERS UNDER THE HYMN BOARD AND ON PIANO are from Heather Currie's funeral, daughter of Deb & Gilbert Wolken that was held on Monday. Also, from the funeral of Ina Jurgens, mother of Carol Young this past Tuesday.

SYMPATHY: Our sincere sympathy to Deb & Gilbert Wolken in the passing of Deb's daughter, Heather Currie. Funeral service were held on October 20th in Tarkio, MO. Our deepest sympathies & condolences to the family during this time.

SYMPATHY: Our sincere sympathy to Carol Young on the passing of her mother Ida Jurgens. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 21st at Fox Funeral Home in Beatrice. Our deepest sympathies & condolences to the family during this time.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE is looking for members with tractors or skid loaders with grapples to assist when trees around Parrish Hall, Cemetary, and Park are cut by Norris Public Power and helped to haul to the piles existing. Please text or call Connor Mason at 402-988-8399. Or contact up zionlutheranchurchpickrell@gmail.com if you can be available to help. Thank you!

BREAKFAST CLUB DONATIONS: The schoolhouse has been cleaned and is ready for classes. Due to the mold in the basement, the majority of items used for Breakfast Club could not be cleaned. We are looking for donations to get them on track. If you have any used furniture: couch, comfy chair, futon, mini refrigerator, and Keurig coffee makers the high school students would be so grateful.

CANCELLED - The 56th Annual Gage County Crop Walk to End Hunger for today October 26th at 2:00, has been cancelled.
Cancelled due to Blue Valley Indivisible holding a community meeting at the Holmesville Church of the Brethren at 2:00pm which

will overlap many of the attendees. A table for CROP Walk donations at that meeting for any donations. You can also donate online <https://cwsglobal.org/donate-3/>.

KIWANIS PANCAKE FEED - Sunday, November 2nd from 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Club in Beatrice. Proceeds to benefit various children's programs & charities in the Beatrice community. Adults \$10, Children to age 12 \$5.00 (3 & under eat free).

HOSPITALITY EVENT: On November 23rd from 2-4:00pm Zion's hospitality will be hosting a Holiday planter workshop at Envision Landscape. The price will include a planter, soil and greenery. If you have your own planter then of course the cost will be reduced. We do not have a final price yet as Envision supplier was changing. Limit of 15 participants. Refreshments provided by the hospitality committee. Please let VeAnn Jurgens know if you would like to attend by texting her at 402-223-9237.

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.



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

Homestead House - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman

Bailey Pointe – Vivian Schuster