

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 after Pentecost**



**With Holy Communion**

**June 21, 2026**

**Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler**

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**Prelude & Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

**Gathering our Spirits for Worship** *(As you are able please stand)*

**P - Welcome to the house of the Lord on this Father’s Day!**

**C - We come giving thanks for fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and all who have taught us wisdom during our lives.**

**P - We gather with our heavenly Father who rejoices over every beloved child.**

**C - We come to celebrate the gifts of courage, compassion, laughter, labor, and faithful care that have shaped us.**

**Gathering Hymn - Faith of our Fathers ELW #813 verses 1-3**

Faith of our fathers, living still

in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.

Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy

whene'er we hear that glorious word.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith,  
your work for Christ is love revealed,  
spreading God's word from pole to pole,  
making love known and freedom real.  
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our sisters, brothers too,  
who still must bear oppression's might,  
raising on high, in prisons dark,  
the cross of Christ still burning bright.  
Faith for today, O living faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

### **Prayer of Opening our Hearts to God**

**P - O Holy Mystery,**

**C - Bless the Dads and Grandpas who protected, encouraged, sacrificed, listened, prayed, and stayed near us through seasons of joy and sorrow. We remember those whose fathering was with kindness, wisdom, and steadfast love. We thank you, God that your compassion continues to nourish and guide young Fathers in our community. Amen.**

### **Reading of the Scriptures**

**First Reading - Genesis 26:2-5 Abraham's descendants**

The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; settle in the land that I shall show you. Reside in this land as an alien, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to

your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will fulfill the oath that I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands, and all the nations of the earth shall gain blessing for themselves through your offspring, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”

**Psalm 103:11-13** *(Please read responsively)*

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

as far as the east is from the west,

**so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,

**so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

**Second Reading - Romans 4:13-18**     **Father Abraham**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.”

*Here ends this reading.*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Gospel - Luke 2:41-52 Jesus earthly father, Joseph and mother Mary**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor. *(Please be seated.)*

Gospel Sung Response tune - Darwall's 148th #893

**Rejoice, give thanks and sing: your Sovereign God adore! The scripture has been read to guide us evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice again, I say Rejoice!**

## **Children's Message**

Sung Blessing for our Children - Go, My Children, with My Blessing  
ELW #543 vs 1

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

**Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler**

**Offering Hymn - This is my Father's World ELW #824**

This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let the heaven ring;  
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

*(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)*

Sung Offering Response tune #841 Lift Every Voice and Sing  
**Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring; ring with  
the blessings of our offering. Let our rejoicing rise, high as the  
listen-ing skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

### **Offering Blessing**

P - Loving Christ,

**C - May these offerings become bread for the hungry, shelter  
for the weary, hope for the discouraged, and comfort for those  
who walk alone. As loving fathers have quietly given of  
themselves for the good of others, may we also become  
generous people whose hands remain open to the needs of  
the world. Transform what we bring into living acts of mercy,  
justice, and joy. Amen** *(Please be seated)*

**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 "Here 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.**

### **Holy Communion Liturgy**

**P - The Lord be with you.**

**C - And also with you.**

**P - Lift up your hearts.**

**C - We lift them to the Lord.**

**P - Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C - It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P - It is our joy, at all times and in all places to give God thanks and praise; therefore, let us sing.

### **Communion Song - This is the Feast page #140**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,  
and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **The Words of Institution**

**Holy Communion** - All visitors are welcome at the Lord's Table with us.

## **Communion Hymn - Amazing Grace ELW #779**

Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound—  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am 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!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

### **Prayer After Communion**

P - Gracious Christ,

**C - In this holy meal you gather us as one family across generations, across grief and celebration, across earth and eternity. Strengthen us through this mystery of grace, that we may leave this table carrying tenderness into a wounded world and courage into places of despair. Amen**

**Benediction** (responsively)

P - Go now in peace, upheld by the everlasting arms of divine compassion.

**C - We go forth strengthened by love that never fails.**

P - The wisdom of faithful Fathers and the blessing of the Holy One guides your path.

**C - We go in gratitude, mercy, and joy, to serve the world in love.**

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

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

## **Sending Hymn - What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW #774**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;

oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

**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.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Nolan Buhr

Sadie Gronewold

Lector:.....Marcia Busboom

Greeters:.....Alex & Beth Buhr

Lynette Jurgens

**June Altar Guild:** Janet Harms, Peggy Johnson, Rose Gronewold,  
Cindy Jurgens, Carrie Reed

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



## **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!**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST #367** – Chicken BBQ on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, serving 11:00-12:30pm at the Virginia Legion. They will be serving ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, and baked. Dine in or drive thru. Freewill Donation. Your support is Appreciated!

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING DATE** – Mark your calendar for the Semi-annual meeting as it has been schedule for July 12<sup>th</sup> right after the 9:00am church service. Please plan to attend.

**FATHER'S HONORED** – **newest father is Cole Schuster** and the **wisest in turn is Gilbert Wolken**. Congratulations to Cole on being our newest father of baby Bergen born on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to Gilbert for being our wisest father! Candy bouquets were given to both from Zion Church. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers, father figures!

**FARM FRESH EGGS** - Farm fresh eggs are now available for purchase! Suggested price is \$3 per dozen and can be found on the Welcome Center. Proceeds will support various projects around the church. Eggs have been generously donated by Don Schuster— thank you for your kindness and support!



**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.**

**Bailey Pointe** - Vivian Schuster

**Gold Crest** - Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson

**Homestead House** - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller, Marsha Zulauf

**Our Homes Assisted Living** - Randy Oltman