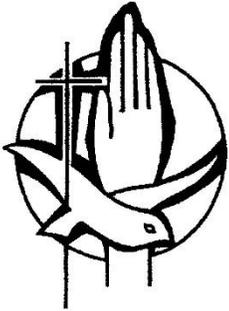


## Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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



**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion August 21, 2022**

***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**

*Hospitality and hosting are major themes throughout the summer lectionary. Jesus sends his disciples out to preach the gospel, instructing them to be guests in the homes of others. What can it mean that God chooses to act in the role of guest and calls on believers to do the same?*

### **Gathering**

P- Remember the Sabbath Day.

**C- This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24**

P- Call the Sabbath Day a delight.

**C- This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24**

P- This is the Lord’s Day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us.

**C- This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24**

P- Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

**C- This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24**

**Gathering Hymn – Open Now the Gates of Beauty ELW 533**

1 Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.

Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!

2 Gracious God, I come before thee;  
come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee,  
there a heav'n on earth must be.

To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
let it be thy temple now!

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
here thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted,  
bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be  
fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
let me keep thy gift divine;  
howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
may thy word still o'er me shine  
as my guiding star through life,  
as my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

### **Confession & Forgiveness**

*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- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C- Amen**

P- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P- Merciful God,

**C- we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before our self, we long to take the best seat at the table. When we meet those in need, we too often pass by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen**

P- Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting us pardon and peace. In the name of Jesus + Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are set free to love as God loves.

**C- Amen**

## **Children's Time – Keep the Sabbath**

*The story of Jesus healing the bent-over woman on the Sabbath reminds us that one way to “keep the Sabbath” is to help others!*

## **Readings**

### **Isaiah 58:9b-14**

Lector– *God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.*

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Here ends this reading.

## **Psalm 103:1-8, Thanksgiving for God's Goodness of David**

*Read responsively.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me,**  
**bless his holy name.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and do not forget all his benefits—**  
who forgives all your iniquity,

**who heals all your diseases,**  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
**so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The LORD works vindication  
**and justice for all who are oppressed.**  
He made known his ways to Moses,  
**his acts to the people of Israel.**  
The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love**

### **Hebrews 12:18-29**

*Lector – Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking of the new covenant for her life. When we challenge by a narrow reading of the Sabbath command, Jesus responds with by examining “Sabbath work” to include people free from bondage.*

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from

heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire. Here ends this reading.

### **Prayer of the Day**

*As you are able, please stand.*

P- O God, almighty and immortal,

**C- you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so even when we suffer because of human sin, we may be victorious through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### **Gospel – Luke 13:10-17**

P- Jesus heals a woman on the Sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the Sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding the “Sabbath work” to include setting people free from sin..

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, **“Woman, you are set free from your ailment.”** When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, **“You hypocrites! Does**

**not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"** When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing. The Gospel of the Lord.

**C- Praise to you, O Lord!** *Please be seated.*

**Message – A New Sabbath Beginning...Stand Up Straight and Give Glory to God!** *The story of Jesus healing the bent-over woman on the Sabbath reminds us that one way to “keep the Sabbath” is to help others! How often in our lives do we slouch in our Christian faith?*

**Offering Hymn – O Day of Rest and Gladness ELW 521**

1 O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness,  
most beautiful, most bright:  
on you the high and lowly,  
through ages joined in tune,  
sing "Holy, holy, holy,"  
to the great God triune.

2 On you, at earth's creation,  
the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation,  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious  
the Spirit sent from heav'n;  
and thus on you, most glorious,  
a three-fold light was giv'n.

3 Today on weary nations  
the heav'nly manna falls;

to holy convocations  
the silver trumpet calls,  
where gospel light is glowing  
with pure and radiant beams  
and living water flowing  
with soul-refreshing streams.  
4 New graces ever gaining  
from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining  
to spirits of the blest.  
We sing to you our praises,  
O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the church its voice upraises  
to you, blest Three in One.

### **Offering Prayer**

*As you are able, please stand.*

P- God of abundance,

**C- you have set before us a plentiful harvest.**

**As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all  
in Jesus' name. Amen**

### **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 **by saying, “Hear our prayer!”***

**Words of Institution - Song of Consecration**  
*Please join in singing 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- In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the  
banquet.

## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*We will be doing communion by flow through for those able to come forward to partake. Please follow the usher's directions and maintain social distancing. A team will bring communion to those unable to come forward. For those who prefer the individual communion package, we have it available in the entryways.*

## **Communion Hymn – For the Bread Which You Have Broken**

ELW 494

1 For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2 By this promise that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3 With the saints who now adore you,  
seated at the heav'nly board,  
may the church still waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4 In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

## **Prayer after Holy Communion**

P- Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,

both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C- Amen.**

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

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

P- The God of peace,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and comfort,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**C\_\_ Amen.**

P- Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

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

### **Sending Hymn – Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name ELW 534**

1 Savior, again to your dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
once more we bless you ere our worship cease,  
then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.

2 Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;  
with you began, with you shall end the day;  
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon your name.

3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
for us transform its darkness into light.

Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;  
your evening presence promise to your own.

4 Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;  
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

*Church council will usher out from the back to the front in order to maintain social distancing.*

**Pastor Jer's phone number – 402-404-0494**

**Britan's number – 308-730-0599**

Pastor..... Rev. Jerry Gilbreath  
Organist..... Alnora Daubendiek  
Acolytes..... Cale Behrens, Kyson  
Kolm  
Reader..... Marcia Busboom

### **Vital Statistics**

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### **This Week**

Worship 9 am

### **NEXT Sunday**

Worship 9 am

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to worship! Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask that 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 unity room. We are so glad

you are here!

**HANDICAP PARKING** - We encourage you to reserve parking between the parsonage and the north doors for those joining us with mobility difficulties. Thank you! ~ The Church Council

**BACK TO SCHOOL SALES HAVE BEGUN....** So lets talk Lutheran world relief school kits! 2022 goal-100 kits! Greatest

needs.. 400-70 sheet notebooks wide/college ruled 500-Black/Blue ballpoint pens ( no gel ink) Other needs: 100 Rulers, 80 Blunt scissors, 100 16/24 count crayons

**Men's Choir practice on August 22 and August 29 at 7 o' clock.** It has been a difficult year losing 3 faithful members. We would love to have new members join us.

### **Zion's Phone Directory Update!**

*To be honest, whenever we print a new, updated phone directory it is already obsolete due to missed changes of address, cell phone numbers, disconnected landlines, and additions to family. Please contact Karen Gilbreath at 402-661-9362 by call or text, with those changes that keep Zion's Phone Directory current and fresh. Thank you!*

**The Current Elevator Balance due is approximately \$9,000.**

**We will start having greeters on Sunday Mornings again!  
Greeters will begin on Rally Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**The *Praise Team*** is excited to regroup and begin leading worship music this fall! We will begin practice Sunday morning September 11th @ 8:45 am in the choir loft. Anyone that would like to share your talent of singing with the group or join our musicians, we would love to have you!

**Mark your Calendars!** The WELCA General Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Election of officers will be held and refreshments will be served. All women are invited!

**Zion's Phone service has been cancelled. To contact the Church you can contact Pastor Jerry @ 402-404-0494 or Britan Meints @ 308-730-0599**

**Please Join us for fellowship after church in the fellowship room!**

**Helping out Next Sunday**

**Acolytes: London Meints, Kameron Riha**

**Reader: Connie Thornburg**

**August Table Troop:** Duane Zulauf, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr, Jeff Busboom, Doug Parde, Steve Gronewold, Stan Lenners, Mary Lenners, Al Wiese.

**August Altar Guild:** Dorothy Trauernicht, Rose Gronewold, Cindy Jurgens, Carrie Reed, Janet Harms

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**Gold Crest** –Mildred Meints, Marie Schoen

**Homestead House** – Thees Busboom, Elsie Zimmerman

**Whispering Winds Cottage** – LaVern Parde

**Our Homes Assisted Living** – Randy Oltman