

## 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.”*



### **Mission Sunday**

**Beatrice Community Food Pantry Guest Speaker -  
Karen Mains**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion  
& the Sacrament of Baptism + Blessing of the LWR Quilt &  
School Kits - October 2, 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**

### **Gathering**

P- A little faith goes along way is Jesus’ point in today’s gospel. A mustard seed’s-worth of faith has miraculous potential.

**C- The Word of the Lord endures forever!** 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:25a

P- The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the Word read and proclaimed in the congregation. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

**C- The Word of the Lord endures forever!**

## Gathering Hymn – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name ELW 634

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate  
fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of  
all. Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the  
fall, hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him  
Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.

3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did  
call --the God incarnate, man divine --  
and crown him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine --and crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and  
the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him  
Lord of all. Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown  
him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may  
fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of  
all. We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of  
all.

## **A Blessing Service for Quilts and Kits**

*If you are able, please place your hand on a quilt near you as the pastor prays.*

P- The materials we dedicate today are representative of the many items which you as members have put together over the last year. We commend the women of our church who so faithfully have met together to make these beautiful quilts. We thank you for their devoted service.

We praise you for the children and others of our family of God, who through their efforts have gathered items to assemble these kits.

We pray that they will continue to use their talents to create beautiful messages of love to the people in your world who may be desperately seeking your word of grace and comfort. To you renew our Christian promise to help those in need--to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger and be a loving neighbor to all the people of the earth. We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole work of Lutheran World Relief, that together we may minister to your world in need. In your gracious name we pray,

**C- Amen**

## **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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C- Amen**

P- Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P- God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C- we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen**

P- Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C- Amen**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Ada June Gronewold**

**Children's Time**

**Children's Church** – *Children's Church is for children between the ages of 2 and 6. They will be supervised in the basement by great guides. They will do crafts, maybe a video, and a Bible lesson. They will return to us during the offering.*

**Readings Habbakuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

Lector– *Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith,*

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence!'  
and you will not save?  
Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.  
So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.  
Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.  
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith. Here ends this reading.

**Psalm 37:1-9 - Exhortation to Patience and Trust of David**  
*Read responsively.*

Do not fret because of the wicked;  
**do not be envious of wrongdoers,**  
for they will soon fade like the grass,  
**and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
**so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**  
Take delight in the LORD,  
**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD;  
**trust in him, and he will act.**  
He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
**and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
**do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
**Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**  
For the wicked shall be cut off,  
**but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:1-14**

*Lector – This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit. Paul writes to Timothy:*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Thanksgiving and Encouragement**

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Here ends this reading.

### **Prayer of the Day**

*As you are able, please stand.*

P- Benevolent, merciful God:

**C- When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## **Gospel – Luke 17:5-10**

P- On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, **“If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea’, and it would obey you.”**

**“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’**

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Message – Karen Mains – Beatrice Community Food Pantry**

**Offering Hymn – My Faith Looks Up to Thee ELW 759**

1 My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day  
be wholly thine!



2 May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love  
fear and distrust remove;  
oh, bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!

### **Offering Prayer**

*As you are able, please stand.*

P- Gracious God,

**C- in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ. 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 with “**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- Christ invites you to this table. Come taste and see..

### **Communion Hymn – Rock of Ages ELW 623**

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
cleansing me from guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

### **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.*

### **Prayer after Holy Communion**

P- God of the abundant table,

**C- you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road  
that we may serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of  
Jesus' name. Amen**

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

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

P- God who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the Holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**C\_Amen.**

P- Go in peace. With Christ beside you.

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

## **Sending Hymn – We Come to You for Healing Lord ELW 617**

1. We come to you for healing, Lord,  
of body, mind, and soul,  
and pray that by, your Spirit's touch,  
we may again be whole.
2. As once you walked through ancient streets  
and reached toward those in pain,  
come, risen Christ, among us still  
with power to heal again.
3. You touch us through physicians' skills,  
through nurses' gifts of care,  
and through the love of faithful friends  
who lift our lives in prayer.
4. When nights are long with wakefulness,  
through days when strength runs low,  
grant us your gift of patience, Lord,  
your calming peace to know.
5. We come to you, O loving Lord,  
in our distress and pain,  
in trust that through our nights and days  
your grace will heal, sustain.

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Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek

Special Music.....The Quartet

Acolytes.....Nicole Davison

Avery Busboom

Lector.....Dorothy Trauernicht

Greeter.....Council

BreakfastClub.....Iris Wiese

Children's Church...**Need Volunteers**

### **Vital Statistics**

Church Attendance 164      Giving \$ 2910.00

Sunday School 69      Giving \$ 65.00

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

#### **Monday**

NO Men's Choir

#### **Wednesday**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Service Project 6pm

Committee Mtg 7 pm

Council 7:30 pm

#### **NEXT Sunday**

Sunday School 8:45

Praise Team Practice 8:45

Breakfast Club/Adult SS 9am

**Good Neighbor & New Member Sunday 10am**

## **Helping out Next Sunday**

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

**Special Music.....Kids of the Kingdom**

**Acolytes:.....Kyson Kolm**

**Logan Busboom**

**Lector:.....Mary Lenners**

**Greeters:.....Stan & Mary Lenners**

**Duane & Janice Parde**

**Children's Church:.....Lindsey Remmers**

**Jordan Freeman**

**Breakfast Club:.....Jess Ideus**

**October Table Troop:** John & Marcia Busboom, Doug & Rhonda Dorn, Gary Wiese, Duane & Janice Parde

**October Altar Guild:** Susan Newman, Lorene Wallman, Sandy Meints, Marcella Rademacher

## **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!

**Zion's Phone service/fax has been disconnected. To contact the Church, you can contact Pastor Jerry @ 402-404-0494 or Karen Gilbreath 402-661-9362**

**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



**Our sympathies** to the family of Lavern Parde who passed away on Wednesday, September 21 at the Beatrice Hospital. Funeral was at Zion on Tuesday, September 27. The flowers under the hymn board are from LaVern's funeral.

**Our sympathies** to the family of Angela (Angie) Klasek on her passing on Wednesday. Please keep Steve & Diane Oltman and Sharon Schuster and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**Thank you to all** who came for the Movie Night last Sunday night - due to it being windy we showed the movie inside at the Parish Hall.

**The flowers on piano** are given by the family in honor of Don Lenners 85<sup>th</sup> birthday which was on September 23<sup>rd</sup> – but celebrating this weekend with family.

**Zion is updating the Time & Talent sheets.** Through Covid these have become outdated. Please use this link

(<https://forms.gle/NdZ4VCwHjuFax7388>) or scan the QR code with your phone to complete your time and talent sheet or grab a copy in the entry ways or see a council member for your copy.



**Our Contemporary service** is led by our praise team and musicians Janelle on keyboard and Derek on guitar. We would love to add to our group a bass guitar and drummer with trap set talent or if someone has another instrument talent they would like to add. Anyone that would want to share those talents with us, we would love to have you!! Age doesn't matter! If you need more info join us on a practice on Sunday in the loft @ 8:45am (check calendar) or visit with Janelle 402.806.3410. As always, voices are always welcome too!

## **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!*

**We celebrate today** with family and friends the Baptism of Ada June Gronewold daughter of Jonathan & Emily Gronewold. Ada's sponsors for her baptism are James and Tori Hergott. Please welcome our new member in Christ to the Zion family.

**October 30<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday offering** is designated to Zion's Endowment account.



### **Mission Sunday + Blessing of the LWR Quilt & School Kits Beatrice Community Food Pantry**

Thank you to Karen Mains for being our speaker today. All the offering will go to Beatrice Community Food Pantry unless designated otherwise. Karen Mains

said the food pantry is short of many items. A list of these items is as follows if anyone would like to buy and drop

off at the food pantry in Beatrice. Food the pantry is running short of are soups, juices, crackers, spaghetti sauce, pudding & jello, condiments, green beans & corn, jelly, hamburger or tuna helper, shampoo, bar soap and canned pasta.

### **LOST & FOUND:**

Key Fob to a Hyundai vehicle was left after a funeral this summer

A pair of sunglasses

A pair of reader glasses

**All of these items are in the church office if any of them are yours.**

**FARM FRESH EGGS!** Donny and Gayle Schuster have eggs for sale in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will go to future projects. It is a free will offering with a suggested donation of \$3.00 minimum. Thank you!

**Good Neighbor & New Member Recognition Sunday 10 am  
October 9, 2022**

These people have come to us from other congregations and have had their membership transferred into our community of faith.

Jacob & Nicole Behrends, and Jake, Carson & Henry

Hayden & Madison Frost and son, Lane

Jon & Emily Gronewold and Ada

Brooke Mason & Daniel Barr

Ray & Deborah Rinne, and Reagan & Colt

Sharla Wendeln, Debreigh and Aceson

Please welcome these new members of Zion Lutheran Church joining with us in worshiping God, hearing his Word and sharing supper, proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

**THANK YOU'S**

Best wishes to Britan Meints following her resignation as church secretary to be able to spend more time with their growing family. Thank you for your dedication and help the last few months. God's Blessing to you and your family. ~ Church Council

A huge thank you to Alex for his help in getting the Praise Team set up with the new sound and to council for working with us in getting us all in one space!

## **CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Our confirmation service project with **Keep Beatrice Beautiful, Inc.** organization is **6 p.m. Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2022!**

We will walk the roads leading to Zion picking up items (like pickup hitch to electric weed eaters) along with trash of all kinds that somehow accumulates along our roadside ditches. **Keep Beatrice Beautiful, Inc.** provides trash bags, gloves, safety vests, roadside warning signs plus \$50 a mile cleaned by confirmation students and their parents. Many of **Parental supervision** is important as we walk both roadside ditches back to the church. **Adults** have a better awareness of possible hazards like passing traffic.

The menu for that evening will be burgers, hotdogs, hamburger & coney buns, ketchup & mustard, pickles & onion, variety of individual chips, Gatorade & bottled water, and cookies for dessert! What I need is a ballpark number of people to feed that night. I know we have **twenty confirmands** plus Cindy, Marcia, Connie, Karen and I (5), but I need to know a rough number of parents/adults that will be part of this community service. I also am inviting the church council so they can get to know better our confirmation students and parents. Last year we walked six miles of roads leading to Zion which raised \$300 and that money goes to pay expenses for the next Confirmation Sunday (Sunday, April 30, 2023). Expenses like robe rental, flowers, photographer, etc. What is important is that the **PRIDE** of community service goes into the hearts and minds of both our confirmation kids and parents. We have been lucky weather-wise the past four years with sunshine and mild breezes. I hope and pray this continues weather-wise. God bless!