

## 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.**



## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**February 8, 2026**

**Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler**

*For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask a council member for one and they will show you how to use it.*

### **Prelude & Ringing of the Bell**

### **Welcome**

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

P - You did the right thing this morning. It is good that you are here to rejoice in God;

**C - Who has placed within my heart the essence of all creation.**

P - God is gifting you with elasticity of mind and heart;

**C - So that I may act according to the design of divine love.**

### **Gathering Hymn – “O Take My Hand, Dear Father” (tune#767)**

O take my hand, dear Father, and lead Thou me,

Till at my journey’s ending I dwell with Thee.

Alone I cannot wander one single day,

So do Thou guide my footsteps on life’s rough way.

O cover with Thy mercy my poor, weak heart,

Lest I in joy or sorrow from Thee depart.

Permit Thy child to linger here at Thy feet,

Thy goodness blindly trusting with faith complete.

Though of Thy power but faintly may stir my soul,

With Thee, my Light in darkness, I reach the goal.

Take then my hand, dear Father, and lead Thou me,  
Till at my journey's ending I dwell with Thee.

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

P - Gracious God,

C - **I lift to you, my heart overflowing with gratitude for the many blessings that you are giving me. I dedicate this time of worship and the graceful energy that is flowing outward from the altar of my heart as an offering for the welfare, good health, and personal needs of all people. Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

### **Special Music – Quartet**

### **Reading of the Scriptures**

#### **First Reading - Genesis 14:18-20 Melchizedek blesses Abram**

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

#### **Psalm 110:2-4 (Please read responsively.)**

The Lord sends out from Zion your mighty scepter.

**Rule in the midst of your foes.**

Your people will offer themselves willingly

**on the day you lead your forces on the holy mountains.**

From the womb of the morning,

**like dew, your youth will come to you.**

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,

**"You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.**

## **Second Reading - Hebrews 5:5-6 & 9-10   Jesus and the order of Melchizedek.**

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” And having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. *Here ends this reading.*

## **Gospel - Luke 6:20-23a   The Beatitudes**

(Please stand as you are able)

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.

Gospel - Sing Response to the tune: Be Still My Soul

**Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side**

**Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain**

**Leave to thy God to order and provide**

**In every change He faithful will remain**

**Be still my soul thy best, thy heavenly friend**

**Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end**

(Please be seated.)

## **Installation of the Council Members and Committees**

### **Special Music - Kids of the Kingdom**

## Children's Message

Sing Blessing of our Children (To the tune of Go, My Children, with My Blessing ELW #543)

**Go, my children, with my blessing, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirits power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, with my blessing, joyful and free.**

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

### **Offering Hymn - Blest Are They ELW #728 vs 1-3**

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they full of sorrow; they shall be consoled. Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God! *[Refrain]*

Blest are they --- who show mercy; mercy shall -- be theirs. Blest are they, the pure -- of heart they -- shall see God! *[Refrain]*

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

Offering Sing Response (To Be Your Presence ELW #858 vs 4)

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!**

### **Offering Blessing**

**P - All that we bring;**

**C - our treasures, our hands, and our hearts; are already transformed by your generosity, O God. These gifts carry healing, wholeness, and love. Bless our offering, to inspire abundance, plant peace, open doors for joy and sacred connection. 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,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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 “hear 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.**

**Benediction Litany**

**P - Dearly beloved, go into your community this week carrying God's radiant light.**

**C - I will go, guided by God's divine wisdom and eternal light within me.**

**P - Live boldly, knowing the blessings are already yours.**

**C - I will speak love, walk in peace, and shine with joy.**

**P - And may the blessings of Creator, Christ, and Spirit guide you.**

**C - Amen**

**Announcements in the Life of the Church**

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

**Sending Hymn - Blessed Assurance ELW #638**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

**P - Go in peace and serve the Lord.**

**C - Thanks be to God.**

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## Helping out with Worship Today

**February Altar Guild:** Patti Behrens, Lynette Jurgens, Caroline Ideus, and Susan Buss

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

## **Snow Brigade:**

**February 9<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Wiese (Captain), Les Lieneman (Tractor),  
David Meints (Tractor), Jason Lovitt, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese,  
Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson**

**February 16<sup>th</sup> - 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: 132 Giving: \$7,879.81  
SS: 32 Giving: \$ 12.00

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

### **Today**

8:45am - Sunday School

9:00am - BKF Club

10:00am – Worship/Kids of the Kingdom/Men’s Choir/  
Installation of 2026 Church Council & Elected Committees

### **Monday**

9-3pm Blanket Sewing

6:00pm Men’s Choir Practice

### **Tuesday**

9-3 Blanket Sewing

### **Wednesday**

1:30pm – Grace Circle

6:00pm - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

### **Next Sunday**

8:45am - SS

9:00am - BKF Club/Adult Bible Study/Endless Hallelujah practice

10:00am – Worship/Endless Hallelujah

5:00pm – Galentine’s Day Party

**\*\*\*Deadline for Willie & Anna Meints Scholarship Apps\*\*\***

### **Helping out next Sunday**

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

Piano:.....Janelle Ideus

Guitar:.....Deric Bloom

Acolytes:.....Grayson Borgman  
Korbin Busboom  
Lector:.....Marcia Busboom  
Greeters:.....Gerald & Denise Ideus  
Steve & Rose Gronewold  
Special Music:.....Endless Hallelujah

## 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!**

**THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY:** The Family of Irene Busboom in honor of Irene's 90th birthday which was February 4<sup>th</sup> and in memory of Thees Busboom's birthday which would have been today.

**IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A WEEKLY BULLETIN** you may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check out to Zion Church for \$75.00.

**FLOWERS** - The flower arrangement under the hymn board is in honor of Irene Busboom's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy Birthday Irene!

**THANK YOU** - To the Kids of the Kingdom and the Quartet for providing special music today.

**TODAY - Installation of 2026 Church Council & Elected Committees.** Individuals elected at the Annual Meeting last Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> will be installed today during the service.

## **2026 Church Council Representatives**

Les Lieneman (President), Dennis Remmers (VP),  
Jenny Busboom (Treasurer), Laurie Wallman (Secretary),  
Paul Jurgens, Jason Wallman, Kevin Buhr, Tony Hoffman, Todd  
Bohlmeyer, & Laurie Leners



**AUDITED BOOKS** - The Auditing Committee has completed their audit of the church records. Please pick up your reports and statements in the Church office today. Thank you to Jordan Freeman, Mary Lenners, Cindy Lieneman and James Lenners for completing the audit.

**2025 OFFERING STATEMENTS** - The 2025 offering statements will be mailed out this month. Once you have received yours, please contact Kenny Reed (402)720-5656 with any questions. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

**GRACE CIRCLE** - Grace Circle members a reminder for the February 11th meeting, that you will be covering sessions two and three in the Gather magazine starting on page 30.

## **WILLIE AND ANNA MEINTS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Students attending college can apply for the scholarship for up to 4 years, following the start of the first college semester. Applications are located on the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall. **Deadline to submit the application is February 15, 2026.** Please make sure to read the qualifications listed on the application.

Committee members: DeAnn Oltman, Steve Oltman & Laura Fikar

**GALENTINE'S DAY PARTY** – See flyer for details. Sign-up's will be passed around during service and also found on Welcome Center. Please sign-up as soon as possible for planning purposes.



**PLEASE PICK UP** - Please stop by the fellowship hall after church and pick up any of your bowls and/or casserole dishes that have been left in the kitchen from previous events.

**CEMETERY FENCE PROJECT** – Our cemetery fence project is nearing completion. There are some small crosses that need to be installed. Thanks to all who contributed to making this project successful. ~Cemetery Board Members



**Camp Sonshine-Solaris is excited to announce a new day camp: Solaris Trek!**

Day Camp located at Solaris near Firth, Nebraska - 20 minutes from Beatrice, 9 minutes from Adams, 20 minutes from Wilber!

Full-day of activities and adventures for 1-8th grade with the ability to head home at the end of the day. Group setting designed to grow friendships with friends, old AND new!

**FREE Bus Stop available in Beatrice for convenience!**

**Christ Community Church Beatrice**

**2727 Lincoln St, Beatrice, NE 68310**

**8:15 – 8:25 AM**

**5:15 – 5:25 PM**



*\*No Bus Routes on Friday PM. All campers picked up at Solaris after the end- of -session Parent Program!*

Please do not hesitate to call the office at 402-423-8746 with any questions. Registration opens February 1 and spots fill fast. Visit their website for more information or to get registered at <https://campsonshinememories.org/summer-camp/firth-day-camp/>

**Bailey Pointe** - Vivian Schuster (**New Phone# 402-484-9104**)

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

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

**Our Homes Assisted Living** - Randy Oltman

**Beatrice Health & Rehab** - Marsha Zulauf, Betty Daubendiek

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**Free-will donation**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026

10 AM -12:30 PM

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**Enjoy biscuits and gravy, eggs, and sausage**

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**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.**

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