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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion



September 6, 2026

Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

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Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship *(As you are able please stand)*

P - God of thunder storms and turbulent seas.

C - **Send me Jesus to walk on the water toward my quaking soul.**

P - Let us listen to God in the sacred time of this worship hour.

C - **I lay my fear at Jesus’ feet and look up into his face for guidance.**

Gathering Hymn - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW #807

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Opening Prayer "The Serenity Prayer"

P - Loving Jesus,

C - I am storm-tossed by worry, grief and doubt. Come into my life, walking on the water to calm my weary soul. Bring me back to the shore of your will. Amen

Reading of the Scriptures

First Reading - Job 38:1-11 God speaks from the whirlwind

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man;

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

when I made the clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

Psalm 107:28-29 *(Please read responsively)*

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,

and he brought them out from their distress;

he made the storm be still,

and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Second Reading - Acts 27:18-26 Paul in the storm

We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship’s tackle overboard. When

neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor, and, indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you.’ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. But we will have to run aground on some island.” *Here ends this reading.*

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel - Mark 6:45-52 Jesus walks on water

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray. When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came toward them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Then he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Gospel Sung Response tune - Holy, Holy, Holy ELW #413 vs 4
**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise
thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful
and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
(Please be seated.)

Children's Message

Sung Blessing for our Children Tune - Blest Are They ELW #728
**Bless our kids, full of spirit. They are the children of God.
Bless our kids, bright and lively. Shine for all to see.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**

Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Offering Hymn - Eternal Father, Strong to Save ELW #756 vs 1-3

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:

oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Sung Offering Response tune – ELW #884 Doxology
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering Blessing

P - Loving Christ,

**C - whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a
sign of my intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired
by your Spirit, and open to the joy of your presence,
hospitable to one another, and generous toward my
neighbors. 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 "**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.**

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.

The Words of Institution

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

Communion Hymn - Jesus Savior, Pilot Me ELW #755

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Prayer After Communion

P - Gracious Christ,

C - Thank you for refreshing me at your table. Strengthen my faith, increase my love for others, and send me forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Benediction Litany

Announcements in the Life of the Church

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

Sending Hymn - Now Thank We All Our God ELW #840

Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,

and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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:.....Austin Folkerts

Ava Meints

Lector:Carrye Meints

Greeters:.....David & Carrye Meints

Duane & Janice Parde

September Altar Guild: Linda Blackwell, Denise Schlake-Ideus, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers, Carrye Meints.

September Table Troop: **Robert Ideus (Leader)**, Don Schuster, John Gronewold, Paul & Shellie Remmers, Les & Mert Rademacher, Linda Ideus

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship: 122 Giving: \$3,885.00

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

9:00am - Worship/Communion

**Women of Zion serving summer fellowship after service

Wednesday

Grace Circle

7:00pm - Committee Meetings

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Friday

5:30pm - Ideus/Trauernicht Rehearsal

Saturday

4:30pm - Brady Ideus & Lauren Trauernicht Wedding

Next Sunday Rally Sunday

8:45am - SS

9:00am – BKF Club

10:00am - Worship (Note time change)

**Hospitality serving ice cream after service

Helping out next Sunday - *Rally Sunday*

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

Organist.....Shirley Gronewold

Acolytes:.....Brixton Coffin

Caleb Kastanek

Lector:Alexis Folkerts

Greeters:.....Russ & Amy Wallman

Les & Mert Rademacher

**** Note Time Change to 10:00am**

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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 - The family of Anora Schoen would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, visits, flowers, and memorials. A very special thanks for the wonderful luncheon and to Pastor Renae of all her visits and prayers. Anora loved her Zion Family very much.

RALLY SUNDAY – Please join us as we kick off Rally Sunday. Kids will return back to Sunday School at 8:45am and service time will also change back to 10:00.



Sunday School Teachers Needed for the Upcoming Year!

We are looking for volunteers to help teach our Sunday School students this coming year!

Open Positions:

- * **2nd Grade Co-Teacher**
- * **4th Grade Co-Teacher**
- * **7th Grade Co-Teacher**

Teaching Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity to share God's Word and help nurture the faith of our children and youth. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to a member of the Parish Education Committee.

Contact:

 Courtney Schlake – 402-239-4628

 zionparished20@gmail.com

Thank you for helping make a difference in our Sunday School program!

GRACE CIRCLE – Grace Circle will meet September 9th at 1:30pm here at the church fellowship hall. Pastor Renae will be presenting our Bible study titled, “I am Worthy.” We would like to invite all women to come and join us.

LWR SCHOOL KIT UPDATE - All needed items to assemble 100 bags have been donated! If you have donated please have all donations to the fellowship hall table by Sept 6th. Bags will be assembled on Rally Sunday, September 13th. Thank you to all Zion Members that donated to this yearly project! You truly live generously!

MISSION SUNDAY

Mark your calendars for Mission Festival Sunday, September 20th! Our featured speaker will be **David Hingst.**

GGFAN — God’s Grace for All Nations

In 2025, David and Glenda Hingst traveled to Kenya to observe the mission work of **GGFAN (God’s Grace for All Nations)** and learn more about the lives of people in southeastern Kenya.

GGFAN is a nonprofit organization committed to transforming lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Their mission is to build strong, Christ-centered congregations that meet the spiritual and physical needs of unreached and least-reached communities throughout Kenya.

During their visit, David and Glenda had multiple opportunities to evaluate agricultural practices in the area and learn more about the five key areas that guide GGFAN’s ministry:

- **Reaching the Unreached**
- **Rescuing Vulnerable Children**
- **Transforming Lives Through Mercy Ministry**
- **Empowering Churches & Leaders**

- **Fostering Self-Sustainability** through agriculture, savings groups, and community-based solutions

Join us on September 20th to hear David share about GGFAN's ministry and the work God is doing in Kenya!



*Spice Up Your
September!*

INDIAN COOKING NIGHT
with Pastor Renae

 **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**
6:00 P.M.

 **AT PASTOR RENAE'S HOUSE -**
25255 S 54th Street. Firth

Join us for a fun cooking show,
delicious food, and colorful culture.

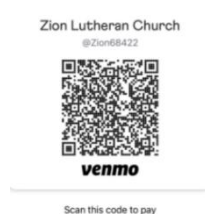
Pastor Renae will demonstrate
her mild chicken curry recipe,
followed by a tasting of the chicken
curry and gulab jamun, a
delicious Indian dessert.

You'll also enjoy a display of
beautiful Indian saris, jewelry, and
traditional clothing, and we'll take a
walk down to Pastor's pond and
Standing Stone Circle.

Join the fun!
SIGN UP NOW.
To sign up contact either
Jeni Bohlmeier at (402) 440-3672
or Karla Carstens at (402) 228-6318



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 - Rosanna Miller, Marsha Zulauf

Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman