

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.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother’s Day

Contemporary Service

May 10, 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 - On this Mother’s Day we bestow a special blessing upon our Mom’s and Grandma’s.

C - **Bless her with the melody of Your love, she who taught us how to speak, sing and pray.**

P - Bless her with health, joy and love.

C - **This blessing and all graces descend upon her today.**

Gathering Hymn - Here I Am to Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made

This heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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To see my sin upon that cross

Prayer of Opening our Hearts to God

P - Loving God,

C - open my third eye, that I may see you in the springtime beauty of creation and my brothers and sisters in Christ. Help me to continue to grow in patience. Enlarge my heart that I may love more and with greater zeal. Amen.

Special Music – Amigos

Reading of the Scriptures

First Reading - Exodus 1:15-20 Midwives, Shiphrah and Puah.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong.

Psalm 22:9-10 *(Please read responsively)*

Yet it was you who took me from the womb;

you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

On you I was cast from my birth,

and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Second Reading - Romans 12:17-18 and 21

Overcome evil with good.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. *Here ends this reading.*

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel - Luke 7:11-17 Jesus raises the widow's son at Nain.

Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow, and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with

compassion for her and said to her, "Do not cry." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stopped. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" This word about him spread throughout the whole of Judea and all the surrounding region. *(Please be seated.)*

Special Music - Kids of the Kingdom

Children's Message

Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Offering Hymn – Our God is Here

Here in this time here in this place
Here we are standing face to face
Here in our hearts here in our lives
Our God is here
Here for the broken here for the strong
Here in this temple we belong
Here in our hearts here in our lives
Our God is here

And we cry holy holy holy are You
We cry holy holy holy and true
Amen we do believe our God is here
Our God is here

Here in the Word God is revealed
Here where the wounded can be healed
Here in our hearts here in our lives
Our God is here

Here we become what we receive
Here in this Eucharistic feast
We are His body living as one
Our God is here

And we cry holy holy holy are You
We cry holy holy holy and true
Amen we do believe our God is here
Our God is here

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Offering Blessing

P - Living Spirit,

C - with love, I join myself with all those here on this planet earth who together give resources and time to preserve our environment. Bless my offering and my body with your light. 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.

**He was conceived by the power of the holy spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He 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 “O Lord, hear our prayer we offer up to you’ O Lord, 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 (responsively)

P - Go into this week ahead with your hope riding on the springtime air.

C - I will be carried aloft upon the wind, filling our community with the incense of love.

P- You are blessed in the name of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

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 - Step by Step

[Chorus]

O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You

[Refrain]

I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

P - Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C - Thanks be to God.

Tuesday

6pm Adams 9U vs Beatrice Bullets

Wednesday

1:30pm – Grace Circle

7:00pm - Freeman Baccalaureate Service

Next Sunday (Recognition Sunday)

10:00am - Worship/Communion

Helping out next Sunday

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

Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Sadie Gronewold

Nolan Buhr

Lector:.....Cindy Parde

Greeters:.....Don & Gayle Schuster

Alan & Sheryl Wiese

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: None

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY – The offering for the fifth Sunday in May will be designated to the cemetery fund.

THANK YOU – to the Amigos, Kids of the Kingdom, and Endless Hallelujah for their special music today.

THANK YOU – Marsha, Rosanna, and Anora would like to thank the youth Sunday school kids that sent them the May Day cards. They would like you to know they were a great surprise and very special to them.

Mother's honored Today! – newest mother is **Nichelle Schuster** and the **wisest in turn is Lois Meints**. The plants for Nichelle & Lois are on the piano & under the hymn board – Congratulations Nichelle on being our newest mother! Congratulations Lois for being our wisest mother! **The plants are from Zion Church.** Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, mother figures today!

Recognition Sunday is May 17th. Please get your graduates information to the church office (402-806-3601 or zionlutheranchurchpickrell@gmail.com) if you would like your family member who is graduating either high school or college recognized.



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!

SEALED BIDS BEING ACCEPTED - The Council is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a Roland Fantom-G8 electric piano (Model: Fantom-G8, Serial No. Z3A9026). All bids must be received by **May 15th** and may be submitted to any Council member. The item is being sold as-is, with no warranties expressed or implied. For

additional information or to arrange inspection of the equipment, please contact any council member

2026 BACCALAUREATE SERVICE - Adams Lutheran Church is hosting the Freeman Baccalaureate Service at 7pm on Wednesday, May 13th. All are welcome to attend to honor our church graduates & others graduating this year.

ZION FULLER PARK NEWS -The Zion Park Board expresses its gratitude to all who contribute and support our ballpark. Maintaining the park requires significant time and financial resources. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the family of Leonard and Caroline Gronewold. Our appreciation goes to Jeff, Pam, Jim, and their families for their generous donation towards the acquisition of a new flag and flagpole for our park. We hope everyone has had the chance to see it proudly displayed! It is a wonderful enhancement to our park, coinciding with our Country's celebration of 250 years of freedom!

SAVE THE DATE - We have scheduled a date for the dedication of this new flagpole. We invite you to join us after church on June 14th (National Flag Day) at the park. While we are still in the planning phase regarding the details of the event, we can confirm that there will be a flagpole dedication along with a meal available for free will donations, featuring our famous burgers, brats, and hotdogs.

We are also excited to share that we are raising funds for several initiatives, including additional water sprinklers for the ball field, upgrades to some items in the concession stand, and building a fund to eventually purchase a new mower.

Thank you from the Board – Greg Robinson, Greg Dorn, Todd Bohlmeier, Jerod Ideus, Josh Jensen, Kevin Meyer, Blake Meints, Terry Oltman

AMERICA 250 - The Nation's upcoming birthday July 4, 2026, honors the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, with a focus on gratitude, religious freedom, and service. As part of the "America 250" we are planning to commemorate this historic moment in our nation's history here at Zion. On Sunday morning, **June 14th**, we will gather to celebrate and honor America. As this event is still in the planning stages, we do have a plan to include a display of Quilts of Valor from our present and past Zion members. We are also hoping to award a Quilt of Valor. **At this time, we are looking for "Quilts" of Valor that have been presented to service members or veterans that attend or have attended Zion. We are also seeking names and contact information for service members or living veterans who may be eligible to receive a Quilt of Valor. As there is a protocol to nominate a candidate, this information is needed in a timely manner. Please contact Denise Schlake-Ideus or Marcia Busboom with any of the above information or if you would like to help with planning this celebration.** We are grateful to be collaborating with Quilts of Valor organizations through Quilt Stitches in Beatrice and "Piecemakers" in Firth.

****The Mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover Service Members and Living Veterans touched by war with a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor.*



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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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

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring The Nature of God

VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
May 26-29th
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
PreK - 5th Grade
Deadline to sign up is May 11th

Registration ends Monday, May 11th



Crew Leaders Needed! 📣

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers in 6th–12th grade to serve as Crew Leaders and help guide younger explorers through an unforgettable rainforest journey!

- 🦜 Lead your crew through exciting activities
- 🌿 Encourage and support younger kids
- 🐼 Help make VBS a wild, fun, and faith-filled experience!

Don't miss out—sign up under Volunteer Registration and join the adventure on May 26-29th!

<https://vbspro.events/p/75b377>