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.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Penecost

November 8, 2026 Luke Worth

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 of our Spirits for Worship
P - Let us worship God, the source of love and life.
C - Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.
P - Let us worship the Holy Spirit who renews us.
C - Holy, holy, holy, is our God.

Gathering Hymn - All Are Welcome ELW #641 vs 1-3
Refrain
All are welcome in this place,
Behold love's amazing grace,
All are welcome! All are welcome!
Bring your hopes, bring your dreams,
Mercy flows and Love redeems,

All are welcome! All belong!

Verse 1
Welcome all the broken hearted,
all who sorrow and despair,
You are not alone, for you are God's own.
Together we sing and we proclaim:
(Repeat Refrain)

Verse 2
Welcome, all who suffer violence,
all who long for safety and for peace,
You are not alone, for you are God's own.
Together we sing and we proclaim:
(Repeat Refrain)

Verse 3
Welcome, all who are forgotten,
excluded and dignity denied!
You are not alone, for you are God's own.
Together we sing and we proclaim:
(Repeat Refrain)

Opening Prayer
P - O Christ of justice and love,
C - you illumine my way through life. Open my mind to hear your guidance in the scripture, hymns and prayers as I worship today and then send me out to give light to those around me. Amen

Special Music – Men's Choir

Reading of the Scriptures

First Reading - Amos 5:18-24 Justice and righteousness

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70:4-5 *(Please read responsively)*

Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"
But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Everlasting life with Christ

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,

that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage one another with these words. *Here ends this reading.*

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13 Parable about being ready
"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women[c] got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, you know neither the day nor the hour.

Gospel Sung Response tune - (tune: Blessed Assurance)
Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of

Christ spirit, washed in his love. This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long: this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long. *(Please be seated.)*

Special Music – Kids of the Kingdom

Children's Message

Sung Blessing for our Children Tune – (tune: Children of the Heavenly Father)
Chil-dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo-som gath-er; nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.

Homily – Luke Worth

Offering Hymn - Blest Be the Tie That Binds ELW #656
Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Sung Offering Response tune - (tune: For all the Saints)
We bring this off-ring to our God di-vine; for works of just-ice, so that love may shine. Bless us to-day and let our lives en-twine. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Offering Blessing
P - Loving Jesus,
C - may these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each of us a sense of participation in the most important work of all time; to share your love with the world. We dedicate our offering and ourselves. 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* ***"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 - The lord bless you and keep you;
C - The lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
P - The lord look upon you with kindness and give you peace;
C - Alleluia
P - Amen

Announcements in the Life of the Church

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

Sending Hymn - God Be with You Till We Meet Again
ELW #536
God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

P - Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C - Thanks be to God.

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Helping out with Worship Today

Service Leader:……..……..Luke Worth
Organist……...……..Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes:…….....Ava Meints
Nolan Buhr
Lector: ……..….Marcia Busboom
Greeters:……..….Mickey Larkins
Donny & Gayle Schuster
Special Music:……Kids of the Kingdom
Men's Choir

November Altar Guild: Karla Holland, Rhonda Dorn, Lynette Dorn, Doreen Busboom, Kelly Lenners, Christy Buhr

November Table Troops: Lynette Jurgens (Leader), Steve & Peggy Johnson, Larry Gronewold, Eddie & Lynette Dorn, Gary & Brenda Gronewold, Dave & Carrye Meints, DeAnn & Terry Oltman

Snow Brigade

November 9th - Alan Wiese (**Captain)** -Tractor, AJ Wiese, Kenny Newman, Paul Jurgens, Gerald Ideus, Todd Bohlmeyer, Brian Garton, Josh Gronewold

November 16th - Gary Gronewold (Captain) -Tractor, Stan Lenners (Tractor), Justin Hippen, Mark Buhr, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus

November 23rd - Dean Zimmerman (Captain) - Tractor, Russ Wallman (Tractor), Dan Jurgens, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr, Mike Busboom

November 30th - Les Lieneman (Captain) - Tractor, David Meints (Tractor), Jason Lovitt, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship: 176 Giving: $5,402.00
SS: 48 Giving: $ 127.00

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45am - SS
9:00am - BKF Club/Endless Hallelujah practice
10:00am - Worship/Kids of the Kingdom/Men's Choir

Monday

7:00pm – Men's Choir practice

Tuesday

Warrens Table

Wednesday

Grace Circle
6:00pm – 7th/8th grade confirmation class
7:30pm – Endless Hallelujah practice

Next Sunday

8:45am - SS
9:00am - BKF Club
10:00am - Worship/Communion/Endless Hallelujah

Helping out next Sunday

Pastor:……..Rev.David Smith
Piano:..……..……..….Janelle Ideus
Guitar:…….……..Deric Bloom
Acolytes:…….....Bryleigh Ideus
Caleb Kastanek
Lector: ……...Cindy Parde
Greeters:……..…Lynette Jurgens
Dorothy Trauernicht
Special Music:…….Endless Hallelujah

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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 – to Kids of the Kingdom & Men's Choir for their special music today.

THANK YOU - to the Breakfast Club for loading Burdette Schoen's trailer last Sunday with the LWR school kids and blankets. Thank you to Jay Bartlett for leading the kids and for Burdette for making the trip to LaVista to deliver it all.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE – New Phone App, Online Giving, and Updated Website coming soon! We're teaming up Subsplash to create a new church app, update our website, and introduce a fresh way to give online. Starting **November 1, 2026**, we will no longer use Vanco or Venmo for giving. Please scan the new QR here or go to the webpage https://subsplash.com/u/-5WBGMS/give to give today. Offering envelopes are still available to members as well**. Any members with questions regarding these options can reach out to a church council member.**

PEW REMOVAL - Church Council plans to permanently remove the front pew by the new sound system cabinet. Anyone interested in purchasing the pew, please contact a council member.

FALL BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY DRIVE - Special thanks to Mary & Stan Lenners for writing a Thrivent Grant to support this project.



BREAKFAST CLUB SIGN-UP – Please consider helping with providing breakfast for our high school youth on a Sunday morning. Use the link or the QR code to sign-up

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44AFAD2FA0FEC52-66766232-breakfast

PRAYERS FOR PASTOR RENAE – Please add to your prayers for Pastor Renae day and the upcoming weeks for a safe trip for Pastor as she travels in Vietnam. If you have need of Pastoral Care while she is away, please contact a church council member and they will arrange that for you.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY -

All adults are welcome to join in these classes led by Pastor Renae at 9AM in the fellowship hall.

November 15th – No Class

Come learn, pray, and grow in your relationship with God!

YOUTH CAMP REIMBURSEMENTS - Any youth who attended confirmation camp or a summer Christian based camp during 2026, may qualify for reimbursement up to 75% of the camp cost based on the "Early Bird Discount" (if applicable). Funds are provided through the Willie & Anna Meints Endowment Fund

Bailey Pointe - Vivian Schuster
Gold Crest - Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson
Homestead House - Rosanna Miller
Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman
Wilber Care Center - Marsha Zulauf