

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.

21st Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion



All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

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Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Gathering *(As you are able please stand)*

P - Beloved of God, lift up your hearts!

C - **We rise with the saints, radiant and free!**

P - The cloud of witnesses surrounds us; all our loved ones who went before us are here in spirit to cheer us on.

C - **For the veil is lifted, and we can feel the inspiration of our family, friends and faithful ones who ran this race before us.**

P - Then let us worship with joy and awe, on this All-Saint’s Sunday!

C - **Alleluia! Amen**

Gathering Hymn - Open now the Gates of Beauty ELW #533 vs 1-3

1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!

2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.

All Saints Sunday is a Christian festival celebrated in honor of all the saints, known and unknown. We remember today (*as a candle is lit and the bell is tolled after each name is read*):

Gary Carstens, Lois Buhr, and Ernst Jurgens

We also recognize these newest saints who were baptized this past year into our church family (*a collective “amen” is said after each name is read*):

Levi Hovendick, Everett Barr, Ellie Barr, Callahan Mason, Owen Denny, Elsie Gronewold, Andi Brandert, Rigby Daubendiek, Blakey Harms, Ellis Gronewold, Carsen Hanshaw, Aiden Hanshaw, and Drew Lenner

Today, as on every Sunday, we saints on earth join the saints in heaven singing God’s praises.

Prayer of the Day

P - O Living God,

C - In the company of all your saints, we give thanks for the voices that still echo through time; those who laughed, who wept, and who taught us how to awaken to wholeness. May their courage breathe in us now. Unbind us from all that holds us back, that we may be enlightened, and authentic. More joyful, grateful, and radiant with hope. Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we lift our hearts to you, O God of life and light eternal. Amen. (*Please be seated*)

Reading of the Scriptures

First Reading – Isaiah 25:6-9 God removes the shroud of death.

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is

the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Psalm 16:5-11 The path of eternal joy. (Please read responsively.)

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;

you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol

or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading - Hebrews 12:1-2 We are surrounded by a cloud of saints.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. *Here ends this reading.*

Gospel: John 11:32-44 Jesus brings Lazarus to life.

(Please stand as you are able)

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Gospel - Sing Response (To the tune of #528 sung two times)
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia! (repeat)
(Please be seated.)

Children's Message

Sing Response: Our father, By Whose Name ELW #640 verse 2
O Christ, yourself a child with-in an earthly home, with heart still undefiled to full adulthood come: our children bless in every place that they may all behold your face and, knowing you, may grow in grace.

Message - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Offering Hymn - For All the Saints ELW #422 vs. 1-3

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Offering - Sing Response As Saints of Old ELW #695 vs 3
In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, teach us to give our-selves each day until life's work is done.

Offering Blessing -

P - Loving God,

C - as Lazarus stepped from the tomb, so we step forward with our offering; symbols of the new life you have breathed into us. Receive our gifts of time and money, that they may become food for the hungry, and comfort for the sorrowing. With the saints of every time and place, we give ourselves to your work. 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.**

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

P - With all of our loved ones who have died and now live as saints in heaven, and all of us living our mortal lives here on earth, we glorify God as we sing together:

Sung Response - Holy, Holy, Holy ELW #413 vs. 4

C - 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!

Words of Institution

Communion Hymn – As We Gather at Your Table ELW #522

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion

to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Prayer After Communion (As you are able please stand)

P - Gracious God,

**C - I give you thanks for this holy meal. May it strengthen and
heal me, increase my love for others, and send me forth into
the world in courage and peace. Amen**

Benediction

(Please be seated)

Announcements in the Life of the Church

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

Sending Hymn - I Know That My Redeemer Lives ELW # 619 vs. 1-4

1 I know that my Redeemer lives!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;

he lives, my ever-living head!

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;

he lives eternally to save;

he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessing to impart.

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:.....Grayson Borgman
 Korbin Busboom
Lector:.....Amy Wallman
Greeters:.....Robert & Linda Ideus
 Alan & Sheryl Wiese

November Altar Guild:

Carrie Reed, Janet Harms, Peggy Johnson, Rose Gronewold, Cindy Jurgens

November Table Troop:

Steve & Peggy Johnson (Leader), Larry Gronewold, Eddie & Lynette Dorn, Gary & Brenda Gronewold, Dave & Carrye Meints, Kenny & Janet Schuster, Lynette Jurgens

Snow Brigade

November 2nd- Kyle Schlake (Captain), Eric Parde (Tractor), Chris Fossler, Steve Oltman, Jordan Busboom, Greg Robinson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Taiten Harms

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

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship 157 Giving \$3,388.00

SS 53 Giving \$ 130.50

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THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45 - SS

9:00 - BKF Club/Adult Bible Study

10:00 - Worship/Communion

Monday

7pm - Men's Choir Practice

Wednesday

6:00pm - 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

6:30pm - Hospitality Meeting

7:00pm - Committee meetings

7:30pm – Council Meeting

Next Sunday

8:45am SS

9:00am BKF Club

10:00am Worship/Kids of the Kingdom

Helping out next Sunday

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

Organist:.....Shirley Gronewold

Acolytes:.....Cash Harwood

Millie Garton

Lector:.....Elnora Lenner

Greeters:.....Steve & Diane Oltman

Don & Elnora Lenner

Special Music:.....Kids of the Kingdom

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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING - The offering on November 30th will be designated to the Endowment Fund.

PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE is looking for members with tractors or skid loaders with grapples to assist when the trees around the Parish Hall, Cemetery, and Park are cut down by Norris Public Power. We will need help to haul the trees to the existing piles. Please text or call Connor Mason at 402-988-8399 or email zionlutheranchurchpickrell@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you!

BREAKFAST CLUB DONATIONS: The schoolhouse has been cleaned and is ready for classes. Due to the mold in the basement, the majority of items used for Breakfast Club could not be cleaned. We are looking for donations to get them on track. If you have any used furniture: couch, comfy chair, futon, mini refrigerator, and Keurig coffee makers the high school students would be so grateful.

KIWANIS PANCAKE FEED - Sunday, November 2nd from 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Club in Beatrice. Proceeds to benefit various children's programs & charities in the Beatrice community. Adults \$10, Children to age 12 \$5.00 (3 & under eat free).

FUNDRAISER - There will be a medical expense fundraiser for Tanner Schmidt (son of Randy & DeeAnn Lenners Schmidt) on Sunday, November 9th from 11 - 12:30 p.m. at the American Lutheran Church in Filley. Tanner has incurred several expenses not covered by insurance over the last 3 years. Tanner is a lifelong Filley resident & 2009 graduate of Freeman School. Spaghetti, garlic bread, dinner salad & dessert will be served. FREE will offering.

HOSPITALITY EVENT - On November 23rd from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m, Zion's Hospitality Committee will be hosting a holiday planter workshop at Envision Landscape in Beatrice. The price will include a planter, soil and greenery. If you have your own planter, the cost will be reduced. We do not have a final price yet from Envision, due to their supplier changing. Limit of 15 participants. Refreshments provided. Please let VeAnn Jurgens know if you would like to attend by texting her at 402-223-9237.

CAMP REIMBURSEMENTS - Youth who attended confirmation camp or a summer Christian based camp in 2025 are eligible to be reimbursed for 75% of the camp cost. Complete the Willie & Anna Meints Endowment Fund Youth Camp Application located on the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall. Submit the application & copy of the paid receipt to DeAnn Oltman, 6677 E Pickrell Rd. Pickrell, NE 68422. Application deadline is 12/1/25.

NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

We are using a new platform called “Gloo” to communicate to our congregation when events are happening within the church, notification of weather cancellations,



reminders to those who are greeting, reading, or acolyting on various Sundays. For those who have shared their cell phone number with the church, please make sure to add the following number in your contact information **1-833-587-5062 and reference it as “Zion Lutheran Church”** This will help you identify the number. We will continue to utilize Facebook, but hope this will give you additional ways to be notified. **If your cell phone has changed or you want to share your number (landlines do not work), please let Michele Kolm know.**



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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Gold Crest - Mildred Meints, Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson

Good Samaritan – Bob D. Ideus

Homestead House - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman