

## 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.**

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 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** - God bless us on this Flag Day as we celebrate our Nation.

**C** - **Justice is flowing like mighty waters across the land.**

**P**- Freedom is rising for the poor, the forgotten, and the weary.

**C** - **We celebrate the blessings of liberty, compassion, and peace for all people.**

### **Gathering Hymn - Battle Hymn of the Republic (Mine Eyes have seen the Glory) ELW #890**

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

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Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. [Refrain]

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

**P - O Spirit of Freedom and Courage,**

**C - today we gather with grateful hearts for this land;  
for its history, hopes, and promise. We give thanks for those  
who served with bravery, those who work with honesty, and  
those who dream that liberty will shine for every generation.  
Your justice is rolling across this nation like living waters.  
Chains of despair are breaking. The poor are being lifted, the  
lonely welcomed, the wounded restored, and the weary  
strengthened. Make us a people who honor our country not  
only with words and flags, but with lives of kindness, fairness,  
hospitality, and courage. Bless the nations of the earth, and  
bless this nation among them, that we may shine with  
generosity, wisdom, and peace. Amen.**

**Solo By Jeff Gronewold – America The Beautiful**

## Reading of the Scriptures

### First Reading - Amos 5:24 Justice and righteousness roll down

But let justice roll down like water  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

### Psalm 27: 1-3 *(Please read responsively)*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

**whom shall I fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me

**to devour my flesh**

my adversaries and foes

**they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me,

**my heart shall not fear;**

though war rise up against me,

**yet I will be confident.**

### Second Reading - James 2:1-8 Equality and freedom for all.

My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag

you into the courts? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. *Here ends this reading.*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **Gospel - Luke 4:16-21 The oppressed are set free.**

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." *(Please be seated.)*

Gospel Sung Response tune - Darwall's 148th #893

**Rejoice, give thanks and sing: your Sovereign God adore! The scripture has been read to guide us evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice again, I say Rejoice!**

### **Children's Message**

Sung Blessing for our Children - Go, My Children, with My Blessing  
ELW #543 vs 1

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

## **Homily of Reflections and Music - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler**

### **The Star Spangled Banner**

O Say, can you see  
By the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed  
At the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars  
Through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched  
Were so gallantly, yeah, streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare  
The bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof through the night  
That our flag was still there  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

### **Reflection**

#### **Taps**

Day is done,  
Gone the sun,  
From the hills,  
From the lake,  
From the skies.

All is well,  
Safely rest,  
God is nigh

Thanks and praise,  
For our days.  
'Neath the sun,  
'Neath the stars,  
'Neath the sky,  
As we go,  
This we know,  
God is nigh.

## **Reflection**

### **Offering Hymn - This is My Song ELW #887**

This is my song O God of all the nations  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine  
This is my home the country where my heart is  
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine  
But other lands have sunlight too and clover  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine  
So hear my song O God of all nations  
A song of peace for their land and for mine

This is my prayer O God of all earth's kingdoms  
your kingdom come on earth your will be done  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve you

And hearts united learn to live as one  
O hear my prayer O God of all nations  
Myself I give you let your will be done

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

Sung Offering Response tune #841 Lift Every Voice and Sing  
**Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring; ring with  
the blessings of our offering. Let our rejoicing rise, high as the  
listen-ing skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

### **Offering Blessing**

P - Gracious God,

**C - As rivers of righteousness flow through this world, let  
these offerings become part of that mighty stream. Bless this  
nation with compassionate hearts, open hands, and a spirit of  
shared responsibility. May what we give today help freedom,  
mercy, and goodwill flourish among all people. Amen. *(Please  
be seated)***

### **Hymn - America the Beautiful (O Beautiful for Spacious Skies)**

#### **ELW #888**

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain:

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,

and mercy more than life:  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.

**Prayers of the Church** - *When the pastor says, "Lord in your mercy" please respond with "Here 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.**

## **Solo by Jeff Gronewold - Proud to be an American**

### **Quilt of Valor Presented to Sandra (Busboom) Minnick**

#### **Hymn: My Country, Tis of Thee**

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From ev'ry mountainside  
Let freedom ring!  
Al-migh-ty God, to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might,  
Great God, our King.

#### **Benediction** (responsively)

**P** - Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

**C** - **Let freedom and peace flourish for all people, in this land and throughout the earth.**

#### **Announcements in the Life of the Church**

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

**Sending Hymn - This Land is Your land, this land is my land**

This land is your land, this land is my land  
From California to the New York island,  
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters;  
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway  
I saw above me that endless skyway;  
I saw below me that golden valley;  
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps  
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;  
And all around me a voice was sounding;  
This land was made for you and me.

P - Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C - Thanks be to God.**



## **Thursday**

Ladies Aide

## **Next Sunday (Father's Day)**

9:00am - Worship/Communion

\*\*Hospitality will be hosting a snack bar to celebrate all our fathers

## **Helping out next Sunday**

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

Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Nolan Buhr

Sadie Gronewold

Lector:.....Marcia Busboom

Greeters:.....Alex & Beth Buhr

Lynette Jurgens

## **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!**

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**FLOWERS** – The flowers under the hymn board are in honor of Sandra Busboom Minnick and her 25 years of service to our country. They are given by her ZG lunch bunch.

**THANK YOU** – The Heritage Committee would like to thank Jerod Ideus for his vision, direction, and labor on the “work in progress” Veteran Room in the German Schoolhouse. It may not be completely finished but please go across the road and see what is happening. Arnold Buhr began this work with all the frames he made and we hope to continue his work just in a new location. The authentic medals in some of the frames will be given back to the veteran’s families in the near future after we make sure they are represented by pictures.

**GERMAN SCHOOLHOUSE** - Everyone is welcome to stop over at the German Schoolhouse and explore the history displayed in the Heritage and Veterans Rooms. The schoolhouse will be open before and after the church service.

**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!



**PICKRELL PICNIC** - June 13-14<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday Events:**

Church Service in the Park (10:30am -11am)

Windsor Loin Dinner (11am until sold out)

Side-by-Side Farm Tour (1pm - 4pm)

## FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION –



**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!

## **JOIN ZION as we Celebrate “America 250” -**

as our nation approaches its 250th birthday on July 4, 2026, Zion invites you to gather on today for a special day of remembrance, gratitude, and celebration as we honor this historic milestone and the contributions of all Americans.

- Wear red, white and blue to worship service
- Before the church service, join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall and visit the display of “Quilts of Valor” many which have been presented to Zion members.
- The worship service will feature patriotic songs that lift our hearts in gratitude for our nation’s heritage.
- Immediately following the service, The Piecemakers, a quilt group of Firth will award a Quilt of Valor to Sandra (Busboom) Minnick, a daughter of Zion who served 25 years in the military.
- Head up to Zion Fuller Park for the dedication of the new flagpole at 10:45am, donated in memory of Leonard and Caroline Gronewold, especially fitting as we gather on Flag Day.
- After the dedication, enjoy a “All American Ballpark Meal” of burgers, brats, or hotdogs for a free will offering in support of our beautiful ballpark. Come celebrate “America 250” with Zion as we honor our heritage as one nation under God and share in fellowship.



**QUILT OF VALOR  
SANDRA BUSBOOM MINNICK**

**June 14, 2026**

**Zion Lutheran Church      Pickrell, NE**

A Quilt of Valor is being awarded today to Sandra Busboom Minnick for her 25 years of Military service. She enlisted in the Nebraska Air National Guard in 1977 and retired in December 2002 as a Master Sergeant E7 Budget Analyst. Throughout her career and travels she was proud to represent her Country, the Air National Guard, and women in the Military.



The Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 when quilter Catherine Roberts' son was deployed to Iraq. Her dream showed a young soldier in despair being comforted by someone putting a quilt around his shoulders. The message was clear: quilts bring comfort and hope. The mission of Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Early on its mission was to award quilts only to combat wounded returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Later it expanded to include veterans from any conflict, past and present. This mission was expanded a few years ago when the word "combat" was removed from the mission statement. The foundations feels it is appropriate and important to recognize and thank our fellow Americans who have put their lives on hold to protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

Today, Sandra's quilt was made by Forest Acres Quilting Club focusing a panel commemorating the US 250th celebration. The club was founded in 2016 by Susan Hottovy of Adams. Additional members are Velma Lassen, Janie Oltman, Meredith Smidt, Lorna McMurray, and Vicki Johnson. They have awarded 84 quilts, including 5 for the female Honor Flight and 3 for a Purple Heart Honor Flight. 75 were personally stitched and quilted by FAQC.



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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