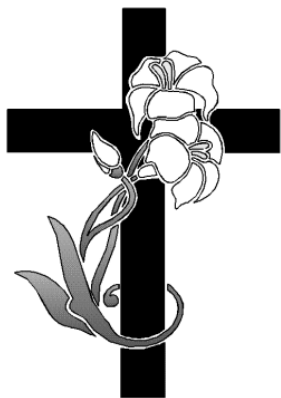


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world.”



Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday with Holy Communion

April 20, 2025

For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask an usher or council member for one and they will show you how to use it.

Prelude – Bell

The overarching theme of Easter is one of ***belonging***. When we find our place and sense of ***belonging*** within the abiding, Triune God, we are also reminded that there are others who belong to God with whom we are encouraged to build community.

Easter Gathering

P- Christ is risen!

C- Christ is risen today!

P- Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. Today Christ is risen, and we gather with astonishment and joy!

C- Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

P- In word and feast, we celebrate God’s unending love, and depart to share this good news with the world. Christ is risen and we are

forgiven.

C- Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

P- Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, We are amazed. Let us rejoice.

C- Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

Gathering Hymn – Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW 365

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

As you are able, please stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as pastor begins.

P- Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C- Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P- Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured during the
thanksgiving.*

P- Holy God,
we give you thanks for the water of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C- make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C- make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C- make us one as you are one.

P- Grant us grace, love, life, O Living One,
that our everyday is shaped by these waters
that gives us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C- Amen

Please be seated.

Children's Time – The Last Enemy

Readings

Acts 10:34-

Lector – Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates the Jews from the Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name will reach all people.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the

dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” Here ends this reading.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, A Song of Victory - *Read responsively.*

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

1st Corinthians 15:19-26

Lector – Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all. Paul writes to the church in Corinth:

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- O God,

C- you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin that we may live with him forever in the joy of resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, amen.

Gospel – Luke 24:1-12

P- Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of the resurrection.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by

themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.
The Gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Lord!

Please be seated.

Special Music- Brass Quartet

**Brass Quartet Members: Les Lieneman, Jordan Busboom, Jeffrey Wallman, and Jonah Reed.

Message – Rejoice!

Offering Song – Joy to the World ELW 267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Offering Prayer

As you are able, please stand.

P- Risen One,

C- you call us to believe and bear fruit.

**May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.**

**Form us to be witnesses in the world,
through Christ our Savior.**

Amen

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!”*

Words of Institution - Song of Consecration

Please join in singing the final verse in bold print.

The night of his betrayal, our Lord took bread.
He broke it as he blest it, and then he said,
“My body broken for you...is what this means;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

And then he took the chalice and raised it high,
“My blood is given for you, a full supply...
a covenant, a promise...a cleansing stream;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

**We share this food together, remem’bring Christ:
we share a common treasure and know the price;
we share it without measure...a gift of love;
we share our life forever, with God above!**

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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.**

Invitation to Communion

P- The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come eat at God's table!

The ELCA and Zion Lutheran Church practices open communion. If you confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior you are welcome to come forward and partake in the bread and wine of communion. Please fill out a communion card in the pew rack. Please hand your communion card to the usher when you come forward.

Communion Song – Thine Is the Glory

ELW 376

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! [Refrain]

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. [Refrain]

Post Communion Prayer

P- Shepherd God,

C- you have prepared the table before us
and nourished us with your love.

**Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend, amen.**

Announcements in the Life of Our Church

Blessing & Dismissal

As you are able, please stand.

P- Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C- Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

P- The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the spirit of Easter hope
+ bless us now and always.

C- Amen.

P- Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

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

Sending Song – Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia ELW 360

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
sing ye heav'ns and earth reply. Alleluia!

2 Love's redeeming work is done; Alleluia!
fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia!
lo, the sun's eclipse is o'er; Alleluia!
lo, he sheds his blood no more. Alleluia!

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell; Alleluia!

death in vain forbids him rise; Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia!

4 Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

5 Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

6 Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

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Helping out Today – Sunrise Service

Pastor.....Jerry Gilbreath
Keyboard.....Janelle Ideus
Guitar.....Deric Bloom
Acolytes:.....High School Youth
Lector: High School Youth
Greeters: High School Youth

Special Music:Endless Hallelujah

Breakfast Club:No Sunday School

Helping out Today -9:30 Service

Pastor:..... Jerry Gilbreath

Organist:..... Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:Max Cornelius
Millie Garton

Lector:Brian Garton

Greeters:..... Gary & Annette Wiese
Robert & Linda Ideus

Special Music:..... Brass Quartet

Breakfast Club: Easter- No Sunday School

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship 313 Giving \$4,119.44

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

7:00 am Sunrise Service/Endless Hallelujah/Comm

8:00 Easter Breakfast

8:30 8th Grade Confirmands Meet with Council

9:30 Worship/Comm/Brass Quartet

Wednesday

6 pm 7th & 8th Confirmation/8th Grade party-parents invited

Thursday

Newsletter Printing Day

Ladies Aid

Adams A's 9U BB vs Waverly

Next Sunday

10:00 Worship/Confirmation/Baptism

Helping out next Sunday

Pastor:..... Jerry Gilbreath

Organist:..... Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:Aiden Hanshaw

Hunter Grone

Lector:Peggy Johnson

Greeters:..... David & Carrye Meints

Alan & Sheryl Wiese

Breakfast Club:..... Jennifer Mahler

April Altar Guild:

Christy Buhr (Leader), Karla Holland, Rhonda Dorn, Lynette Dorn, Doreen Busboom, Kelly Lenners

April Table Troop: Alex Buhr (Leader), Duane Zulauf, Stan & Mary Lenners, Alan Wiese, Doug Parde, Jeff Busboom, Steve Gronewold, Mark Buhr

Snow Brigade

For the week of April 21st: Mike Busboom (Captain), Dean Zimmerman-Tractor, Russ Wallman - Tractor Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr, Bob Freeman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! A Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask you please sign a visitor card located in the pews and bring the information section of the card to the information center desk, located in the Fellowship Hall or place it in the offering plate. We are so glad you are here!

GOD'S WORK - THEIR HANDS

Please take a moment and check out the collection of items Pastor Jer and Karen have made over the years while here at Zion. Items will be on display in the fellowship hall for two weeks. We want to thank Pastor Jer and Karen for sharing their many gifts & talents with us at Zion. They have been a true blessing to us and will be deeply missed.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by:

The sunrise service is sponsored by Peggy, Jamie, Nancy, Neal and their families in loving memory of their dad Vernon Meints whose birthday was April 23rd.

The 9:30 service is sponsored by Patty, Jeremy, Brittany Thomas & Larry & Macy Gronewold in memory of George & Eleanor Wolken's wedding anniversary.

SHARE A MEMORY with Pastor Jer & Karen

Share your favorite memory or special moment with Pastor Jer & Karen by completing a memory card and placing your message in the "Memory Box" located on the Welcome Center. We will present the memories on Sunday April 27th, which is Pastor Jers last service at Zion.

Thank you to Endless Hallelujah, the Brass Quartet, and the High School youth in their music and help with today's services.

Our Sympathies to Doug & Rhonda Dorn and the whole extended family on the death of Doug's mother Marlene Dorn. The funeral was held on April 17th at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Beatrice

Thank you's.....

Zion and Council,

Thank you very much for the wonderful weekend! It was just so overwhelming how we feel.

We've been planning for more than a year for our time at Zion to come to an end. And in a blink of an eye it is here.

Thank you for all the wonderful gifts and kind words! Very humbling. And glad we were able to witness the guys or many of the guys that took part yearly in the soup supper entertainment. Always truly entertaining.

Thank you again for all the gifts, time in the planning this weekend, to Big Foot BBQ decorating committee, the video, and most of all all the friends we have made the 11+ years. Has felt like Home!

~Pastor Jer and Karen



Recognition Sunday is May 18th. Please get your graduates information to the church office (402-239-0417 or jpzionlutheran@yahoo.com) if you would like your family member who is graduating either high school or college recognized.

Save the Date - VBS 2025

Join us for an Alaskan Adventure -
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!

📅 Tuesday, May 27th - Friday,
May 30th

📅 Program & Picnic - June 1

📅 Ages PreK - 5th Grade

📅 <https://vbspro.events/p/e960b1>



Did you know some of Zion's Choirs made albums? We will feature one song from each of the three albums over the next couple weeks. Alnora Daubendick has provided some commentary on the albums. We welcome comments or memories.

Young People's Choir

Young People's Choir



This album was recorded in about 1961, under the direction of John Ehmen. Members of the Young People's Choir were confirmed young people and single young people working in area around Zion, and college students home on weekends. Pastor Arden Dorn does a solo verse; he had started Dana College and was home for the

summer. At that time, students got confirmed when they were sophomores in high school. Practice was weekly on Monday evenings, and the choir sang approximately once a month during a service. When the confirmation age changed and school activities involved more time, practice times were difficult. The Young People's Choir was discontinued in the mid 1960's.

Men's Choir



There were about 18 members in the choir at this time under the direction of John Ehmen. Practices were weekly on Monday nights, except for the summer. Many of the songs are without accompaniment because until about 1960 there was no piano in church and the organ didn't seem to work well. With the piano added to the church, we could do so many more anthems. The choir always went caroling at Christmas. It was a busy night starting at 5 pm, with caroling until 8 pm; the night of caroling was finished with eating at Ranch-O at that time.

Junior Choir



The album was made in about 1970, and was recorded in the church. Mary Lou Oltman directed the Junior Choir at that time. Children grades 1-8 sang in the choir and fill the choir loft with about 40 members. They practiced every week for an hour and all the music was memorized. They sang for church services once a month and sat in the choir loft for the complete service wearing robes. A committee mother assisted on Sunday morning with the robes.

Help Wanted - Serving Opportunities at Zion

Fuller Park is looking for concession stand help this summer and fall. We currently have about 5 home games a month this spring/early summer of 8/9U Baseball during the months of April/May/June.



Starting at the end of August we will have about 4-6 Freeman Softball Home Games. The concessions are always a great hit at our games, and we would appreciate your help. All ages welcome!

Please contact Terry Oltman at 402-416-4902 if you would like to help us this summer.

Parish Ed is looking for a Co-Teacher for 7th grade starting immediately. Please reach out to any member of Parish Ed if you are interested in co-teaching.

Parish Ed is actively looking for Sunday School

Volunteers/Teachers for the upcoming year! If you are interested in either one of the roles below, please reach out to Heather Hippen or any other Parish Ed Member.

A HUGE thank you to all the current and past teachers who have volunteered their time! The Zion Sunday School program would not happen without all of you!

If you would like a copy of the Expression you can find them on the Welcome Center. Please take if you would like one.

Offerings Made Easier

Scan the QR Code to the right to access **Zion's Venmo account & submit your offering. Offering envelopes & online giving via Vanco** are also available. Reach out to a council member with any questions.

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Marilyn Robinson

Homestead House - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman

Wilber Care Center – Ernie Jurgens



List of Easter Lillies

Alvera Bade and family

In Memory of Victor Bade, Emil & Margaret Wallman, Ralph & Neva Bade

Karen Buhr & family

In Memory of Leonard & Bruce Buhr

Lois Buhr Family

In Memory of Arnold Buhr

Karla Carstens, Sydney Carstens, and Matt, Jared, & Jayde Marsh
& Brooks

In Memory of Gary & Judy Carstens

Mark & Cerice Cornelius

**In Memory of Ron & Adeline Cornelius, Diane Cornelius, Steph
Morris**

Betty Daubendiek, Carol Bloodworth, Connie Thornburg & families

**In Memory of Walt & Angeline Johnson, Dean Thornburg,
Roger Daubendiek and Roger Keller**

Dennis & Rhonda Fossler and families

**In Memory of Harvey Fossler, Ernest, Rodney & Marilyn
Zimmerman**

Lynette Jurgens & family

**In Memory of Ernest & Anna Jobman, Sarah Jurgens, Marilyn
Folkerts, and Alisa Knipe**

James & Kelly Lenners, Eddie & Lynette Dorn and families

In Memory of Ernest, Emma, Dennis and Terry Meints

Tracy & Brooklyn Lidolph

**In Memory of Wayne & Dorothy Lidolph & Larry White & Loved
Ones**

Karla, Levi, Macy, & Faith Holland

In Memory of Dave Holland

Doug & Cindy Parde & family

In Memory of Edward & Bernice Parde

Devonna Primavera & Betty Schone & families
In Memory of Elmer & Leona Trauernicht

Dorothy Trauernicht Family
In Memory of Wayne Trauernicht

Patty, Brittany & Jeremy Thomas & Larry & Macy Gronewold
In Memory of Lawrence & Shirley Gronewold, George & Eleanor Wolken, Willie & Esther Gronewold & loved ones

Lorene Wallman & family
In Memory of Eldon Wallman & Scott Higgins

