

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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion Mission Festival Sunday

September 20, 2026



Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

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

Call to Worship *(As you are able please stand)*

P - We gather for our mission festival

C - **Ready to be inspired**

P - In mission work we learn together, enjoying diversity and friendship.

C - **We discover more fully God’s image among us all.**

Gathering Hymn - We All Are One in Mission ELW #576

We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

Kenya Mission - Trip Dave & Glenda Hingst
God's Grace for All Nations

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

Sung Offering Response #884 Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Blessing

P - Loving Christ,

C - We dedicate our offering and our daily work to your
mission of compassion. 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.**

Special Music – Men's Choir

Holy 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.**

P - It is our joy, at all times and in all places to give God thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion - All visitors are welcome at the Lord's Table with us.

Communion Hymn - Let Us Break Bread Together ELW #471

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

Prayer After Communion

P - Gracious Christ,

C - Thank you for refreshing me at your table. Strengthen my faith, increase my love for others, and send me forth into the world in courage and peace. Amen

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Sending Hymn - In Christ There Is No East or West ELW #650

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,

but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding human-kind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

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:.....Debreigh Wendeln
Caleb Kastanek
Lector:None
Greeters:.....Loreen Wallman
Kim & Connie Thornburg
Special Music:.....Men's Choir

September Altar Guild: Linda Blackwell, Denise Schlake-Ideus, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers, Carrye Meints.

September Table Troop: Robert Ideus (Leader), Don Schuster, John Gronewold, Paul & Shellie Remmers, Les & Mert Rademacher, Linda Ideus

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

SS: 66	Giving: \$ 173.00
Worship: 236	Giving: \$3,885.00

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45am - SS

9:00am – BKF Club/Adult Bible Study

10:00am – Worship/Communion

Monday

Funeral - Viola (Dorn) Wolf

7:00pm – Men's Choir Practice

Wednesday

6:00pm – 7th/8th grade confirmation class

Friday

Newsletter Printing Day

Next Sunday

8:45am - SS

9:00am – BKF Club/Endless Hallelujah practice

10:00am - Worship

Helping out next Sunday

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

Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Ellis Freeman

Devyn Gronewold

Lector:Hunter Grone

Greeters:.....Kenny & Carrie Reed

Steve & Diane Oltman

THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY: Vivian Schuster & family; Sandra & Mike, Lorene & Pat, Clarence & Jo in memory of Elmer Schuster's 96th birthday on September 24th.

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.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS - to Brett and Taraesha (Cole) Oltman on their wedding yesterday here at Zion. The flowers under the hymn board are from their wedding. May God bless them as they start their lives together.

BLANKET SEWING – Due to the funeral scheduled for Monday blanket sewing this week will be moved to next week, September 28th & 29th.

BREAKFAST CLUB SIGN-UP - There is a sign-up clip board on the Welcome Center for the Breakfast Club – help feed our hungry high school students on Sunday Mornings.



Sunday School Teachers Needed for the Upcoming Year!

We are looking for volunteers to help teach our Sunday School students this coming year!

Open Positions:

- * 2nd Grade Co-Teacher (1st Semester only)**
- * 7th Grade Co-Teacher**

Teaching Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity to share God's Word and help nurture the faith of our children and youth. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to a member of the Parish Education Committee.

Contact:

 Courtney Schlake – 402-239-4628

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Thank you for helping make a difference in our Sunday School program!

GOOD NEIGHBOR & NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Sunday, October 11, 2026

We invite our church family to INVITE your neighbors & friends to worship that day. **INVITE & BRING those special people with you!** We will also be recognizing Zion's past year's new members this Sunday so come and make your presence felt!

If you are interested in joining Zion, please let Michele Kolm at the church office know or any council member.

THANK YOU – to Alnora and the Men's Choir for your special music today.

TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

Our featured speaker will be **David Hingst**.

GGFAN — God's Grace for All Nations

In 2025, David and Glenda Hingst traveled to Kenya to observe the mission work of **GGFAN (God's Grace for All Nations)** and learn more about the lives of people in southeastern Kenya.

GGFAN is a nonprofit organization committed to transforming lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Their mission is to build strong, Christ-centered congregations that meet the spiritual and physical needs of unreached and least-reached communities throughout Kenya.

During their visit, David and Glenda had multiple opportunities to evaluate agricultural practices in the area and learn more about the five key areas that guide GGFAN's ministry:

- **Reaching the Unreached**
- **Rescuing Vulnerable Children**
- **Transforming Lives Through Mercy Ministry**
- **Empowering Churches & Leaders**
- **Fostering Self-Sustainability** through agriculture, savings groups, and community-based solutions

Today David share about GGFAN's ministry and the work God is doing in Kenya!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

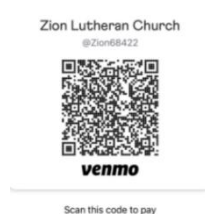
October 4th – Lesson on How we got the Bible. The different translations of the Bible and the version we use at Zion and why.

October 18th – Lesson on Martin Luther. Learn about the reformation, and what it means to be ELCA Lutheran. Learn why people were in danger (Martin Luther,) or killed because they wanted to translate the Bible for the common people.

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



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.**

Bailey Pointe - Vivian Schuster

Gold Crest - Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson

Homestead House - Rosanna Miller, Marsha Zulauf

Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman