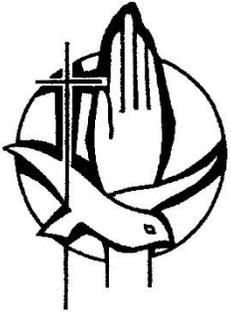


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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



**Endless Hallelujah Contemporary Worship Service
Christ the King Sunday Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost with a Thanksgiving Theme
November 20, 2022**

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

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God’s bounty in Holy Communion, when we partake of Jesus’ word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so “with thanksgiving.” Let us give thanks to God, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

Gathering

P- Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

C- Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Mark 11:9a

P- It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

C- Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Mark 11:9a

Gathering Song – One of These Days

Chorus

One of these days
I'm gonna see the hand
That took the nails for me
One of these days
I'm gonna hold the key
To the mansion built for me
One of these days
I'm gonna walk the streets of gold
That were paved for me
One of these days
I'm gonna see my Savior face to face
One of these days

Verse 1

One of these days I'm gonna fly
Over the mountain
One of these days I'm gonna ride
On the silver lining
One of these days I'm gonna witness
All I've been missing
One of these days **(chorus)**

Verse 2

One of these days I'm gonna see
Just what became of me
On the day that I believed
When You took myself from me
And I believe I will say
What I would have been
If You didn't save me
One of these days **(chorus 2x)**

Confession & Forgiveness

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- Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
who redeems us in Christ,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C- Amen

P- Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P- Most merciful God,

**C- we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.**

**We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**

**We truly repent of the things we have done
and left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ. Amen**

P- Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C- Amen

Children's Time – Christ the King

*America's **HOPE**...NOT in the donkey...NOR in the elephant, but in the Lamb of God!*

Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Lector– Today's reading builds on a common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

Restoration after Exile

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The Righteous Branch of David

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." Here ends this reading.

Psalm 46 – God’s Defense of His City and People

Read responsively.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Colossians 1:11-20

Lector – *An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who is present at creation and is eternally reigning with God. Paul writes to the Colossian church:*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- Almighty God our Father,

C- your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, serve you with willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Gospel – Luke 23:33-43

P- Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and King. Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and King is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised criminal to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.**"]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." [Jesus] replied, "**Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.**"
The Gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Lord! *Please be seated.*

Message – Christ the King

*America's **HOPE**...NOT in the donkey...NOR in the elephant, but in the Lamb of God! What makes Christ the King? Every church is in mission and ministry to one of these kings. Which king are we serving? The king of the world or the King who is called the Lamb of God?*

Offering Song – Step By Step

O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days **(repeat)**

Offering Prayer

As you are able, please stand.

P- Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

C- As you have entrusted us with all that you created, now gather our gifts, nourish with your Word and Sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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 by singing, “O Lord, hear our prayer we offer up
to you; O Lord 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- Christ spreads the table before you.
Gather here with all the saints.

Distribution of Holy Communion

We will be doing communion at the rail for those able to come forward to partake. Please follow the usher's directions and maintain social distancing. A team will bring communion to those unable to come forward. For those who prefer the individual communion package, we have it available in the entryways.

Communion Songs - ROUND THE TABLE

Chorus

Come together round the table
Come and taste the wonder
A healing touch and a deep connection
From the living center of it all

Seeking meaning on the run you try and save the day
But all is ready will you come? Love invites the way. **(chorus)**

Bring a friend or enemy or one you hold or blame
With each other we are one Here in Jesus name) **(chorus)**

Hear creation groan for life. Will Hate and hunger cease?
In the roar of violence the world cries for peace. **(chorus)**

Road To Zion

Verse 1

There is a way that leads to life
The few that find it never die
Past mountain peaks
Graced white with snow
The way goes brighter as it goes

There is a road inside of you
Inside of me there is one too
No stumbling pilgrim in the dark
The road to Zion's in your heart
The road to Zion's in your heart

Verse 2

The river runs beside the road
Its waters living as they flow
In liquid voice the water calls
On thirsty knees the pilgrim falls

There is a road inside of you
Inside of me there is one too
No stumbling pilgrim in the dark
The road to Zion's in your heart
The road to Zion's in your heart

VERSE 3

Sometimes it's good to look back down
We've come so far
We've gained such ground
But joy is not in where we've been
Joy is who's waiting at the end

There is a road inside of you
Inside of me there is one too
No stumbling pilgrim in the dark
The road to Zion's in your heart
The road to Zion's in your heart

Prayer after Holy Communion

P- We give you thanks, most gracious God,
**C- that you have fed us bread of heaven
and give us a foretaste of Paradise.
Enliven us to be your body in this world
and to serve those who are in need;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Announcements in the Life of Our Church

Blessing & Dismissal

P- The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
+ bless us now and forever.

C-Amen

P- Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

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

Sending Song – Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles **(repeat all)**

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Helping With the Service Today

Pastor.....Jerry Gilbreath
Keyboard.....Janelle Ideus
Guitar.....Deric Bloom
Music Leaders.....Endless Hallelujah
Acolytes.....Bella Buhr & Logan Bussboom
Lector.....Peggy Johnson
Greeters.....Steve & Peggy Johnson
Terry & DeAnn Oltman
Breakfast Club.....Karla Holland

Vital Statistics for Last Sunday

Church Attendance 185 Giving \$ 2748.00
Sunday School 63 Giving \$ 39.55

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Monday

****Newsletter Deadline****

Men's Choir 7 pm

Wednesday

No Confirmation Due to Thanksgiving Week

Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

NEXT Sunday

Sunday School 8:45 am
Endless Hallelujah Practice 8:45 am
Breakfast Club/Adult SS 9 am
Worship 10 am

Helping out Next Sunday

Pastor.....Jerry Gilbreath
Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek
Special Music..... Men's Choir
Acolytes.....Kyson Kolm
Avery Busboom
Lector.....Gerald Ideus
Greeter.....Kim & Connie Thornburg
Gerald & Denise Ideus
Breakfast Club.....Kelly Lenner

November Table Troop: Dave & Carrye Meints, Kenny & Janet Schuster, Larry Gronewold, Eddie & Lynette Dorn, Steve & Peggy Johnson, Gary & Brenda Gronewold

November Altar Guild: Denise Idesu, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers, Carrye Meints

Snow Brigade

Week of Nov. 21st Kristi Dorn * Council, Greg Dorn Captain, Dean Zimmerman – Tractor, Russ Wallman – Tractor, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Dave Holland, Alex Buhr, Mike Busboom, Dan Jurgen

Week of Nov. 28th Gary Wiese * Council, Matt Meints Captain, Les Lieneman Tractor, David Meints – Tractor, Andy Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese, Jason Lovitt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask that 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 unity room. We are so glad you are here!

HANDICAP PARKING - We encourage you to reserve parking between the parsonage and the north doors for those joining us with mobility difficulties. Thank you! ~ The Church Council

Today's bulletin is sponsored by the family of Bernice Parde in Honor of her 94th Birthday. Happy Birthday Bernice on November 22nd!!!!

Flowers under the hymn board today – are in honor of Lorene Wallman's 85th birthday. They are given in praise and thanksgiving for the blessing you are to our family!

God is Calling...will you Answer? Parish Ed is actively looking for 2 new members beginning January 2023. If interested in helping out contact one of the Parish Ed members.

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.

Zion is updating the Time & Talent sheets.

PLEASE, IF YOU HAVEN'T FILLED OUT A TIME AND TALENT SHEET – PLEASE DO SO! Our Volunteers are very important in the life of Zion! We will be using the old lists to fill positions. So, if you no longer wish to be a Lector or Greet, please contact the church office. Or if you would like to be added to a position, also contact the church office like table troop etc. as lists for the new year will be being compiled in the next few weeks. Forms are available on the Welcome Center only now.

Looking for two more volunteers: to be on the Hospitality Committee to replace two that would like to retire from this position. If interested, please contact VeAnn Jurgens.

Needing volunteers: to sign up for serving Breakfast Club on Sunday mornings for the high schoolers. The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center.

We will be ordering 2023 Offering Envelopes in December. Please contact Kristi Dorn (402-223-8161) if you would like to start receiving envelopes or if you would like to be removed from the distribution list.

The Candlelight Service offering has been designated to go to the Carolyn Scott Rainbow House located in Omaha. The Rainbow House is a 56-room guest house for out-of-town families who have a family member undergoing medical treatment at Children's Hospital. Some of our own Zion family members and relatives currently or in the past few years have been able to stay here.

Our sympathy to the family of Elmyra Graham who passed away Wednesday night. Please keep Ron, Sandy, Greg, Julee and the rest of the family in your prayers at this time. Elmyra's funeral will be here at Zion on Monday at 11:00 am.

Received a call from Pastor Grants Daughter Marleen: they are having a card shower for Eileen Grant – her birthday is November 26th – she will be turning 90 years young. Her address is as follows:

Eileen Grant
Care Partners
3325 Birch St.
Eau Claire, WI 5470

Our sympathy to the family of Marleen (Grant) Clark. Her husband Roger died this past week. A card of sympathy can be sent to her at

Marleen Clark
8857 Hwy 12
Fall Creek, WI 54742

THE HOMESTEAD HARMONIZERS Presents its 2022 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

“My Favorite Christmas” Sunday, November 27, 2022, at 2 pm at the Hevelone Center for Performing Arts – Beatrice. Tickets are available from any Harmonizer or at the door on November 27th. A \$10.00 free-will or any donation would be appreciated. Proceeds will go to the Beatrice Community Food Bank.

PHOTO DIRECTORY is still under way.

If Camille took your pictures, she will have them to you by 12/1/22. You can then let her know the one you choose for the directory by 12/31/22.

If you have your own photo for the photo directory, you can email it to camilledornphotography@gmail.com. If you are unable to send the picture electronically, you can give the picture to Brenda Gronewold or Rhonda Dorn to scan and return the picture to you. We will accept pictures through 12/31/22.

Accepting New and gently used coats to be given to the Coat Closet at First Christian Church. They can be hung in the Fellowship Hall! They are especially in need of children and men's coats at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Thornburg.

The Tree of Warmth The Sunday School will be having the Tree of Warmth set up in the back of Church again this year, so please consider bringing hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and/or mittens to donate.

The WELCA YEARBOOKS ARE PRINTED and in your mailboxes. If there isn't one in your mailbox and you would like one or an extra one there are some on the Welcome Center

Community Food Pantry

Hello Everyone,

It's that time of year again when we are usually planning the "Ingathering" for Mid November. We will **not** be delivering a brown paper bag with a yellow flyer on it at your front door. **Instead, we ask that you fill a brown or plastic bag with food or personal items and bring it to the Food Pantry between November 1st and the end of the year. We are calling this out "Ingathering" for 2022.** We rely on this food to get us thru the Winter and into Spring. Monetary Gifts are welcome and appreciated. Monetary gifts are used to purchase potatoes, bread, margarine and eggs and other staples. Thanks for your support of the Community Foods Pantry!

Karen Mains

Most needed items

Pancake Mix/syrup

Spaghetti/spaghetti sauce

Peanut butter/jelly

Saltine/graham crackers

Cake/brownie mix

Hamburger, tuna & chicken helper

All soups

Laundry & Dish Detergent

Flour/Sugar

Shampoo/Soap

Ketchup/mustard/mayo

cooking oil

Hot/cold cereals

Healthy kid's snacks

Canned fruits & Veggies

Toilet paper/paper towels

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Gold Crest –Mildred Meints, Marie Schoen

Homestead House – Thees Busboom, Elsie Zimmerman, Evelyn Meints

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman