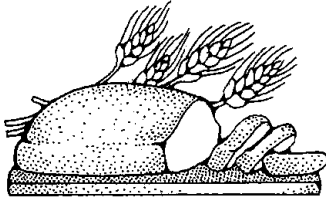


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

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



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion

August 4, 2024

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 Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include twenty–three to twenty–eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter, but the first Sunday is always Trinity Sunday, and the last Sunday is always the Sunday of the Reign of Christ or Christ the King. The season also includes All Saints and Thanksgiving.

Gathering

P- Apparently not satisfied by Jesus; feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want.

C- One does not live by bread alone, but every word that comes from the mouth of God.

P- As always in John’s gospel when people want a sign, Jesus

offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

C- One does not live by bread alone, but every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gathering Hymn – Oh, Worship the King

ELW 842

1 Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

3 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

5 O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

Confession and 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,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C- Amen

P- Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P- God, our provider,

C- help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than in trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in this world.**

P- Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C- Amen

P- The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C- And also with you!

P- Please share the peace of the Lord safely with each other.

Please be seated.

Children's Time: Hungry for Love

Heart hunger is hard to explain. Heart hunger is a spiritual hunger.

With Jesus in our hearts, we know for sure we are always loved.

Readings

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Lector – A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw

it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. Here ends this reading.

Psalm 78:23-29 - Read responsively.

Yet he commanded the skies above,
and opened the doors of heaven;
he rained down on them manna to eat,
and gave them the grain of heaven.

Mortals ate of the bread of angels;
he sent them food in abundance.

He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,
and by his power he led out the south wind;

he rained flesh upon them like dust,
winged birds like the sand of the seas;

he let them fall within their camp,
all around their dwellings.

And they ate and were well filled,
for he gave them what they craved.

Ephesians 4:1-16

Lector – Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ’s one body. Paul writes to the church in Ephesus:

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of

peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said,

“When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended”, what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love,

C- you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, amen.

Gospel – John 6:24-35

P- Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message – The Bread of God

In recent years we have seen “shrinkflation” in grocery stores— package sizes get smaller, but the prices do not. There is always enough, and God is always making more to nourish our faith.

Offering Hymn – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW 461

1. All who hunger, gather gladly

**Holy manna is our bread
Come from wilderness and wand'ring
Here in truth we will be fed
You that yearn for days of fullness
All around us is our food
Taste and see the grace eternal
Taste and see that God is good**

2. All who hunger, never strangers

**Seeker, be a welcome guest
Come from restlessness and roaming
Here in joy we keep the feast
We that once were lost and scattered
In communion's love have stood
Taste and see the grace eternal
Taste and see that God is good**

3. All who hunger, sing together

**Jesus Christ is living bread
Come from loneliness and longing
Here in peace we have been fed
Blest are those who from this table
Live their days in gratitude
Taste and see the grace eternal
Taste and see that God is good**

Offering Prayer

As you are able, please stand.

P- Blessed are you, Holy One,

C- for all good things come from you.

In the bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table,

that we receive what we seek,

and follow your Son, Jesus,

in whose name we pray. 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- At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
Come and see.**

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 Hymn – What Feast of Love

ELW 487

- 1. What feast of love is offered here
What banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life
What gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king
The bread come down from heaven
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!**

- 2. What light of truth is offered here
What covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life
What wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king
The sun come down from heaven
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!**

**3. What wine of love is offered here
What crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life
What precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king
The sweetest wine of heaven
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!**

Post Communion Prayer

P- Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.

C- Amen.

Announcements in the Life of Our Church

Blessing & Dismissal

As you are able, please stand.

P- God who names,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
+ bless you and remain with you always.

C-Amen.

P- Go in peace. You are God's beloved!

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

**Sending Hymn – God Be with You Till We Meet Again ELW
536**

1 God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. **[Refrain]**

3 God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. **[Refrain]**

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Helping out Today

Pastor.....Jerry Gilbreath
Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes.....Paxton Parde
Colt Rinne
Lector.....Denise Schlake-Ideus
Greeters.....The Council
Coffee Fellowship by.....Joy Circle & Volunteers

Vital Statistics for Last Sunday

Sunday Service 97 Giving \$ 5002.00

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

9:00 Worship/Communion/Fellowship by the Joy Circle & Volunteers

Wednesday

7 pm Committee mtg

7:30 pm Council

Next Sunday

9 am Worship/Fellowship by Joy Circle & Volunteers

Helping out Next Sunday

Pastor.....Kathee Forrest
Organist.....Shirley Gronewold
Acolytes.....Jayden Wiese
Presleigh Borgman
Lector.....Brian Garton
Greeters.....Al & Sheryl Wiese
Dean & Andrea Siefkes
Coffee Fellowship by.....Joy Circle & Volunteers

August Altar Guild: Marcella Rademacher, Susan Newman, Carol Young, Sandy Meints

August Table Troop: Duane Zulauf, Stan & Mary Lenner, Al Wiese, Doug Parde, Jeff Busboom, Steve Gronewold, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! A 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 or place it in the offering plate. 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

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.

Our sympathies to the family of Clarence Zimmerman.

Clarence passed away Sunday, July 28th – his graveside service was here at Zion on Wednesday. Please keep Dean, Karen & Derek Zimmerman and the extended family and friends in your prayers.

Flowers under the hymn board are from the funeral of Clarence “Claas” Zimmerman. Clarence’s graveside service was Wednesday, July 31 here at Zion. Please continue to keep Dean, Karen & Derek Zimmerman in your prayers.

Lost & Found

There are 3 jackets hanging on the coat rack in the Fellowship Hall. Please check them out to see if one of them is yours! There is a black leather one and a child’s sweatshirt from VBS.

LWR School Kit supplies are on sale NOW! We will begin church collection for August 1st but you might want to purchase now! List found below ...

70-page count (**wide or college rule notebooks**)

Rulers (**30 centimeter on one side an inches on the other**)

#2 pencils (**unsharpened**)

Pencil sharpeners (**larger ones**)

Scissors (**blunt end**)

Blue or Black only ink pens (**no gel pens**)

Crayons (**16 or 24 count**)

2½ inch Erasers



Thanks to Linda Blackwell for writing the \$250 Thrivent grant for this project!

Attention Breakfast Club sign up!

There will be a sign-up clip board **on the Welcome Center** for the Breakfast Club – help feed our hungry high school students on Sunday Mornings.



A shout of joy to the Lord and everyone else involved in Zion's second 150th Anniversary Celebration! From Saturday's Fuller Park events to our Sunday service, the committee is truly thankful for all your help & participation!

Save the dates - October 26th & 27th for the next celebration.
Saturday features a program by Sue McLain "150 years of Fashion"

Sunday features Pastor Casey Lieneman assisting in the worship service with a lunch to follow

Ways for you to help ...

-Offer to share vintage clothing for display for our Saturday event
-Contribute to our third Silent Auction occurring Sept 8- Oct 20th with proceeds going to the anniversary fund.

More details to come.

Contact anyone on the anniversary committee if interested.

The family of Dave Holland would like to extend our most sincere thank you to Pastor Jer for the beautiful service and our Zion church family for the loving support we have received. Thank you for your prayers, calls, messages, visits and food prepared. Thank you ladies for the wonderful luncheon and the beautiful and very personalized table decorations. We are very blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family.

Gold Crest - Mildred Meints, Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman
Homestead House - Evelyn Meints, Anora Schoen
Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman
Good Samaritan – Arnold Buhr
Wilbur Care Center – Ernie Jurgens

