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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost with

Holy Communion & Contemporary Service

November 15, 2026 Rev. David Smith

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Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship *(As you are able please stand)*
P - Holy is this weekly pilgrimage,
C - The journey my heart takes to be near to Jesus, my heart of hearts, my Beloved
P - Whose love for you is boundless and true.

Gathering Song – Come Now Is the Time to Worship
Chorus
Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Verse 1
One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Ending
Come come just as you are come come

Opening Prayer
P - Blessed Jesus,
C - gift us with the strength for life's journey, courage in times of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life. Amen

Scripture Readings
Old Testament Readings:
Zephaniah 1:17-18
I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed,

for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Exodus 32:30-33

On the next day Moses said to the people, “You have sinned a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.” So Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Alas, this people has sinned a great sin; they have made for themselves gods of gold. But now, if you will only forgive their sin but if not, please blot me out of the book that you have written.” But the Lord said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book.

Psalm 90:3-6, 9-10, 12

You turn us back to dust
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past
or like a watch in the night.
You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
The days of our life are seventy years
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

New Testament Readings:
Philippians 4:1-7
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11
For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
Here ends this reading.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel: John 10:1-4, 7-9, 14-15
“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep

follow him because they know his voice. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. *(Please be seated.)*

Children’s Message

Homily – Rev. David Smith

Offering Song – Goodness Of God
Verse 1
I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2
I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God (*TO CHORUS THEN BRIDGE*)

Bridge
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me (*REPEAT THEN END WITH CHORUS*)

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Offering Blessing
P - Loving Christ,
C - the opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are thankful. Your generous provision for our needs prompts us to be generous in return. Accomplish your purposes, we pray, through these gifts and in our lives. 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* ***"Oh lord hear our prayer, we offer up to you, oh lord 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.

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 Songs –
We Remember You
Verse
In broken bread
And the cup that we share
We remember You
In broken bread
And the cup that we share
We remember You

Chorus
We remember You Jesus
We remember Your love for us
We remember the blood You shed
We remember You

You Are My All In All
Verse 1
You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l

Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Verse 2
Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

The Well
Intro
Leave it all behind
Leave it all behind
Leave it all behind
Leave it all behind

Verse 1
I have what you need
But you keep on searching
I've done all the work
But you keep on working
When you're running on empty

And you can't find the remedy
Just come to the well

Verse 2
You can spend your whole life
Chasing what's missing
But that empty inside
It just ain't gonna listen
When nothing can satisfy
And the world leaves you high and dry
Just come to the well

Chorus
And all who thirst will thirst no more
And all who search will find
What their souls long for
The world will try but it can never fill
(So) leave it all behind
And come to the well

Verse 3
So bring Me your heart
No matter how broken
Just come as you are
When your last prayer is spoken
Just rest in My arms a while
You'll feel the change My child
When you come to the well

Interlude
The world will try but it can never fill
So leave it all behind

Verse 4
And now that you're full
Of love beyond measure
Your joy's gonna flow
Like a stream in the desert
Soon all the world will see
That living water is found in Me
'Cause you've come to the well (*TO CHORUS THEN ENDING)*

Ending
Leave it all behind leave it all behind (*REPEAT)*
Leave it all behind and come to the well

Prayer After Communion
P - Gracious Christ,
C - Thank you for refreshing us at your table. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Announcements in the Life of the Church

Recognition of Our Veterans

C - Zion, a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Benediction

Sending 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*)

P - Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C - Thanks be to God.

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Helping out with Worship Today

Pastor:…….Rev. David Smith
Piano:..……..……..….Janelle Ideus
Guitar:…….……..Deric Bloom
Acolytes:…….....Bryleigh Ideus
Caleb Kastanek
Lector: ……...Cindy Parde
Greeters:……..…Lynette Jurgens
Dorothy Trauernicht
Special Music:…….Endless Hallelujah

Vital Statistics for last Sunday
SS: 65 Giving: $ 140.11
Worship: 160 Giving: $5,663.00

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today
8:45am - Sunday School
9:00am - BKF Club
10:00am - Worship/Communion/Endless Hallelujah

Monday
7:00pm - Men's Choir practice

Wednesday
6:00pm - 7th/8th grade confirmation class

Thursday
Ladies Aide

Next Sunday
8:45am – Sunday School
9:00am - BKF Club
10:00am – Worship/Amigos
*Newsletter Print Day

Helping out next Sunday
Service Leader:……..Les Lieneman
Organist……..…….Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes:……...Debreigh Wendeln
Devyn Gronewold
Lector: ……..…Doug Parde
Greeters:……...Alan & Sheryl Wiese
Pam & Kevin Trauernicht
Special Music:…….……..Amigos

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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!

THANK YOU – to Janelle Ideus, Deric Bloom, and Endless Hallelujah for their special music today.

SYMPATHY & FLOWERS – Our sympathy to the family of Ervin Huls who passed away on November 11th. The flowers under the hymn board are from his funeral service that was Saturday, November 14th at the American Lutheran Church in Filley. Please keep the family of Ervin Huls in your prayers.

BREAKFAST CLUB SIGN-UP – Please consider helping with providing breakfast for our high school youth on a Sunday morning. Use the link or the QR code to sign-up

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44AFAD2FA0FEC52-66766232-breakfast

FALL BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY DRIVE -



YOUTH CAMP REIMBURSEMENTS - Any youth who attended confirmation camp or a summer Christian based camp during 2026, may qualify for reimbursement up to 75% of the camp cost based on the "Early Bird Discount" (if applicable). Funds are provided through the Willie & Anna Meints Endowment Fund. Applications are located on the Welcome Center in the fellowship hall. **Application deadline is 12/1/26.**

PRAYERS FOR PASTOR RENAE – Please add to your prayers for Pastor Renae today and the upcoming weeks for a safe trip for Pastor as she travels in Vietnam. If you have need of Pastoral Care while she is away, please contact a church council member and they will arrange that for you.



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - We invite you to attend our annual candlelight service, December 6th at 6:00 p.m. and experience the light of Christ along with the hope, peace and joy as we await the birth of Jesus. Plan on an inspirational evening, as many of our members will share their musical talents. The Hospitality Committee will host a hot cocoa bar and cookies following the service.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE – New Phone App, Online Giving, and Updated Website coming soon! We're teaming up Subsplash to create a new church app, update our website, and introduce a fresh way to give online. As of **November 1, 2026**, we will no longer use Vanco or Venmo for giving. Instead, all offerings and donations will go through Subsplash. Please scan the new QR here. Offering envelopes 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
Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman
Wilber Care Center - Marsha Zulauf