

Zion Lutheran Mission Statement

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

Twenty-first Sunday after



Penecost with Holy Communion & Contemporary Service

October 18, 2026 Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

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Prelude

Ringling 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 – Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

Holy Baptism of Bergan Lynn Schuster

Opening Prayer

P - Blessed Jesus,

C - give to the newly baptized: 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

First Testament: Genesis 38:13-19 and 25-27 Tamar secures justice for herself

When Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep," she put off her widow's garments, put on a veil, wrapped herself up, and sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. She saw that Shelah was grown up, yet she had not been given to him in marriage. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a prostitute, for she had covered her face. He went over to her at the roadside and said, "Come, let me come in to

you,” for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, “What will you give me, that you may come in to me?” He answered, “I will send you a kid from the flock.” And she said, “Only if you give me a pledge until you send it.” He said, “What pledge shall I give you?” She replied, “Your signet and your cord and the staff that is in your hand.” So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. Then she got up and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood. As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, “It was the owner of these who made me pregnant.” And she said, “Take note, please, whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.” Then Judah acknowledged them and said, “She is more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not lie with her again. When the time of her delivery came, there were twins in her womb.

Psalm 139:13-14

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-7 Faith as an example for others

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel

came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22 Jesus answers a question about paying taxes

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away. *(Please be seated.)*

Children’s Message

Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Offering Song – Shout to the Lord

Verse

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

(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 – 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*)

Change My Heart Oh God

Chorus

Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You

Verse

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

Chorus

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Seek Ye First

Verse 1 & 4

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Verse 2

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

Verse 3

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

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, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Announcements in the Life of the Church

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

Benediction (responsively)

P - Go into your community this week and see

C - Every room is the holy of holies

P - Every drop of water, holy water.

C - Every window, cathedral glass,

P - Every door, a holy door

C - Every meal is a holy communion.

P - Alleluia

C - Amen

Sending Song – Everlasting God

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

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We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God You reign forever

Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

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

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
Piano:.....Janelle Ideus
Guitar:.....Deric Bloom
Acolytes:.....Tanden Wiese
Micah Hofstetter
Lector: Katelyn Bohlmeier
Greeters:.....Billy & Janet Harms
Jeni & Katelyn Bohlmeier
Special Music:.....Endless Hallelujah

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

October Table Troop: LeAnn Fossler (Leader), Doug & Rhonda Dorn, Duane & Janice Parde, Gary Wiese, John & Marcia Busboom

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

SS:	62	Giving: \$	42.01
Worship:	178	Giving: \$	3,364.06

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45am - Sunday School

9:00am - BKF Club/Adult Bible Study

10:00am - Worship/Communion/Baptism/Endless Hallelujah

3:00-5:00pm - Truck or Treat @ Fuller Park

Monday

9-3:00pm - Blanket Sewing

Tuesday

9-3:00pm - Blanket Sewing

Wednesday

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

Friday

Knipe/Ornelas Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday

Knipe/Ornelas Wedding

Newsletter Printing Day

Next Sunday

8:45am – Sunday School

9:00am - BKF Club

10:00am – Worship/Amigos/Baptism

Helping out next Sunday

Pastor:.....Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler
Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes:.....Grayson Borgman
Cash Harwood
Lector: Lynette Jurgens
Greeters:.....Doug & Rhonda Dorn
Mark & Christy Buhr
Special Music:.....Amigos

THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY: Dorothy

Trauernicht & family in honor of Dorothy's birthday today.
Happy Birthday Dorothy!

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!

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

WELCOME – To our newest member in Christ, Bergen Lynn Schuster, on her baptism today. Daughter of Cole & Nichelle Schuster. Bergen was born on April 2, 2026. The sponsors are

Sadie Meyer and Matt Fossler. Grandparents are Kendall and Sharon Schuster, Kevin & Kristen Meyer, and Toby & Shelly (Meyer) Julian. Great grandparents are Roger & Gaylene Day and John Post.

BLANKET TYING & PACKING DAYS – Have a few hours on October 19th or 20th between 9-3pm? We are tying assembled blankets and packing them for Lutheran World Relief. No experience needed for tying the blanket top, batting and back together, just willing hands. Come for a couple of hours or more. If over lunch time, bring your lunch. All are welcome, bring a friend too. Enjoy the fellowship.

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>

ADULT BIBLE STUDY -

All adults are welcome to join in these classes led by Pastor Renae at 9AM in the fellowship hall.

November 1st - Angels, Saints, Demons, Heaven and Hell

November 15th - Interesting facts about the prophets of the old testament

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

FALL BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY DRIVE -

A poster for the Fall Blessings Food Pantry Drive. The title is in a large, brown, cursive font, with 'FOOD PANTRY DRIVE' in a bold, black, sans-serif font below it. A red heart is centered between the title and the text 'A table has been setup in the church fellowship hall!'. Below this, it says 'Zion 3rd Graders will be organizing the drive.' in a cursive font. There are two columns of items: 'BASICS' and 'NICE EXTRAS', each with a list of items. A 'SHORTAGE ITEMS' section is also present. At the bottom, there is a photo of a cardboard box labeled 'Food Donations' with a heart, filled with various food items like pasta, sauce, and canned goods, next to a pumpkin and autumn leaves. A green banner at the bottom right says 'Runs from Oct 18 - Nov 18'.

Fall Blessings
FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

— ♥ —

A table has been setup in the church fellowship hall!

Zion 3rd Graders will be organizing the drive.

BASICS:

- Pasta
- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Saltine / Snack / Graham Crackers
- Chicken Broth
- Manwich
- Chunky Soup
- Vegetable Oil
- Flour
- Sugar
- Pork-n-Beans

NICE EXTRAS:

- Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise
- Ranch, Paper Towels, Jelly
- BBQ Sauce

SHORTAGE ITEMS:

- Taco Shells
- Taco Seasoning
- Tuna Helper
- Chicken Helper
- Pizza Crust Mix
- Pizza Sauce
- Toilet Paper

Food Donations

Runs from Oct 18 - Nov 18

THANK YOU - With the help of a Thrivent Action grant of \$250 Grace Circle prepared 17 operation Christmas child boxes. Most of these children have never received a gift like this: toys, socks, crayons, etc. Every box is an opportunity for a child to hear that Jesus came to earth for them. The boxes are on display in the fellowship hall along with information material.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT – The Trunk or Treat event is TODAY. We hope to see all the kids of Zion and their friends out at Fuller Park. The Hospitality Committee will still accept volunteers to host and decorate a trunk for the event. Please contact Jeni Bohlmeier at [402-440-3672](tel:402-440-3672). Thank you to all that have signed up to make this event successful.



SUPPORTING SAMMIE GARTON - Many within our church family have asked how they can support Sammie Garton as she continues her healing journey through leukemia. As we stand with Sammie and her family in prayer, we also recognize the significant financial burdens that often accompany ongoing medical treatments, travel, and time away from work.

For those who feel led to provide financial support, contributions may be mailed to:

Adams State Bank
649 Main Street
Adams, NE 68301

Please make checks payable to Adams State Bank and include "Sammie Garton" in the memo line. The memo is very important to ensure the funds are properly directed.

Most importantly, we ask that you continue to lift Sammie and her loved ones in prayer, trusting in God's faithfulness, comfort, and provision during this difficult journey.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

online
GIVING
easy. fast. effective.

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

Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman

Wilber Care Center - Marsha Zulauf