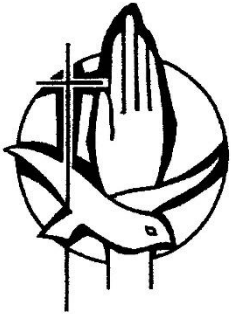


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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



**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost with
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
November 13, 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

*As Lutherans we are not afraid to proclaim the reality of sin,
The preacher does not need to pretend everything is okay.
The preacher can lean into the promise that nothing is beyond
God’s capacity to redeem. The cross can become the place
where the world is saved, then God can remake our lives
and reveal in them something new.*

Gathering

P- The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are fearful. The tone of today’s text are ominous.

C- In righteousness will the Lord’s judge the world? Psalm 98:9

P- But the baptized know how to live in the present. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing right.”

C- In righteousness will the Lord’s judge the world? Psalm 98:

Gathering Hymn – Faith of Our Fathers ELW 812

1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,
were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate
if they, like them, should die for thee. **[Refrain]**

3 Faith of our fathers! We will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,
by saving word and faithful life. **[Refrain]**

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

Special Music - Kids of the Kingdom

Children's Time – O Sing to the LORD a New Song!

*The psalmist's words are for everyone, of every age and ability, to
sing. Even those children and adults who are convinced they are
not good at it.*

DUE TO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH IN THE BASEMENT PARTENT'S ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THEIR CHILDREN DOWNSTAIRS THEMSELVES .

Special Music – Amigos

Sacrament of Baptism – Josephine Lynn Gronewold

Readings

Malachi 4:1-2a

Lector– Malachi, whose name means “messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. Here ends this reading.

Psalm 98 – Praise the Judge of the World

Read responsively.

O sing to the LORD a new song,

for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm

have gained him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory;

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness

to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

2nd Thessalonians 3:6-13

Lector – Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work. Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica:

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to

imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- O God, the protector of all who trust in you,

C- without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Gospel – Luke 21:5-19

P- As history moves towards God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, **“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”**

Signs and Persecutions

They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And [Jesus] said, **“Beware**

that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them."

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven."

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Message – O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.**

The psalmist's words are for everyone, of every age and ability, even those who are convinced they are not good at it, to **SERVE** God and neighbor. Theologically speaking, God comes as judge. It may be surprising to hear creation cheering God's coming judgment in Psalm 98: the seas roar, the floods clap their hands,

and the hills sing. Could it be creation's jubilation at God's coming judgment means the end of our distorted and destructive relationship with nature once and for all. Today we pray that God's judgment comes as transforming mercy, opening a new future for us all.

Offering Hymn – My Faith Looks Up to Thee ELW 759

1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

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**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.**

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 Hymn – This Little Light of Mine ELW 677

1 This little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goina'a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Pastor Jer's phone number – 402-404-0494

Karen's number – 402-661-9362

Email kmgilbreath1961@yahoo.com

Helping With the Service Today

Pastor.....Rev. Arden Dorn
Organist.....Alnora Dauendiek
Special Music.....Kids of the Kingdom
Amigos
Acolytes.....Reagan Rinne & Max Behrens
Lector.....Mickey Larkins
Greeters.....Mickey Larkins
Hunter & Linda Blackwell
Breakfast Club.....Brenda Gronewold
Children's Church.....Need Volunteers

Vital Statistics for Last Sunday

Church Attendance	200	Giving \$	6084.00
Sunday School	73	Giving \$	61.75

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Monday

Men's Choir 7 pm

Wednesday

7th Confirmation 6pm

NO 8th Grade Confirmation due to Pastor having Covid

Thursday

Ladies Aid

NEXT Sunday

Sunday School 8:45

Endless Hallelujah Practice 8:45

Breakfast Club/Adult SS 9 am

Worship/ Comm 10 am

Helping out Next Sunday

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

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

Thank you Rev Adren Dorn for volunteering to lead worship today due to Pastor Jer testing positive to Covid on Thursday.

Snow Brigade

Week of Nov. 14th Brenda Gronewold* Council, Mark Buhr Captain, Gary Gronewold Tractor – Stan Lenners Tractor, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus, Justin Hippen

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 we celebrate the baptism of Josephine Lynn Gronewold daughter of Reece & Megan Gronewold. Sponsors for Josephine are Nathan & Megan Alexander.

The flowers under the hymn board are in honor of Josephines baptism today.

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Shirley Gronewold it would have been Shirley and Ehme's 62nd Wedding Anniversary today.

HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY AWAITS YOU!!!!

WHAT: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

WHO: GROUPS, FAMILIES, OR INDIVIDUALS

WHAT: FILL A SHOEBOX WITH VARIOUS ITEMS TO BE GIVEN TO A CHILD IN NEED IN OUR WORLD

WHY: SHOW LOVE TO OUR NEIGHBOR

You can bring your boxes to Zion when have them filled. The deadline for the boxes is November 14th-21st. MORE INFO IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON THE TABLE!

This is the final week to fill those shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!!! Check out the flyers located on the table in the fellowship hall or check out the project online for specific details! “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16

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.

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.

Zion is updating the Time & Talent sheets. Through Covid these have become outdated. Please use this link



(<https://forms.gle/NdZ4VCwHjuFax7388>) or scan the QR code with your phone to complete your time and talent sheet or grab a copy in the entry ways or see a council member for your copy.

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!

Received a call from Pastor Grants Daughter: 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 54701

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 SUNDAY SCHOOL
October 2022 Perfect Attendance

<u>Little Angels</u> Ace Bartlett Jaxon Lane	<u>First Grade</u> Emma Lane	<u>Fifth Grade</u> Sadie Gronewold
<u>Pre-K</u> Bennett Wiese Claire Freeman	<u>Second Grade</u> Gus Garten	<u>Sixth Grade</u> Max Cornelius
<u>Kindergarten</u> Beau Gronewold Carson Behrends Logan Hippen	<u>Third Grade</u> Devyn Gronewold Ellis Freeman Tandon Wiese Jace Behrends	<u>Seventh Grade</u> Bella Buhr James Scholl
	<u>Fourth Grade</u> Cash Harwood	<u>Eight Grade</u> Nicole Davison



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.

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 towel

Middle School Gathering - Registration is Open!

The annual Nebraska Synod Middle School Gathering (MSG) for youth in grades 6-8 and their adult leaders will be held at First Lutheran Church in Kearney from 10am on January 14 to 1pm on January 15,



2023. The theme is “Lean on Me,” and guiding verses will be Isaiah 41:13 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-20. To learn more and register for the MSG, check out the link below. Space is limited, so please register early!

The annual Middle School Gathering is a highly interactive experience for young people in grades 6-8 and their adult leaders. Young people and their adult leaders shared these reasons why the Middle School Gathering is good to host and attend:

- It’s a good place to connect with God and connect with others we wouldn’t normally see.
- To get reenergized and learn so much.
- To go back home and be creative in our own churches.
- It’s one way we can meet more Lutheran youth and experience the larger church.

The next MSG will be held from 10am Saturday, January 14 through Sunday, January 15, 2023, at [First Lutheran Church in Kearney](#). Worship, mealtime conversations, interactive workshops, team building with friends from Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and time at the Kearney YMCA will fill the weekend. The theme will be “Lean on Me,” and our guiding verses are Isaiah 41:13 and 1 Corinthians 12: 12-20.

Registration Rates:

- Early bird (on or before November 18): \$48
- Regular registration (November 19-December 12): \$58
- Late registration (December 13-December 28): \$68
- A ratio of six youth to one adult is recommended. Adult leaders from congregations will provide round trip transportation for their congregation's youth from First Lutheran Church in Kearney to the Kearney YMCA during the Middle School Gathering.

Registration Steps:

- Each youth and adult participant completes a Registration Form.
- The primary adult leader uses Registration Forms to complete registration online.
- Bring the hard copy of Registration Forms to the Middle School Gathering so an adult leader from your group can have them available for emergency purposes.
- Each ADULT participant must complete a Volunteer Screening Form and return it by December 28 to office@nebraskasynod.org.
- If you need to request a refund, the request will be honored if emailed to office@nebraskasynod.org by December 28.
- For CANCELLATIONS, email office@nebraskasynod.org the name of the person cancelling. If you are wanting to SUBSTITUTE one person for another, email office@nebraskasynod.org the name of the person canceling and the name, t-shirt size, emergency contact and special needs of the person being added and acknowledgement that their covenant and medical/photo release were signed. Substitutions made after December 28 are not guaranteed a t-shirt.

Space is limited, so please register early. Questions? Please contact Deacon Timothy Siburg.

[**Download the Printable**](#)

[**Registration Form**](#)

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.

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Gold Crest –Mildred Meints, Marie Schoen

Homestead House – Thees Busboom, Elsie Zimmerman, Evelyn Meints

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman