

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.



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

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Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Gathering our Spirits for Worship *(As you are able please stand)*

P - In ancient days, a king was crowned by anointing his head with oil.

C - **Prophets anointed shepherds and farmers to become kings.**

P - In Bethany, a woman poured costly perfume upon Jesus.

C - **Declaring what the world could not yet see: the Anointed One is among us.**

P - And today we remember,

C - **We too are anointed with the Spirit of God.**

Gathering Hymn - 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

Change my heart oh God
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Prayer of Opening our Hearts to God

P - Holy One of fragrance and fire,

C - Long ago prophets poured oil upon the heads of kings. The oil ran down their hair and beards as a sign that heaven and earth were meeting. In the poetry of Song of Songs, lovers anointed one another with perfumes of nard and myrrh. Their bodies carried the fragrance of devotion. Then in a small house in Bethany a woman broke open a jar of costly oil and poured it upon Jesus. In that moment the ancient symbols came alive again; the lover's devotion, the prophet's recognition, and the crowning of a king. Remind us today that Christ is crowned with compassion to heal, forgive, and lift the lowly. Amen (*Please be seated*)

Reading of the Scriptures

First Reading - Song of Songs 4:9-11 The aroma of sweet oil

You have ravished my heart, my sister, my bride;

you have ravished my heart with a glance of your eyes,
with one jewel of your necklace.

How sweet is your love, my sister, my bride!

How much better is your love than wine
and the fragrance of your oils than any spice!

Your lips distill nectar, my bride;

honey and milk are under your tongue;
the scent of your garments is like the scent of Lebanon.

Psalm 45:6-8 (*Please read responsively*)

Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad

Second Reading - 1 John 2:20-21 & 27 Anointed with oil

But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and all of you have knowledge. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you know that no lie comes from the truth. As for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, so you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in him. *Here ends this reading.*

Gospel - Matthew 26:6-13 Mary anoints Jesus

(Please stand as you are able)

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Offering Hymn - 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes To Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find Chorus 2x

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
God, I'll worship Your holy name

Ending
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
God, Worship Your holy name

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Offering Blessing

P - Holy God,

C - we bring our gifts. They carry the fragrance of generosity, the fragrance of compassion, and the fragrance of hope. Bless these offerings that they may anoint the world with justice and mercy. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the holy spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 "Oh Lord hear our prayer, we offer up to, 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.**

Benediction Litany

P - Go now into the world.

C - **We go as people anointed by the Spirit.**

P - May the fragrance of love surround you.

C - **May justice flow like holy oil to heal the broken hearted.**

P - May the Spirit who anointed Christ guide your steps.

C - **And may we carry that anointing into every corner of our community.**

P - Go in peace.

C - Amen.

Announcements in the Life of the Church

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

Sending Hymn - One of These Days

One of these days I'm gonna fly
Over the mountains
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

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 keys
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

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 see
What I would have been
If You didn't save me
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 *Repeat Chorus*

P - Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C - **Thanks be to God.**

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Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship: 122 Giving: \$ 7,179.00

SS: 45 Giving: \$ 10.00

Lenten S. 61 Giving: \$ 678.00

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45am - Sunday School

9:00am – BKF Club/Endless Hallelujah Practice

10:00am – Worship/Endless Hallelujah

Wednesday

6:00pm - 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

6:00pm – 1st Communion Class

7:00pm – Lenten Service

Thursday

Ladies Aide

*****Newsletter Printing Day*****

Next Sunday

8:45am - SS

9:00am - BKF Club/Adult Bible Study

10:00am - Worship/Communion/Men's Choir

Helping out next Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Pastor:.....Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Organist:.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Cash Harwood

Millie Garton

Lector:.....Kelly Lenners

Greeters:.....James & Kelly Lenners

Donny & Elnora Lenners

Special Music:.....Amigos

Kids of the Kingdom

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!

THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY: NONE

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.

THANK YOU – To the Endless Hallelujah for providing special music today.

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING – March's fifth Sunday (March 29th) offering has been designated to go to the Endowment Fund.

WILLIE & ANNA MEINTS RECIPIENTS – Any college students that received the Willie & Anna Meints scholarship and are involved in Turning Point USA, are asked to contact Kevin Buhr at 420-429-1976 or burhkg@gmail.com as soon as possible.



SPRING CLEANUP - Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for March 28th at 9:00am. (Outdoor clean up weather permitting with alternate date of April 11th.) Everyone that can help would be much appreciated!

THRIVENT DEADLINE – The deadline to direct 2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars is **March 31, 2026**. Eligible members must direct these funds annually by this date, or it will expire and be repurposed by Thrivent.

NEXT HOSPITALITY EVENT – Another fun event coming your way by the hospitality committee. Mark your calendar for April 19th and keep your eye out for more info in the April Newsletter and bulletins on Plant BINGO.

EASTER LILY SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE WELCOME CENTER - Please place your name and in memory or in honor of on the sheet. It will be posted in the May Newsletter and the bulletins on Easter Sunday. Please don't plan to deliver until the week of Easter if at all possible.



GATHER TO WORSHIP OUR SAVIOR - Easter Sunrise Worship 7:00 am, led by our High School youth and Endless Hallelujah.

**High School youth be watching for more details on practice and your participation in the service. HS parent volunteers needed to help coordinate youth participation and practice, if you would be willing to help let Marcia know ~Thank you

EASTER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP - will be served immediately following Sunrise Service (approximately @ 8:00 am) We are again asking for baked breakfast casseroles, rolls, muffins or coffee cakes and fruit plates or bowls, juice and milk. Food donations and kitchen help/serving/clean up signup clip boards can be found at the Welcome Center. We ask that your food be brought to the kitchen by 7:30 am that morning. Your help and donations are appreciated! The free will offering will benefit Cassie Thornburg and her ministry with the Navigators.

PALM SUNDAY NEXT WEEK -



SHEETS NEEDED – Cleaning out your closets? The Zion Blanket Sewers are needing sheets for the backs of the blankets we make. The sheets can be made of cotton, polyester, polyester/cotton, or microfiber (flannel is okay, but not fleece). The sheets can be Twin to King flat sheets and fitted sheets that are Queen to King sizes, which we will cut to the app 63” x 83 size we need. The extra material can be used to make the pieces tops for the blankets. The sheets can be plain colors, patterns, and children’s designs. Sheets can be dropped off on the kitchen counters in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, please contact Denise Schlake-Ideus (402) 806-2236 or Elnora Lenners (402) 806-5909.



SPRING FLING – Join us in remembering the Golden Years. Saturday April 11th @ 11:30am at Filley ALC Parish Hall. RSVP by April 6th to Carol @ 402.223.7919 or Betty @ 402.806.1793



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 - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller, Marsha
Zulauf

Our Homes Assisted Living - Randy Oltman