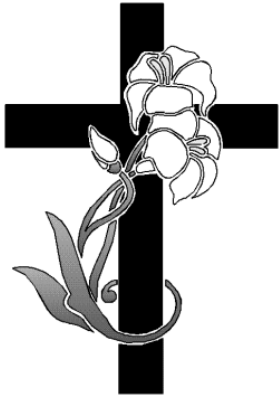


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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



EASTER SUNRISE Contemporary Service with Holy Communion

April 5, 2026

Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask a council member for one and they will show you how to use it.

Prelude - Awesome God (Endless Hallelujah)

Bringing in the light of Christ

Ringling of the bell

The Easter Story

Hymn - Man Of Sorrows

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowling to the Father's will

He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree *Chorus*

Bridge

Now my debt is paid
It is paid in full
By the precious blood
That my Jesus spilled
Now the curse of sin
Has no hold on me
Whom the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed *Repeat the bridge then to chorus*

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honor unto Thee

See the stone is rolled away
Behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah God be praised
He's risen from the grave *Ending with chorus 1x*

The Easter Story Continued

Hymn - The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

Love so amazing so divine
demands my soul my life my all

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

Easter Proclamation *(Read Responsively)*

L - Christ is risen.

C - **He's risen indeed.**

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C - **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

L - This is the day that the Lord has made.

C - We will rejoice and be glad in it.

L - Alleluia. Christ is risen.

C - Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

You may be seated.

Children's Sermon

Prayer

L - God of mercy,

C - we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Offering Hymn - Amazing Grace the Chains Are Broken

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free

My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine

Offering Blessing

L - Gracious Spirit,

C - receive this offering as a sign of my intention to live surrounded by your mercy. Refresh me now with a new life of divine grace and human love. Make the joy of this Easter day burst forth from within me. 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 Intercession - 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."**

The 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

Hymns During Distribution

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*)

Lamb Of God

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Chorus

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God (*Chorus*)

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God *(Chorus)*

You Are My King (Amazing Love}

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
And I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

Chorus

Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You *(Repeat all 1x then to ending)*

Ending

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, would die for me?
(I know it's true)
Amazing love, I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You I honor You

Prayer After Communion

P - Almighty God,

C - We rejoice in the reviving power taking place within us right now; healing us in the places where we were hurting. For these gifts of love and life within your holy meal, we give you thanks. Amen.

Breakfast Invitation and Prayer

L - Let us pray,

C - May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us this Easter morning. May this meal be blessed as we gather to celebrate the risen Lord together. May your love be shared between us as we enjoy the gift of fellowship. And may we always give thanks for all you provide. In your Name we pray. Amen

Benediction

Closing Hymn - Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

Repeat all

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

April Table Troop: Mark Buhr (Leader), Alex Buhr, Stan & Mary Lenners, Alan Wiese, Doug Parde, Jeff Busboom

Snow Brigade:

April 6th- Luke Ideus (Captain), Gary Gronewold (Tractor), Stan Lenners (Tractor), Justin Hippen, Mark Buhr, James Lenners, Billy Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman

April 14th- Mike Busboom (Captain), Dean Zimmerman (Tractor), Russ Wallman (Tractor), Dan Jurgens, Greg Dorn, Paul Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr

Vital Statistics for last Week

Worship: 287 Giving: \$ 4,724.80

SS: 66 Giving: \$ 45.50

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

7:00am - Sunrise Service/Communion/Endless Hallelujah

8:00am - Easter Breakfast/Fellowship

9:30am - Worship/Communion/Brass Quartet

Wednesday

9-1:00pm - Blanket Sewing

1:30pm - Grace Circle

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

7:00pm - Committee Meetings

7:30pm - Council Meeting

Thursday

9-3:00pm - Blanket Sewing

Next Sunday

8:45am - Sunday School

9:00am - BKF Club

10:00am - Worship/Baptism/Quartet/Kids of the Kingdom

Helping out next Sunday

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

Organist:.....Shirley Gronewold

Acolytes:.....Nolan Buhr

Sadie Gronewold

Lector:..... Gary Gronewold

Greeters:.....Steve & Peggy Johnson

Brenda & Gary Gronewold

Special Music:.....Quartet

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: The family of Steven and Rosalee Gronewold in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 3rd. Congratulations on 50 "Golden" years!

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 high school youth for helping out with Sunrise Service, Endless Hallelujah, & Brass Quartet for providing special music today.

THANK YOU - To the high school youth that lead and presented the service this morning and to pastor Renae for her contribution and participation.

THANK YOU - Thank you to all those that provided food for the breakfast and volunteer help in the kitchen. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP ANY NON DISPOSABLE DISHES FOLLOWING THE BREAKFAST OR ASAP. ~Thank you!

THANK YOU - Thank you to all the helpers that showed up to help on cleaning day. Your help was greatly appreciated. We could not have done this without your help! If we missed someone, we apologize.

Korbin Busboom	Paul Remmers	Jenny Busboom
Monica Busboom	Kenny Reed	Janet Harms
Rose Gronewold	Gary Wiese	
Tavin Lieneman	Laurie Wallman	
Kristen Meyer	Jason Wallman	
Marcella Rademacher	Tony Hoffman	

CONGRATULATIONS - Brendan & Emily (Lenners) Lipovsky had a baby girl Emersyn Kay on March 24th. Grandparents are James and Kelly Lenners.

FARM FRESH EGGS - Farm fresh eggs are now available for purchase! Suggested price is \$3 per dozen and can be found on the Welcome Center. Proceeds will support various projects around the church. Eggs have been generously donated by Don Schuster—thank you for your kindness and support!

PLANT BINGO – Want some new plants. Come play plant BINGO! April 19th from 2-4:00pm at Envision Landscape's in Beatrice. Cost is \$20 per person. Refreshments will be provided. Limited seats available so text VeAnn Jurgens at 402.223.9237 to reserve yours ASAP.

SEALED BIDS BEING ACCEPTED - The Council is accepting sealed bids for the sale of a Roland Fantom-G8 electric piano (Model: Fantom-G8, Serial No. Z3A9026). All bids must be received by **May 15th** and may be submitted to any Council member. The item is being sold as-is, with no warranties expressed or implied. For additional information or to arrange inspection of the equipment, please contact any council member.



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

SHEETS NEEDED – Cleaning out your closets? The Zion Blanket Sewers need 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.



**VBS COMMITTEE
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**COMMITTEE
DETAILS**

- **Two Volunteers Needed**
- **3 Year Term**
- **Meet in March, April & May**
- **Help Plan & Organize VBS**
- **Set Up VBS**
- **Assist during the week of VBS**

If you enjoy planning, organizing, or just want to help make VBS special for our church kids, we'd love to have you join the team!

Please reach out to Courtney Schlake, Jordan Freeman, Sarah Bartlett or Kate Meints if you are interested or want to learn more!

AMERICA 250 - The Nation's upcoming birthday July 4, 2026, honors the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, with a focus on gratitude, religious freedom, and service. As part of the "America 250" we are planning to commemorate this historic moment in our nation's history here at Zion. On Sunday morning, **June**

14th, we will gather to celebrate and honor America. As this event is still in the planning stages, we do have a plan to include a display of Quilts of Valor from our present and past Zion members. We are also hoping to award a Quilt of Valor. **At this time, we are looking for “Quilts” of Valor that have been presented to service members or veterans that attend or have attended Zion. We are also seeking names and contact information for service members or living veterans who may be eligible to receive a Quilt of Valor. As there is a protocol to nominate a candidate, this information is needed in a timely manner. Please contact Denise Schlake-Ideus or Marcia Busboom with any of the above information or if you would like to help with planning this celebration.** We are grateful to be collaborating with Quilts of Valor organizations through Quilt Stitches in Beatrice and “Piecemakers” in Firth.

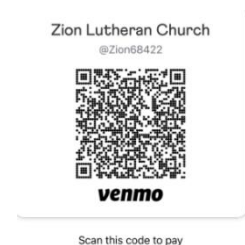
****The Mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover Service Members and Living Veterans touched by war with a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor.*

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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



List of Easter Lillies

Alvera Bade and family
**In Memory of Victor Bade, Emil & Margaret
Wallman, Ralph & Neva Bade**

Alex, Beth, Nolan, and Emmit Buhr
In Memory of Dennis & Bev Buhr and Charity Masters

Arnold & Lois Buhr's children and families
In Memory of Arnold & Lois Buhr

Mark & Cerice Cornelius Family
In Memory of Ron & Adeline Cornelius, Diane Cornelius

Alnora Daubendiek
In Memory of Edwin Daubendiek and John & Meta Wallman

Steve & Peggy Johnson
In Memory of our parents and grandparents

Lynette Jurgens & family
**In Memory of Ernest & Anna Jobman, Sarah Jurgens, Marilyn
Folkerts, and Malinda Jobman**

Donald and Elnora Lenner
In Memory of their loved ones.

James & Kelly Lenners, Eddie & Lynette Dorn and families
In Memory of Ernest, Emma, Dennis and Terry Meints

Tracy & Brooklyn Lidolph
In Memory of Wayne & Dorothy Lidolph & Larry White & Loved Ones

The family of Steven and Rosalee Gronewold
In honor of Steven & Rosalee's 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 3rd. Congratulations on 50 "Golden" years!

Karla, Levi, Macy, & Faith Holland
In Memory of Dave Holland

Kent & Jennifer Mahler
In Memory of Cliff & Idella Mahler, Keith Mahler, & Lowell Rahe

Meints Family
In Memory of Lawrence & Mildred Meints

Doug & Cindy Parde & family
In Memory of Edward & Bernice Parde

Devonna Primavera & Betty Schoen & families
In Memory of Elmer & Leona Trauernicht

Patty Thomas and Doyle Scott
In Memory of Lawrence & Shirley Gronewold, George & Eleanor Wolken, Willie & Esther Gronewold, and Heather Currie