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Twelveth Sunday after Penecost with Holy Communion



August 16, 2026

Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

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Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

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

P - Mother, Father God

C - I thank you that this world is one of endless variety, color and form.

P - I thank you for all of the beauty that surrounds us.

C - My gratitude will enflame all aspects of this worship service today.

Gathering Hymn - Come, We That Love the Lord

ELW#625 vs.1-3

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

[Refrain]

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly King,
but children of the heav'nly King
may tell their joys abroad,
may tell their joys abroad. [Refrain]

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets. [Refrain]

Prayer of Opening our Hearts to God

P - O Divine Wind,

**C - blowing with the Spirit's sweetness through Zion church,
causing my heart to dance. I feel your caress of compassion
and your loving touch. Exhale a gale of your grace into me and
set me under full sail as your servant of life and love. Amen**

Reading of the Scriptures

First Reading - Isaiah 38:19-21 Healing with a lump of figs

The living, the living, they thank you, as I do this day; fathers make known to children your faithfulness. The Lord will save me, and we will sing to stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the Lord. Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a lump of figs and apply it to the boil, so that he may recover."

Psalm 51:6-7 *(Please read responsively)*

You desire truth in the inward being;

therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Second Reading - Acts 9:32-35 Aeneas is healed

Now as Peter went here and there among all the brothers and sisters, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!" And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.. *Here ends this reading.*

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel - John 9:5-7 Jesus heals a man born blind

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. *(Please be seated.)*

Gospel Sung Response tune - Holy, Holy, Holy ELW #413 vs 4

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Lord God Al-might-y! All thy works shall
praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly,
mer-ci-ful and might-y! God in three per-sons, bless-ed
Trin-i-ty!**

Children's Message

Sung Blessing for our Children Tune - Blest Are They ELW #728
**Bless our kids, full of spi-rit. They are the child-ren of God.
Bless our kids, bright and live-ly. Shine for all to see.
Re-joyce and be glad! Bless-ed are you, ho-ly are you!
Re-joyce and be glad! Yours is the king-dom of God!**

Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

**Offering Hymn - We Come to You for Healing, Lord
ELW #617 vs 1-3**

We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by, your Spirit's touch,
we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,
come, risen Christ, among us still
with power to heal again.

You touch us through physicians' skills,
through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends
who lift our lives in prayer.

(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)

Sung Offering Response tune – ELW #884 Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Blessing

P - Loving Christ,

C - I am choosing wisely the words and deeds that make your ancient dream unfold. Bless me and my offering, O harvest of my heart, delight of my days. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

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 "**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 Hymn - Amazing Grace ELW #779

Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am 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!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Abide with Me ELW #629

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Prayer After Communion

P - Gracious Christ,

C - Thank you for this holy meal as it is already within me healing my body, strengthening my faith, and increasing my love for others. Let me show forth your praise in the way I live my life. Amen

Benediction Litany (responsively)

P - Go now in the peace of Christ, upheld by the everlasting arms of divine compassion.

C - We go in gratitude, mercy, and joy, to love others as we want to be loved.

Announcements in the Life of the Church

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

Sending Hymn - Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me ELW #767

Lord, take my hand and lead me
upon life's way;
direct, protect, and feed me
from day to day.

Without your grace and favor
I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior,
and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.
Close by your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding,
in peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen
and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen
my steps toward home,
then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me
unto the end.

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
Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes:.....Cash Harwood
 Millie Garton
Lector:Sandy Meints
Greeters:.....Robert & Doreen Ideus
 Gerald & Denise Ideus

August Altar Guild: Patti Behrens, Lynette Jurgens, Caroline Ideus, Susan Buss

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

Vital Statistics for last Sunday

Worship: 111 Giving: \$5,183.00

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

9:00am – Worship/Communion

****Women of Zion serving summer fellowship after service**

Thursday

Ladies Aide

Next Sunday

9:00am – Worship/Baptism

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

Organist:.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Tavin Lieneman

Alexis Folkerts

Lector:Denise Schlake-Ideus

Greeters:.....Irene Busboom

Steve & Peggy Johnson

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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!

2026-2027 7th & 8th GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING –

August 26 @ 6:00pm will be a student/parent confirmation orientation meeting, followed by acolyte training for all 7th grades. Please plan to attend if you child is in either 7th or 8th grade this year.

Sunday School Teachers Needed for the Upcoming Year!

We are looking for volunteers to help teach our Sunday School students this coming year!

Open Positions:

- * 2nd Grade Co-Teacher**
- * 4th Grade Co-Teacher**
- * 7th Grade Co-Teacher**

Teaching Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity to share God's Word and help nurture the faith of our children and youth. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to a member of the Parish Education Committee.

Contact:

 Courtney Schlake – 402-239-4628

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Thank you for helping make a difference in our Sunday School program!

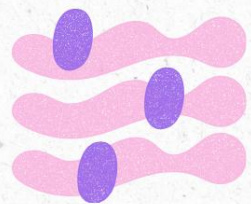
FIFTH SUNDAY - Fifth Sunday offering for August has been designated to go to the Park Board.

LWR SCHOOL KIT UPDATE – All needed items to assemble 100 bags have been donated! If you have donated please have all donations to the fellowship hall table by Sept 6th. Bags will be assembled on Rally Sunday, September 13th. Thank you to all Zion Members that donated to this yearly project! You truly live generously!

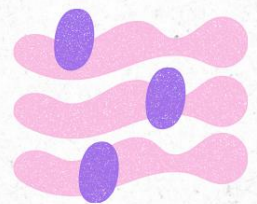


SEPTEMBER 13TH

RALLY SUNDAY



JOIN US AFTER SERVICE
FOR ICE CREAM AND COOKIES



ZION HOSPITALITY INVITES
YOU TO JOIN US IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE SERVICE IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR
COOKIES AND ICE CREAM.





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