

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 15, 2024**



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Cultivating communities of caring and belonging as  
champions of the gospel by being rooted in faith, growing in spirit,  
and reaching out to those in need.*

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## Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

We are grateful you chose to worship with us. Your participation is an honor to our community, and we invite you to immerse yourself into the unique expression of Lutheran flavored faith. We love Christ deeply and believe it is He alone that saves, freeing us to respond with joy for all the creator has done, guided by the Advocate to serve the neighbor.

Whether you are a visitor or a long-time member, we invite you to fill out the "Welcome to Zion" connection card, especially if you have any pastoral needs, interests in ministry, or wish to communicate with the office for support.

Small guests are invited to take and utilize the worship toolboxes and bags in the pews or immerse themselves in the Prayground at the rear of the sanctuary. There is also a nursery located next to the restrooms in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall, along with changing stations in both restrooms for your convenience.

Your siblings in Christ,  
Zion Lutheran Church

## ***ORDER OF WORSHIP***

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN    *Let All Things Now Living*    ELW #881

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS    *(please stand)*

HYMN OF REFLECTION    *Open Your Ears...*    ELW #519

PRAYER OF THE DAY

### TACO JOHN'S

**FUNDRAISER**—Mark your calendar to support the Milwaukee Mission Trip @ Taco John's on Wednesday, 9/18 from 4-8 PM. 25% of all sales made during that time will be given to those traveling to Milwaukee in June 2025.

**FALL BAZAAR** - Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on Saturday, 9/21 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Items for the Bazaar can be brought to the church beginning **tomorrow** and left in Classrooms A&B.

There is also a quilt raffle, with tickets being sold on Sunday mornings. Tickets are 1/\$3 or 2/\$5; the winner will be drawn at the conclusion of the event.

**FAITH EXPLORERS**—Join us weekly for Faith Explorers beginning at 10:15 AM. Elementary-aged kids meet in the Friendship Room; MS & HS meet in the youth room.

**TABLE OF PLENTY**—TOP is seeking help for September's meal. A generous donor will be sponsoring the meal of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, and a dinner roll. However, we are in need of desserts for the meal. Additionally, we will need volunteers to help serve that evening - Monday, 9/23.

**LIVING OUT LOUD**—Join us every Wednesday evening to learn about living our faith out loud. Each week will begin with a meal and at 6:05 PM; we will then begin a deeper dive into scripture at 6:20 PM, with opportunities for discussion and reflection on being Lutherans in small groups after the opening.

**2025 MISSION TRIP**—To hear details, plan to attend the final info meeting on **TODAY at 11:00 AM** in Classrooms A&B. This trip will be for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older. If you can't be at the meeting but want more info, please visit with Sandra. **The registration deadline for the trip is Monday, 9/30.**

### THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

<b>Worship Assistant:</b> Phyllis Gab	<b>Sound:</b> Garry Johnson
<b>PowerPoint:</b> Wanda Wagemann	<b>Lector:</b> Marje Kaiser
<b>Ushers:</b> Lyle & Lois Chapin; Lenny Berger	<b>Van Driver:</b> Gary Job
<b>Greeters:</b> Deb Hardy; Rose Wiedrich	
<b>Communion:</b> Steve Ottenbacher; Allen/Kirsten Nash	
<b>Organist:</b> Sonya Kempf	<b>Flute:</b> Sue Gates
<b>Instrumentalist:</b> Jeremy Schutter	<b>Vocalist:</b> Zach Anderson
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Deb Hardy; Nicole Kempf	
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b> Andrea Morehouse; Millie Suchomel	

### WORD

KIDS' TIME (*please be seated*)

SONG OF PREPARATION (*please stand*) **Alleluia** ELW, pg. 160

GOSPEL **Luke 3:3-8** Pew Bible NT, pg. 61

PREPARING FOR THE WORD (*please be seated*)

FOCUS TEXT **Genesis 15:1-6** Pew Bible OT, pg. 13

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **Eternal Lord of Love...** ELW #321  
(*please stand on last verse*)

### OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING (*please be seated*)

OFFERING HYMN **Lord, Let My Heart ....** ELW #512

OFFERING PRAYER (*please stand*)

### MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING & LITANY

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

COMMUNION HYMN **Lamb of God** ELW, pg. 164  
**Special Music** Jeremy Schutter

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

MINISTRY MOMENT

BENEDICTION (*please stand*)

SENDING HYMN **What a Fellowship, What a Joy...** ELW #774

SENDING WORDS & POSTLUDE

## IN OUR PRAYERS

As a community of faith, we are connected through joy, sorrow, and worship and called to pray without ceasing. Please pray with us for: Joyce Mentzer, Lois Leicht, Jeff Carlson, Delila Norton, Bernice Schock

### And for those with long-term care needs:

Alyssa Weber, Kathy Johnson, Jerry Gab, Barb Gardner, Ken Cordingley, Esther Ottenbacher, Norma Nielsen, Joy Kusler, Sharon Wagemann

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## ZIONS' RADIO BROADCAST

Half of today's broadcast is sponsored by Kathy Heffernan to the glory of God in memory of Steve Heffernan, husband to Kathy, and father to Tom & Lisa, who passed way on September 12, 2004.

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, please let us know! You can listen along on KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM) at 9:00 AM each Sunday morning.

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## SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP

Theme for the month: Growing Disciples

### Activities:

Fellowship Hosts—September 22: Education Committee & FE youth

### Love offering opportunities:

Local Needs—Salvation Army      Global needs—ELCA Global Mission  
(Noisy Offering and Special Offering envelopes support Love Offerings;  
undesignated gifts will be split between the two organizations)

**GIVEPLUS<sup>+</sup>** For support of Zion ministries please consider electronic giving. If you have a smart phone, you can simply scan the code, and it will take you directly to our "Giving" page on the Zion website. You can also take advantage of the GivePlus mobile app for your smart phone to make giving even more convenient. Just download the GivePlus app, find Zion Lutheran Church, and choose your amount!



**Do you need an easy way to contribute to the church?** Text giving is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds. Send a text with your offering amount to **(844-771-9038)**. It's simple and secure.

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## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### SUNDAY – September 15

9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship Time  
10:15 AM Faith Explorers  
10:30 AM Altar Guild meeting  
10:30 AM Music Meeting  
11:00 AM Milwaukee Trip mtg

### MONDAY—September 16

1:00 PM Quilters  
5:30 PM Youth committee  
7:00 PM GA meeting

### TUESDAY—September 17

10:00 AM Staff meeting

### WEDNESDAY--September 18

12:15 PM Prayer Pause  
1:00 PM Cardmakers  
4:00 PM Taco John's fund.  
6:05 PM Living Out Loud  
8:00 PM AA meeting

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### THURSDAY—September 19

9:00 AM Kuchen baking  
1:00 PM Quilters

### FRIDAY—September 20

7:00 AM Kuchen baking

### SATURDAY—September 21

9:00 AM Fall Bazaar  
1:00 AM Bazaar cleanup

### SUNDAY – September 22

9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship Time  
10:15 AM Faith Explorers  
10:30 AM Council meeting  
11:00 AM 6-7-8 confirm. mtg

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## SAVE THE DATE

- Table of Plenty: September 23 5:30-7:00 PM
  - Men's Fellowship: September 25 @ 8:00 PM
  - Drive Up Donuts: September 27 7:30-8:00 AM
  - Hymn Sing: September 29 during worship
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Confirm. mtg: September 29 @ 11:00 AM
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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MUSIC MEETING**—There will be a meeting in the choir loft **TODAY @ 10:30 AM** for anyone interested in helping with music for worship. If you're unable to attend, please visit with Director of Music, Sonya Kempf.

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING**—Altar Guild meets **TODAY** at 10:30 AM in Classrooms A&B. If you are interested in finding out more about Altar Guild, please feel free to stop in!