FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 13, 2025



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 SONG Here I Am to Worship
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (please stand)
SONG OF PRAISE Your Love is Amazing
GREETING
PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

KIDS' TIME & NOISY OFFERING (please be seated)

SONG OF PREPARATION Hear Our Praises

FIRST READING **Deuteronomy 30:9b-16** Pew Bible OT, pg. 206

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

GOSPEL **Luke 11:37-41; 5:27-32** Pew Bible NT, pg. 75, 64

SERMON (please be seated)

SONG OF THE DAY Glorious Day

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED (please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE God of grace, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING (please be seated)

OFFERING SONG **Everybody's Got Something to Offer**

OFFERING PRAYER (please stand)

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LITANY

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (please be seated)

COMMUNION SONG Grace Like Rain

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING

BENEDICTION (please stand)

SENDING SONG Your Grace is Enough

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: Delbert Rohrbach, Lois Leicht, Lyle Johnsen, Janice Grieben, Magdalen Rohrbach, Susie Hoffman

And for those with long-term care needs:

Jerry Gab, Barb Gardner, Sharon Paranto, Esther Ottenbacher, Norma Nielsen, Sharon Wagemann, Kent Edson, Susan Edson, Alyssa Weber, Kari Brown, Dal Golz

ZIONS' RADIO BROADCAST

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Trudy Anderson in memory of Richard Anderson.

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can listen along on KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM) at 9:00 AM each Sunday.

JULY STEWARDSHIP LOVE OFFERINGS

Theme for the month: The Welcome Table: Eating with Jesus

Special & Noisy Offering: St. Dysmas

Special Activities: Lutherans at the Pool July 16

Summer Youth Group July 9, 23, 30

Table of Plenty July 28

For support of Zion ministries please consider electronic GIVEPLUS 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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SUNDAY—July 13

9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship time 10:30 AM Musician's meeting

MONDAY—July 14

8:15 AM Lifeline Screening 10:00 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Quilters

TUESDAY—July 15

5:30 PM Worship Life meeting

WEDNESDAY—July 16

1:00 PM Cardmakers 1:30 PM Lutherans @ the Pool

8:00 PM AA meeting

THURSDAY—July 17

1:00 PM Quilters

SUNDAY—July 20

9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship time 10:30 AM Education meeting

90th BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION—Please

come and help Lyle Chapin celebrate his 90th birthday! His party will be held on **Saturday**, **July 19 in the Zion fellowship hall from 2-4 PM**.

SAVE THE DATE

Summer Youth Group

Church Council

Table of Plenty

Men's Fellowship

Finance meeting

Summer Youth Conference

Directory Pictures

July 23 @ 3:00 PM

July 27 @ 10:30 AM

July 28 @ 5:30 PM July 30 @ 8:00 PM

July 31 @ 9:30 AM

August 2 @ 10:00 AM

August 12 & 13

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIRECTORY PICTURES—Zion is getting a new directory! Sign up is open for timeslots on Tuesday, August 12 and Wednesday, August 13 between the hours of 2-8:30 PM. To register your family unit for a spot, please go to www.ucdir.com to see available times. If you would like assistance in registering online, please stop in the church office. We will be happy to help!

OFFICE HOURS CHANGE—As it was announced last week, office hours have changed. The office will be open from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Monday through Thursday, closed on Friday, and open after worship on Sunday mornings.

LUTHERANS AT THE POOL— On Wednesday, July 16, we will be joining with our area ELCA congregations for an afternoon at the pool. Come anytime between 1:30-4:30 PM for the event; you can let them know at the door which church you are with. Cost is \$5 or free if you bring your family pass. Check in with us at the covered picnic shelter before you head off to swim, and join us during breaks for snacks, drinks, and a couple activities! This event is open to middle school and high school youth.

SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCE—The area ELCA

congregations will be hosting a synod-wide youth conference on Saturday, August 2 from 10 AM—4 PM. We are looking forward to our morning focused around the theme: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made. To support the presenters and events, we are looking for adults who would be willing to volunteer some time to help make the event run smoothly. If you would be interested in volunteering, or would like some more information on duties, please visit with Saundra.

Middle & High School Youth: It's not too late to register! If you would like to attend, please contact Saundra so she can get you signed up.



THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Saundra Anderson Van Driver: Loren Nehlich
Sound: Jeff Carlson Lector: Kirsten Nash

PowerPoint: Wanda Wagemann

Communion: Chase Hawkinson; Allen/Kirsten Nash **Ushers**: Doug & Sharlene Wanttie; Harvey & Deb Hardy

Greeters: Dennis & Julie Beusch

Praise Band: Stephanie Hawkinson, Stacy Geffre, Phyllis Gab, Vicki Carlson, Garry Johnson, Mike German, Cadynce German, Lexi LaFave; Rhonda Strouckel

Altar Guild: Trudy Anderson; Aileen Kolb

Coffee Hosts: Steve & Kari Harrison; Wanda Wagemann

Dwelling in the Word

Dwelling in the Word is an opportunity for us to speak as one voice with shared prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need. For this practice, you are invited to meditate on the associated scripture, creating room for divine encounter with God through God's word for us. Stay with this text all week, being bold to let it speak to you in new ways each day.

As you dwell with the text, give yourself permission to ask: What caught your attention? What brought you joy/comfort? What did you struggle with or made you uncomfortable? What questions arise from the reading? What part of this scripture will you carry with you today? As you dwell with God this week may the angels surround you as companions in the journey.

Meditation Text: Dear Lord, as I engage **Luke 5:27-32 and Luke 11: 37-41** today, please allow your words to wash over me. Let them be a gateway into understanding you more fully. Amen.

Luke 11:37-41

³⁷ While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him, so he went in and took his place at the table. ³⁸ The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. ³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ So give as alms those things that are within and then everything will be clean for you.

Luke 5:27-32

²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." ²⁸ And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

²⁹ Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others reclining at the table with them. ³⁰ The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹ Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; ³² I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Prayer of the Week: Lord of the banquet feast, you ate dinner with sinners of every kind: those society thought of as sinners, and those who sin was masked by their leadership position. You sat with them and proclaimed there is a great physician who is for all. Help us be bold enough to see that we sit at the table with others—not as better than them, but as one in equal need of the great physician's grace. Let that grace flow through us to extend the healing goodness of your love to other tables in our church, fellowship hall, classrooms, homes, and in the places we go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.