

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20, 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 Playground 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 ***All Hail the Power...*** ELW #634 Vs. 1,4,5,6

OPENING DIALOGUE (*please stand*)

SONG OF PRAISE

Blessed

ELW #797

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

KIDS' TIME *(please be seated)*

SONG OF PREPARATION ***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*** ELW #172

FIRST READING **Leviticus 19:17-18** Pew Bible OT, pg. 117

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

GOSPEL **Luke 7:36-50** Pew Bible NT, pg. 68

MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

SONG OF THE DAY ***Will You Come and Follow...*** ELW #798
(please stand on last verse)

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

OFFERING SONG ***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*** ELW #182

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

MEAL

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION SONG ***Lamb of God*** ELW, pg. 154

COMMUNION SONG ***Blest Be the Tie...*** ELW #656

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING *(please stand)*

SENDING SONG ***Father Most Holy*** ELW #415

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

Half of today's broadcast is sponsored by Lyle & Lois Chapin in celebration of Lyle's 90th birthday on July 18. The other half of today's broadcast is sponsored by Mike & Jena German for those who can't join us in person.

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

GIVEPLUS⁺ Looking for ways to support Zion without the hassle of writing a check? Please consider electronic giving. Simply scan the QR code, and it will take you directly to our "Giving" page on the Zion website or take advantage of the GivePlus mobile app for your smart phone. Just download the GivePlus app, find Zion Lutheran Church, and choose your amount! Lastly you can text **(844-771-9038)** with the amount of your choosing for a text-to-give option. It's simple and secure.



THIS WEEK AT ZION

SUNDAY—July 20

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Fellowship time
10:15 AM Pop-Up Bake Sale
4:00 PM Education meeting

MONDAY—July 21

10:00 AM Staff meeting
1:00 PM Quilters

WEDNESDAY—July 23

3:00 PM Summer Youth group
8:00 PM AA meeting

THURSDAY—July 24

1:00 PM Quilters

SUNDAY—July 27

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Fellowship time
10:30 AM Church Council

POSTPONED—The middle and high school youth event: Lutherans at the Pool was postponed due to cool weather. The new date will be **Wednesday, August 6 from 1:30-4:30 PM**. Mark the date on your calendar!

SAVE THE DATE

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| • Table of Plenty | July 28 @ 5:30 PM |
| • Trust Fund meeting | July 28 @ 6:00 PM |
| • Men's Fellowship | July 30 @ 8:00 PM |
| • Finance meeting | July 31 @ 9:30 AM |
| • Summer Youth Conference | August 2 @ 10:00 AM |
| • Lutherans at the Pool | August 6 @ 1:30 PM |
| • Directory Pictures | August 12 & 13 |
| • Fall Kickoff Sunday | September 7 |

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Sandra.

MS & HS Youth: It's not too late to register! If you would like to attend, please contact Sandra so she can get you signed up.

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!

POP-UP BAKE SALE—The Youth Committee is holding a mini bake sale following worship today in the narthex. Stop by the table and purchase your favorite goodies to take home with you! All proceeds will go towards our Nashville 2026 mission trip.

TEXT NOTIFICATIONS—On Wednesday, if you had a cell phone number in our church directory software, you should have received an email to opt in to text notifications from Zion. If you haven't already, we encourage you to complete the short process! This will allow you to receive text alerts and notifications about important updates (like church closures) and meeting reminders without having to rely solely on email. If you didn't get an email and would like to receive texts, please stop in the church office for assistance. You can also scan the QR code on the right with the camera on your cell phone.



MAKE A WISH POKER RUN—The 22nd annual Make a Wish Poker Run will be held on Saturday, July 26. Registration is from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM at Biegler's C&S Motorsports (a light lunch will be provided). Throughout the day, enjoy exciting activities including raffles and a 50/50 split-pot drawing. The final stop will be at the Moose Lodge in Aberdeen, where there will be a program, meal, and drawings. Every dollar raised goes toward granting wishes here in South Dakota!

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Phyllis Gab

Van Driver: Tom Bretsch

Sound: Kathy Heffernan

Lector: Judy Albl

PowerPoint: Noah VanderWeyst

Communion: Steve Ottenbacher

Ushers: Lyle & Lois Chapin; Lenny Berger; Zach Madsen

Greeters: Rose Wiedrich; Lester Harty

Organ: Sonya Kempf

Altar Guild: Judy Albl; Sharon Paranto

Coffee Hosts: Lyle & Lois Chapin; Lester Harty

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 7:36-50** today, please allow your words to wash over me. Let them be a gateway into understanding you more fully. Amen.

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

"Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Prayer of the Week: Lord of the great commission, you have commanded us to go out into the world and make disciples, baptizing them in your name. Help us to see that there are many who need your compassion right here in the midst of our town, our county, and our church. Help us understand that "going out" may be as easy as sitting at the table with someone we would not normally sit with. Help us be bold in welcoming them and creating space for them to belong as brothers and sisters in the community of faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.