

***SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***  
**July 27, 2025**



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***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      ***Days of Elijah***

OPENING DIALOGUE      *(please stand)*

SONG OF PRAISE      ***Blessed Be the Name***

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

KIDS' TIME *(please be seated)*

SONG OF PREPARATION ***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah***

FIRST READING **Exodus 16:13-21**

Pew Bible OT, pg. 70

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

GOSPEL *(please stand)* **Luke 9:7-17**

Pew Bible NT, pg. 70

MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

SONG OF THE DAY ***God Will Make a Way***

## 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 ***Freely, Freely***

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

## MEAL

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE MEAL *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION SONG ***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

MINISTRY MOMENT

## SENDING

SENDING BLESSING *(please stand)*

SENDING SONG ***For the Lord is Good***

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, Sidney Beitelspacher

**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

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## ***ZIONS' RADIO BROADCAST***

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Larry and Sharon Stroschein in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. An open house will be held today to celebrate their milestone at the AmericInn in Aberdeen from 2-5 PM.

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.

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## ***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

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**GIVEPLUS<sup>+</sup>** 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 27**

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

### **MONDAY—July 28**

10:00 AM Staff meeting  
5:30 PM Table of Plenty  
6:00 PM Trust Fund meeting

### **WEDNESDAY—July 30**

3:00 PM Summer Youth group  
8:00 PM AA meeting  
8:00 PM Men's Fellowship

### **THURSDAY—July 31**

9:30 AM Finance meeting  
1:00 PM Quilters

### **SATURDAY—August 2**

10:00 AM Youth Conference  
at Good Shepherd

### **SUNDAY—August 3**

9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship time  
2:00 PM Afternoon at the Pool

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## ***SAVE THE DATE***

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| • Lutherans at the Pool | August 6 @ 1:30 PM       |
| • Directory Pictures    | August 12 & 13           |
| • Summer Youth Group    | August 13 @ 3:00 PM      |
| • Vocational Blessing   | August 31 during worship |
| • Fall Kickoff Sunday   | September 7              |
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## ***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.

**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!

**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](http://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!

**TEXT NOTIFICATIONS**—On Wednesday last week, 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.



**ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE**—Larry and Sharon Stroschein are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! An open house will be held **today** in honor of their milestone at the AmericInn in Aberdeen from 2-5 PM.

**TABLE OF PLENTY**—The July Table of Plenty meal will be tomorrow from 5:30-7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. The meal is sponsored by an anonymous donor and will be a hot dog, coleslaw, baked beans, and dessert. Make plans to stop by for delicious food, fellowship, and Bingo!

The committee is looking for volunteers to help serve the meal. If you are interested, please visit with Nicole Schutter or let the church office know.

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

**Worship Assistant:** Mike Bretsch

**Van Driver:** Tom Bretsch

**Sound:** Zach Anderson

**Lector:** Monica Tietz

**PowerPoint:** Shelley Fischbach

**Communion:** Chase Hawkinson; Jeremy Schutter

**Ushers:** Joel & Jane Albrecht; Bob & Pam Seyer

**Greeters:** Aileen Kolb; Lavina Nelson

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

**Altar Guild:** Judy Albl; Sharon Paranto; Marje Kaiser

**Coffee Hosts:** Pat Ackerson; Bob & Pam Seyer

## 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 9:7-17** today, please allow your words to wash over me. Let them be a gateway into understanding you more fully. Amen.

### Luke 9:7-17

*<sup>7</sup> Now Herod the ruler heard about all that had taken place, and he was perplexed because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, <sup>8</sup> by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the ancient prophets had arisen. <sup>9</sup> Herod said, "John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he tried to see him.*

*<sup>10</sup> On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. Then, taking them along, he slipped quietly into a city called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup> When the crowds found out about it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed to be cured.*

*<sup>12</sup> The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside to lodge and get provisions, for we are here in a deserted place." <sup>13</sup> But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." <sup>14</sup> For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." <sup>15</sup> They did so and had them all sit down. <sup>16</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup> And all ate and were filled, and what was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.*

**Prayer of the Week:** Jesus Christ, pathway of hope, example of generosity, help us to see your actions not just as gifts to receive, but gifts to be given. Let generosity multiply in us just as you multiplied and fish and bread for any who had need. Grant us courage to share the abundance with everyone we meet as a sign of the compassion, healing, and belonging that come through You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.