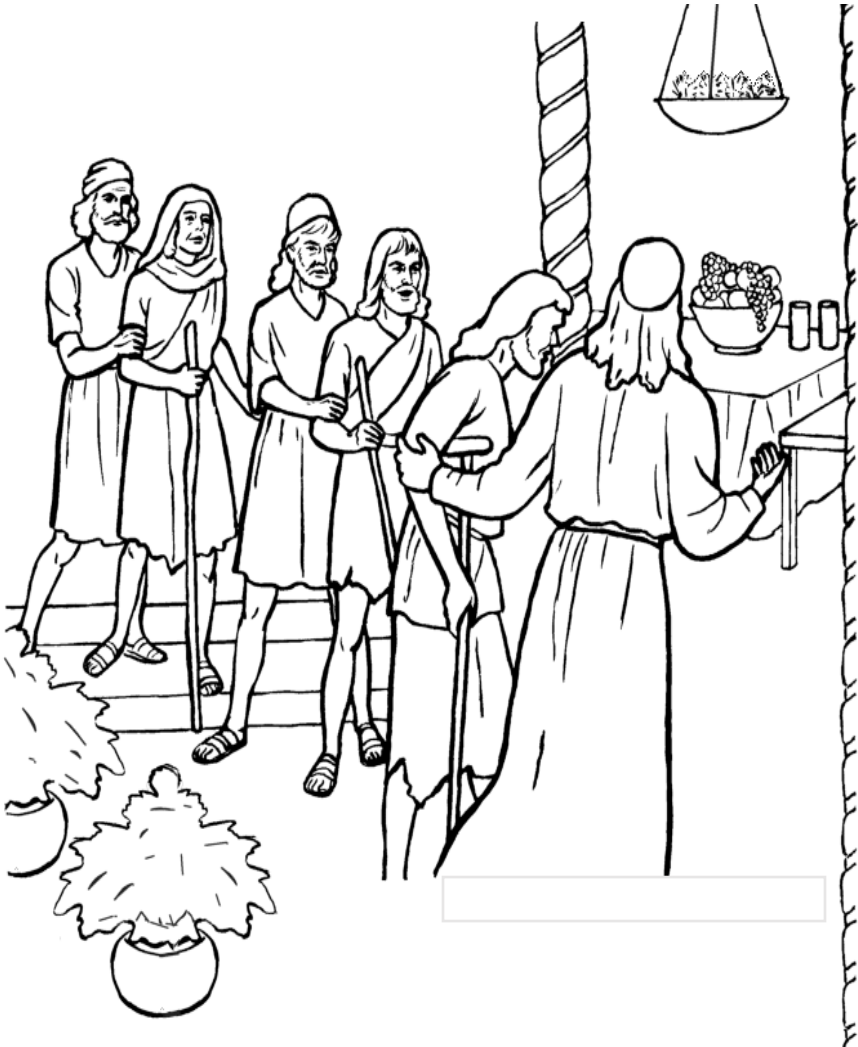


NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 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 ***Come, Now is the Time to Worship***

OPENING DIALOGUE (*please stand*)

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

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

KIDS' TIME *(please be seated)*

NOISY OFFERING

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

FIRST READING **Acts 2:42-26**

Pew Bible NT, pg. 124

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

GOSPEL *(please stand)* **Luke 14:1-15**

Pew Bible NT, pg. 78

MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

SONG OF THE DAY **As We Gather at Your Table**

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 **I Give You My Heart**

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

MEAL

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

SONG OF THANKSGIVING **Hosanna**

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION SONG **Come, Just as You Are**

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING *(please stand)*

SENDING SONG **Bring Forth the Kingdom**

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, Lenny Berger

And for those with long-term care needs:

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

ZIONS' RADIO BROADCAST

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Dennis & Julie Beusch in support of Zion's radio ministry and appreciation of all those listening at home.

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.

AUGUST STEWARDSHIP LOVE OFFERINGS

Theme for the month: Being in God's Presence at the Table

Special & Noisy Offering: Supporting nutritional needs of school children

Special Activities: Zion Afternoon at the Pool August 3 from 2-4 PM
 Lutherans at the Pool (MS&HS) August 6
 Casserole Sales through August 16
 Cup of Blessing August 31 during worship



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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SUNDAY—August 10

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Fellowship time

MONDAY—August 11

1:00 PM Quilters

TUESDAY—August 12

11:30 AM Book Club
2-8:30 PM Directory pictures

WEDNESDAY—August 13

2-8:30 PM Directory pictures
3:00 PM Summer Youth Group
8:00 PM AA meeting

THURSDAY—August 14

1:00 PM Quilters

SUNDAY—August 17

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

FALL RUMMAGE

SALE—The date for the youth fall rummage sale has been set for Saturday, November 8. As rummage sale season starts to wrap up, keep us in mind for a place to donate those leftover items! Donations will be accepted starting in late October.

SAVE THE DATE

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| • Worship Life meeting | August 19 @ 5:30 PM |
| • 2 Year Old Faith Milestone | August 24 |
| • Church Council | August 24 @ 10:30 AM |
| • Table of Plenty | August 25 from 5:30-7:00 PM |
| • Properties Meeting | August 26 @ 6:00 PM |
| • Men's Fellowship | August 27 @ 8:00 PM |
| • Finance Meeting | August 28 @ 9:30 AM |
| • Fall Kickoff Sunday | September 7 |

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CASSEROLE SALES—Are you looking for a way to simplify the back-to-school busyness? We've got you covered! The Zion Youth Committee will be selling pre-made casseroles in August. All you have to do is pop them in the oven to bake, and supper is ready! Cost is \$10 for an 8x8 pan and \$20 for a 9x13 pan; cost includes garlic bread. To preorder, please stop at the table in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Casseroles will be ready to pick up on Sunday, August 17. All proceeds will benefit the Nashville 2026 mission trip.

TABLE OF PLENTY—The August Table of Plenty meal will be held on Monday, August 25 from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Zion fellowship hall. The meal is sponsored by an anonymous donor and will be scalloped potatoes and ham, green beans, and dessert.

The committee is looking for volunteers to help serve the meal. If you are available, please chat with Nicole Schutter or stop in the church office to sign up.

CUP OF BLESSING—A blessing of cups will be held on Sunday, August 31 during worship. To remember Labor Day and the labor of your hands, we invite you to bring your favorite cup. It could be a coffee cup, a yeti mug, a thermos—any drink container of your choice to represent you and how you identify yourself as a child of God. We will bless these cups and you for the goodness of your discipleship, being God's love in the world.

CORNER OF CARING—Donations of diapers (NB-size 6 and pull ups), socks (adult), underwear (adult), blankets, hats, gloves, bug spray, sunscreen, and feminine hygiene products will be collected to be distributed to those in need in our community through our ministry services and partnerships. Items can be left in the corresponding labeled bins in the Corner of Caring in the fellowship hall. There is also a bin to collect children's books for our Books in the Laundromat ministry.

DIRECTORY PICTURES—Directory pictures will be taken on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in Classrooms A&B next to the kitchen. Please come at least ten minutes before your appointment to check in and fill out the necessary items. If you don't remember your picture time, please stop in the church office.

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Monica Tietz

Van Driver: Jerold Gehring

Sound: Jeff Carlson

Lector: Kirsten Nash

PowerPoint: Wanda Wagemann

Communion: Chase Hawkinson; Allen/Kirsten Nash

Ushers: Harvey & Deb Hardy; Doug & Sharlene Wanttie

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: Kari Harrison; Rose Wiedrich

Coffee Hosts: Aileen Kolb; Lavina Nelson

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 14:1-15** today, please allow your words to wash over me. Let them be a gateway into understanding you more fully. Amen.

Luke 14:1-15

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ²Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. ³And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. ⁵Then he said to them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?"

⁶And they could not reply to this.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Prayer of the Week: Lord Jesus, as the Messiah you teach us the art of humility. Help us to always set ourselves as servants to our neighbors and to your mission, reminding us that your feast is not a banquet of status, but of welcome and inclusion. Help us to appreciate its generosity and share it with others, so all may know the bounty of God's provision. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.