TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 17, 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 Praise the Lord... ELW #858

OPENING DIALOGUE (please stand)

SONG OF PRAISE **Blessed Be the Name ELW #797** GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

KIDS' TIME (please be seated)

SONG OF PREPARATION Halle, Halle, Hallelujah ELW #172

FIRST READING **1 Kings 17:6-16** Pew Bible OT, pg. 359

SECOND READING Acts 6:1-3 Pew Bible NT, pg. 128

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

GOSPEL Luke 22:17-20 Pew Bible NT, pg. 88

MESSAGE (please be seated)

SONG OF THE DAY *O Living Bread from Heaven* **ELW #542** (please stand on last verse)

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING (please be seated)

OFFERING SONG Sing to the Lord of Harvest ELW #694

OFFERING PRAYER (please stand)

MEAL

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL & Hosanna

BLESSING OF THE MEAL & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (please be seated)

COMMUNION SONG Lamb of God ELW, pg. 154

COMMUNION SONG Children of the... ELW #781

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING (please stand)

SENDING SONG God Be with You 'Til We Meet... ELW #536

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, 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, Susan Brinkman

ZIONS' RADIO BROADCAST

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Doug and Sharlene Wanttie in memory of their parents Adolph & Olivia Bendewald and Leonard & Wilma Wanttie.

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 **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 3.4. 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 17

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

MONDAY—August 18

10:00 AM Staff meeting 1:00 PM Quilters

TUESDAY—August 19

5:30 PM Worship Life meeting

WEDNESDAY—August 20 Newsletter Deadline

1:00 PM Cardmakers 8:00 PM AA meeting

THURSDAY—August 21

1:00 PM Quilters

SUNDAY—August 24

9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship time 10:30 AM 2 YO milestone 10:30 AM Church Council

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

- Table of Plenty August 25 from 5:30-7:00 PM
- **Properties Meeting** August 26 @ 6:00 PM
- Men's Fellowship
- **Finance Meeting**
- Hymn Sing Sunday Office Closed
- Fall Kickoff Sunday
- Missional Life meeting

- August 27 @ 8:00 PM
- August 28 @ 9:30 AM
- August 31
- September 1
- September 7
- September 8 @ 5:30 PM

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY—Mark your calendars! Fall Kickoff Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 7. This will be the first day of Faith Explorers for elementary and middle school youth, along with the men serving a pancake brunch following worship.

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.

FAITH MILESTONE—We invite two-year-olds and their parents to celebrate the <u>Welcoming Kids to Worship</u> faith milestone on Sunday, August 24. Children will be recognized during worship, and then parents and youth will meet in the Mission Room in the basement following the service for a time together.

CASSEROLE SALES— If you placed an order for casseroles, please stop in the kitchen following worship to pick it up and pay.

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Phyllis Gab Van Driver: Ron Kost Sound: Kathy Heffernan Lector: Judy Albl

PowerPoint: Noah VanderWeyst **Communion**: Steve Ottenbacher

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

Greeters: Lester Harty; Rose Wiedrich

Organ: Sonya Kempf

Altar Guild: Kari Harrison; Rose Wiedrich **Coffee Hosts:** Trudy Anderson; Madsen family

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 **Acts 6:1-3** and **Luke 22:17-20** today, please allow your words to wash over me. Let them be a gateway into understanding you more fully. Amen.

Acts 6:1-3

¹ Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ² And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among

yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task."

Luke 22:17-20

¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Prayer of the Week: Lord of all creation, you make of yourself a feast for our well-being. Thank you for the nourishment we find in your word and in your presence. Guide us to be a presence of your generosity and love, reaching out to those who have been separated from you. Give us courage to boldly serve when there is need—putting away our fear and being bolstered by our faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.