

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 31, 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 _____

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 **Acts 20:7-12** Pew Bible NT, pg. 146

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

GOSPEL *(please stand)* **Luke 24:36-43** Pew Bible NT, pg. 92

MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

SONG OF THE DAY

(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

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

COMMUNION SONG

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING *(please stand)*

SENDING SONG

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, Scott Geffre

And for those with long-term care needs:

Jerry Gab, Barb Gardner, Sharon Paranto, Lorraine Kusler, 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 Carmel Heyd in memory of her sister, Susan Hoffman, who passed away on July 17.

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

GIVEPLUS⁺ 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 31

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Fellowship time

MONDAY—September 1

Office Closed

TUESDAY—September 2

6:30 PM Event planning mtg

WEDNESDAY—September 3

1:00 PM Cardmakers

8:00 PM AA meeting

THURSDAY—September 4

1:00 PM Quilters

6:30 PM Faith Forward

SUNDAY—September 7

9:00 AM Worship w/ 3YO

milestone & Blessing
of Backpacks

10:15 AM Fellowship time w/
pancake brunch

10:30 AM Faith Explorers

11:15 AM Education meeting

12:00 PM Football Kickoff

CUP OF BLESSING— If
you brought your favorite
cups to be blessed today,
please place them up on the
altar before worship begins.

SAVE THE DATE

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| • Missional Life meeting | September 8 @ 5:30 PM |
| • Book Club | September 9 @ 11:30 AM |
| • Confirmation blessing & mtg | September 14 |
| • Faith Insight | Sept. 14 & 28 @ 10:30 AM |
| • Music Life meeting | September 16 @ 5:30 PM |
| • 6-7-8 confirmation begins | September 17 @ 6:30 PM |
| • First Grade Bible milestone | September 21 during worship |
| • Special Congregation mtg | September 21 after worship |

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN SING SUNDAY—Today is Hymn Sing Sunday! Have your favorites ready before worship for an opportunity to hear them sung throughout the service.

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 next Sunday, September 7:

9:00 AM Worship with live radio broadcast, Holy Communion, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Faith Milestone for 3-year-olds

10:15 AM Fellowship time with a pancake brunch served by the Men's Group

10:30 AM Faith Explorers opening in the sanctuary (elementary); parent meeting to follow Faith Explorers (middle and high school) in the youth room

12:00 PM Football Kickoff fellowship event

THANK YOU—We would like to thank all of the ladies who assisted with the registration table and the check-in process for appointments for the new pictorial directory. You were a tremendous help! Pictures should be ready in about 5-6 weeks. Thanks to all who participated! -Andrea M. & Carmel H.

DIRECTORY PICTURE SUBMISSIONS—If you were unable to have a picture taken for the directory in person but would like to be included in the new book, please submit a picture by **Monday, September 15**. You can bring in a printed copy to be scanned or email a picture to: zlcaberdeen@gmail.com. Please include names of who are in the picture and \$15 (checks can be written to Zion Lutheran Church, and we will write one check to UCD).

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, September 21 following worship with the agenda item of: initiating organ repairs and rejuvenation as proposed by Poppler's Music. Please make plans to attend this important meeting to hear the full proposal and vote on the future of the project.

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Sandra Anderson

Van Driver: Tom Bretsch

Sound: Zach Anderson

Lector: Sue Gates

PowerPoint: Judy Albl

Communion: Allen/Kirsten Nash

Ushers: Mike & Lory Bretsch

Greeters: Allen, Kirsten, and Kenny Nash

Organ: Sonya Kempf

Altar Guild: Kari Harrison; Rose Wiedrich

Coffee Hosts: Gladys Melcher; Larry & Sharon Stroschein

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 20:7-12** and **Luke 24:36-43** today, please allow your words to wash over me. Let them be a gateway into understanding you more fully. Amen.

Acts 20:7-12

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. ⁹ A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down and bending over him took him in his arms and said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." ¹¹ Then

Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. ¹² Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.

Luke 24:36-43

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

Prayer of the Week: Lord of the banquet feast, you provide for us living water, bread, and word through your very self—nourishing body, mind, and soul of our persons and our congregation. Thank you for that provision; help us to extend these gifts of your heavenly banquet to others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.