

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 7, 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 ***Creating God, Your Fingers... ELW #684***

OPENING DIALOGUE *(please stand)*

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

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

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

FIRST READING **John 1:1-5** Pew Bible NT, pg. 94

FOCUS TEXT **Genesis 1:1—2:4a** Pew Bible OT, pg. 1

MESSAGE/KIDS' TIME *(please be seated)*

SONG OF THE DAY ***This is My Father's World*** ELW #824
(please stand on the last verse)

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

OFFERING SONG ***For the Fruit of All Creation*** ELW #679

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

MEAL

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

SONG OF THANKSGIVING ***Bread of Life from Heaven***

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

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

COMMUNION SONG ***Break Now the Bread...*** ELW #515

BLESSINGPRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING *(please stand)*

SENDING SONG ***Be Thou My Vision*** ELW #793

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, 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 celebration of Isaac Wanttie & Brooke Shishnia's upcoming wedding on September 20.

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.

SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP LOVE OFFERINGS

Theme for the month: God's Provision

Special & Noisy Offering: Midwest Street Medicine

Special Activities: Blessing of the Backpacks—September 7
 Welcome to Faith Explorers—September 7
 6-7-8 Confirmation Blessing—September 14
 First Grade Bible Milestone—September 21
 Special Congregational Meeting—September 21

GIVEPLUS⁺ In 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—September 7

Fall Kickoff Sunday

9:00 AM Worship w/ Backpack
Blessing & milestone
10:15 AM Fellowship time w/
pancake brunch
10:30 AM Faith Explorers
11:15 AM Education meeting
12:00 PM Football kickoff evnt.

MONDAY—September 8

10:00 AM Staff meeting
1:00 PM Quilters
5:30 PM Missional Life mtg

TUESDAY—September 9

11:30 AM Book Club

WEDNESDAY—Septemb. 10

1:00 PM Cardmakers
8:00 PM AA meeting

THURSDAY—September 11

1:00 PM Quilters
6:30 PM Faith Forward

SUNDAY—September 14

6-7-8 Confirmation Blessing

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Fellowship time
10:15 AM Faith Explorers
10:30 AM Faith Insights
10:45 AM MS confirmation mtg

SAVE THE DATE

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| • Music Life meeting | September 16 @ 5:30 PM |
| • 6-7-8 confirmation begins | September 17 @ 6:30 PM |
| • Faith Forward | September 18 @ 6:30 PM |
| • First Grade Bible milestone | September 21 during worship |
| • Special Congregation mtg | September 21 after worship |
| • Faith Buildings | September 21 after worship |
| • Church Council | September 21 @ 11:00 AM |
| • Table of Plenty | September 22 @ 5:30 PM |
| • Men's Fellowship | September 24 @ 8:00 PM |
| • Finance meeting | September 25 @ 9:30 AM |
| • Drive Up Donuts | September 26 @ 7:30 AM |

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOTBALL KICKOFF EVENT—Join us in the fellowship hall as we kick off the football season with fellowship **today!** Chips and water will be provided but please feel free to bring your own non-alcoholic drinks. We may order pizza if some are interested and want to pitch in as the afternoon progresses. We will also have some comfortable seating available, but we encourage you to treat this like an indoor tailgate and bring your comfortable lawn chairs. Children welcome!

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFIRMATION— There will be a blessing during worship for current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students on Sunday, September 14 as they begin their confirmation year. There will also be a meeting that Sunday at 10:45 AM to discuss the upcoming confirmation year. The meeting will be held in the youth room. If you cannot attend, please visit with Sandra. Midweek classes will begin on Wednesday, September 17.

FAITH INSIGHTS— On the second and fourth Sundays of the month throughout the year, there will be adult education classes called Faith Insight, which will meet in Classrooms A&B at 10:30 AM. These sessions will be focused on discussing current events through the lens of Lutheran living, as well as wholistic care for the self. As this is not a set study curriculum that requires constant attendance, please feel free to attend the weeks that your schedule allows.

KIDS' TIME—For kids' time next week, bring a lamb or something that reminds you of a lamb!

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Monica Tietz

Van Driver: Lester Harty

Sound: Steve Ottenbacher

PowerPoint: Shelley Fischbach

Communion: Marcie Andersh; Allen/Kirsten Nash

Ushers: Lenny Tietz; Mike & Tobin German

Greeters: Lyle & Lois Chapin; Bob & Pam Seyer

Organ: Sonya Kempf

Flute: Sue Gates

Altar Guild: Trudy Anderson; Judy Albl; Aileen Kolb

Coffee Hosts: Men's Group



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

God saw everything that [God] had made, and indeed, it was very good.

—Genesis 1:31

MEALTIME PRAYER

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of life. Bountiful God, we thank you for the gift of food. Merciful God, we thank you for the gift of your love. You are indeed a God who provides for your people. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is God doing in each story?***

Sunday	Genesis 1:1–2:4a	God's Good Creation
Monday	Genesis 2:7-9, 15, 18-25	Creation of Adam and Eve
Tuesday	Genesis 3:8-19	Sin Enters God's Creation
Wednesday	Genesis 12:1-9	God Calls Abram
Thursday	Genesis 15:1-6	God Makes a Covenant
Friday	Genesis 17:15-21	Abram Becomes Abraham
Saturday	Genesis 18:1-15	God Promises a Child
Sunday	Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14	Abraham and Isaac

If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children's Bible you are using may not include the very story assigned for the DAILY BIBLE READINGS. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!

SERVICE CHALLENGE

SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

Write a list together of each person's favorite soup and crackers. When you are out shopping, pick up these items and donate them at a local food pantry.

DEVOTIONS

Think about devotions as a continuation of our community's worship. The following basic pattern could be one way of forming your household's devotions. Adapt as necessary!

GATHERING

✚ Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time."

✚ Prayer of the Week

God of greatness, from the beginning you were there. Out of nothing, you created every animal, plant, and person. You breathed your Spirit of life into creation and called it good. Be with us this day as we rise with the sun and sleep with the moon and stars. And with each new day, create within us a reflection of your love. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Take a moment to check in with each other or to use the questions below.

- ❓ **Highs & Lows:** What is one thing you saw in creation that made you happy? What is one thing you saw in creation that made you sad or angry?
- ❓ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** God made everything in creation from the mountains to the ocean, from the flowers to the fields. What was something you did today in God's creation?
- ❓ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** God promised Abraham a son. Late in his life, baby Isaac was born. God kept God's promise to Abraham. What good news have you heard—or experienced—today? What unpleasant news have you heard?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Read aloud from the DAILY BIBLE READING from the front. What do you want to remember from this reading?

PRAY TOGETHER

- ✚ Have each person finish this prayer: Dear God, Thank you for [name something in creation]. Help me [name something you need help with]. Amen.

CLOSING

- ✚ If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

✚ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

With permission, mark one another with the sign of the cross on each other's hands or forehead, and say, "You are created in God's image. Amen."