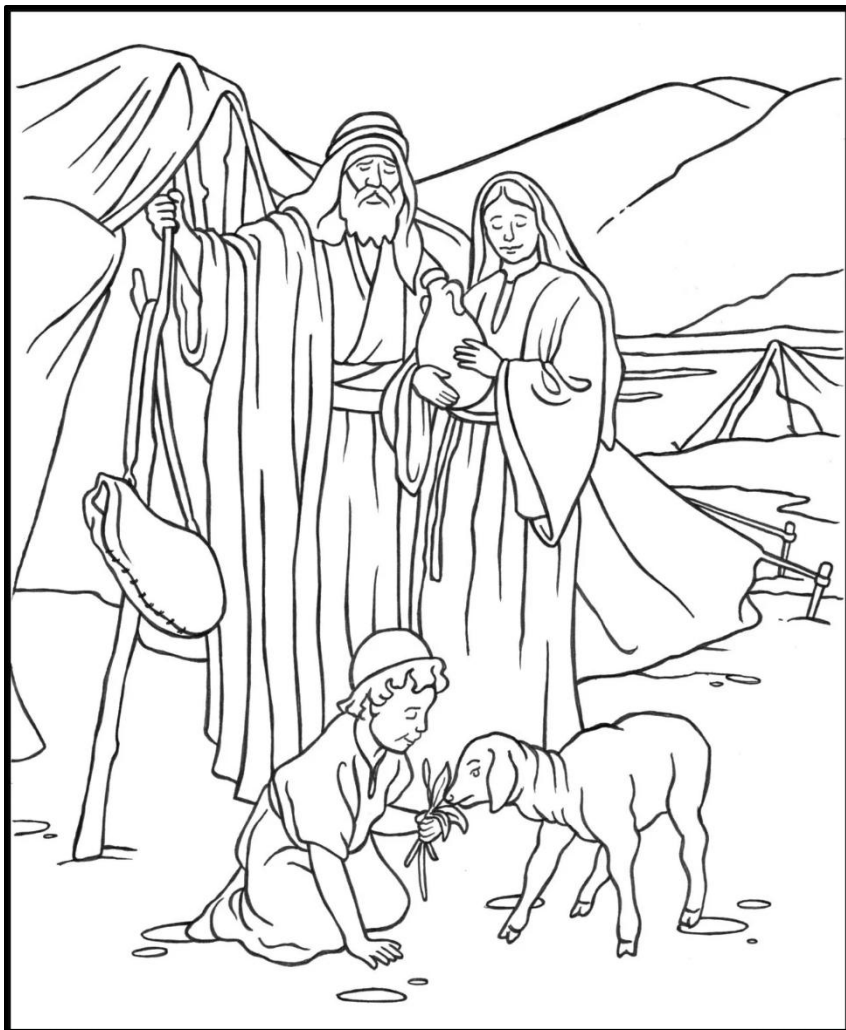


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 14, 2025



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 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 ***God So Loved the World***

OPENING DIALOGUE

SONG OF PRAISE ***Glory Hallelujah***

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

KID'S TIME

SONG OF PREPARATION ***The Lord Almighty Reigns***

FIRST READING **John 1:25-29** Pew Bible NT, pg. 94

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FOCUS TEXT **Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14** Pew Bible OT, pg. 18

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY ***Worthy is the Lamb***

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG ***Shout to the Lord***

OFFERING PRAYER

MEAL

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

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

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG ***You Are My All in All***

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING SONG ***How Great is Our God***

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 an anonymous donor in support of Zion's radio ministry and to share the glory of God.

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: 6-7-8 Confirmation Blessing—September 14
 First Grade Bible Milestone—September 21
 Special Congregational Meeting—September 21



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 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
10:30 AM Altar Guild meeting
10:45 AM MS confirmation mtg
in youth room

MONDAY—September 15

10:00 AM Staff meeting
1:00 PM Quilters

TUESDAY—September 16

5:30 PM Worship Life meeting

WEDNESDAY—Septemb. 17

1:00 PM Cardmakers
6:30 PM 6-7-8 confirmation
8:00 PM AA meeting

THURSDAY—September 18

1:00 PM Quilters
6:30 PM Faith Forward

SUNDAY—September 21

BIBLE MILESTONE

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Fellowship time
10:15 AM Faith Explorers
10:15 AM Special cong. mtg.
10:30 AM Faith Builders
11:00 AM Church Council

SAVE THE DATE

- **Altar Guild meeting**
- Table of Plenty
- Men's Fellowship
- Finance meeting
- Drive Up Donuts
- Mission Trip Meeting
- Games and Grub

TODAY @ 10:30 AM

September 22 @ 5:30 PM
September 24 @ 8:00 PM
September 25 @ 9:30 AM
September 26 @ 7:30 AM
September 28 @ 11:00 AM
September 28 @ 5:00 PM

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFIRMATION— There will be a blessing during worship for current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students **today during the ministry moment**. There will also be a meeting at 10:45 AM to discuss the upcoming year in the youth room. Wednesday evening classes begin on the 17th!

KIDS' TIME—For kids' time next week, bring something that reminds you of stairs.

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.

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 the Mission Room (basement) at 10:30 AM. These sessions will be on 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.

FAITH BUILDERS-- On the third Sunday of the month, there will be a time of faith and fellowship for our littlest ones (birth to three years) and their parents. We will meet in the Mission Room in the basement at 10:30 AM. This time will include talking about faith with young children using the board book series Manna and Mercy and a time for them to play, learn, and grow together.

MISSION TRIP MEETING-- Plans are in the works for an intergenerational summer mission trip to Nashville in June of 2026. To hear preliminary details, plan to attend the first informational meeting on Sunday, September 28 at 11:00 AM in Classrooms A&B. This trip will be for ages 13 (completed 7th grade in Spring of 2026) and older. If you can't be at the meeting but would like more information, please visit with MC Sandra.

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Sandra Anderson

Van Driver: Loren Nehlich

Sound: Jeff Carlson

Lector: Kathy Heffernan

PowerPoint: VanderWeyst family

Communion: Kathy Heffernan; Gary Omland

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: Trudy Anderson; Judy Albl; Aileen Kolb

Coffee Hosts: Doug & Sharlene Wanttie; Ray & Marcie Andersh



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Abraham said, "God . . . will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."

—Genesis 22:8

MEALTIME PRAYER

With hearts of gratitude, we give you thanks, O God. With love brimming over, we give you thanks, O God. With hands to serve, we give you thanks, O God. With bellies full, we give you thanks, O God. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What are the people doing? What is God doing?***

Sunday	Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14	Abraham and Isaac
Monday	Genesis 24:1-14	Abraham Seeks a Spouse for Isaac
Tuesday	Genesis 24:15-33	Rebekah Shows Hospitality
Wednesday	Genesis 24:34-51	Rebekah and Abraham's Servant
Thursday	Genesis 24:52-67	The Marriage of Rebekah and Isaac
Friday	Genesis 25:19-28	Birth of Esau and Jacob
Saturday	Genesis 25:29-34	Esau Sells His Birthright
Sunday	Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17	Jacob Steals a Blessing

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.

As an individual or family, talk about one thing you could sacrifice (do without) this week such as a trip to the coffee shop, not playing a video game, or dessert.

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

Faithful God, you kept your promises to Abraham, promises of land and family. As spiritual descendants of Abraham, we ask that you keep your promises to us. Promises of love, forgiveness, and your presence in our lives. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ✠ **Highs & Lows:** Name one thing that you gave up today that was hard to do. Name one thing that you gave up today that was easy to do.
- ✠ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** God tested Abraham's faith by asking him to sacrifice his son, Isaac. How has your faith been tested today in big or small ways?
- ✠ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Isaac is tricked by his son, Jacob, so that he can receive his father's blessing. When have you felt betrayed or hurt today? When have you felt blessed?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

✠ Keep the candle lit. Sit quietly for one minute, then say a silent prayer to God for what God has sacrificed for you.

CLOSING

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

✠ Rituals & Traditions: A Blessing to Share

Give each other a high-five and say, "God loves you every day. Go and share your love with others. Amen."