

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 21, 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 ***There's a Wideness in God's.. ELW #588***

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 1:50-51** Pew Bible NT, pg. 95

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FOCUS TEXT **Genesis 27:1-4,15-23; 28:10-17** Pew Bible OT, pg. 25

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY ***All My Hope in God...*** **ELW #757**

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG ***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*** **ELW #182**

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

Spirit of God, Descend... **ELW #800**

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING SONG ***Blessing and Honor*** **ELW #854**

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

ZION'S RADIO BROADCAST

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Lavone Merkel in memory of her parents and two brothers.

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: 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 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

MONDAY—September 22

10:00 AM Staff meeting
 1:00 PM Quilters
 5:30 PM Table of Plenty

WEDNESDAY—Sept. 24

1:00 PM Cardmakers
 6:30 PM 6-7-8 confirmation
 8:00 PM AA meeting
 8:00 PM Men's Fellowship

THURSDAY—September 25

1:00 PM Quilters
 3:00 PM Women's meeting
 6:30 PM Faith Forward

FRIDAY—September 26

7:30 AM Drive Up Donuts

SUNDAY—September 28

9:00 AM Worship
 10:15 AM Fellowship time
 10:15 AM Faith Explorers
 10:30 AM Faith Insights
 11:00 AM Nashville trip mtg



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Congregation mtg • Pastor Out of Office • Education meeting • S'mores with Sandra • Missional Life meeting • Office Closed • Confirmation Sunday • Trunk or Treat | <p>TODAY @ 10:15 AM</p> <p>Sept. 24—Oct. 3</p> <p>October 5 @ 11:00 AM</p> <p>October 5 & 19 @ 7:00 PM</p> <p>October 6 @ 5:30 PM</p> <p>October 13</p> <p>October 26</p> <p>October 26 from 2-4 PM</p> |
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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2026 — Join us for an intergenerational trip to Nashville in June 2026! Info meeting: **Sunday, September 28 at 11:00 AM in Classrooms A & B.** Open to ages 13+ (completed 7th grade by Spring '26). For more information, or if you are unable to make the meeting, please see Ministry Coordinator Sandra for details.

PASTOR GONE— Pastor Nicole will be out of office September 24—October 3. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact the office.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—There will be a special congregational meeting today following worship with the agenda item of: initiating organ repairs and rejuvenation as proposed by Poppler's Music. Please plan to stay for this important meeting and vote on the future of the project.

FAITH BUILDERS—There will be a time of faith and fellowship for our littlest ones (birth to three years) following the special congregational meeting today in the mission room in the basement. 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.

DRIVE UP DONUTS—Drive Up Donuts is back! On the last Friday of the month, donuts and a devotion will be available for pickup at Zion. Simply enter the south parking lot, drive up to the table, and a helper will hand you donuts and a devotion that you can enjoy on your way to school or work. The first Drive Up Donuts event of the year will be held on **Friday, September 26 from 7:30-8:00 AM.**

BIBLE MILESTONE—Today, we celebrate with our first grade youth who will be receiving their Adventure Bibles during worship! May God continue to bless you on your faith journey!

GAMES AND GRUB—Join us for an evening of food and fun! **Meet at Zion at 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 28** for a taco bar and snacks for supper. Then, enjoy an evening of games and fellowship! Open to middle and high school youth—bring a friend!

TABLE OF PLENTY—The September Table of Plenty meal will be held **tomorrow from 5:30-7:00 PM** in the fellowship hall. The meal is sponsored by VanLaecken Orthodontics and will be pizza, bread bites, and dessert. Make plans to stop by for some delicious food and fellowship!

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Phyllis Gab

Van Driver: Jerold Gehring

Sound: Steve Ottenbacher

Lector: Monica Tietz

PowerPoint: Wanda Wagemann

Communion: Chase Hawkinson; Andrea Morehouse

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

Greeters: Harvey & Deb Hardy; Lester Harty

Organ: Sonya Kempf

Cantor: Zach Anderson

Altar Guild: Trudy Anderson; Judy Albl; Aileen Kolb

Coffee Hosts: Harvey & Deb Hardy; The Kempf Family



Sharing GOD'S STORY @ home

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

—Genesis 28:15

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of blessings, you provide us with food and drink, friends and family. Thank you for these, and may you grant us strength to focus on our blessings more than our troubles. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*As you read the stories for the week, ask yourself: **What is happening? What is the plot? Who are the people?***

Sunday	Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17	Jacob Steals a Blessing
Monday	Genesis 29:1-30	Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel
Tuesday	Genesis 29:31–30:24	The Twelve Tribes Are Born
Wednesday	Genesis 37:2-36; 39:20-23	Joseph Is Sold into Slavery
Thursday	Genesis 40:2-3, 9-23; 41:14-45	Joseph Interprets Dreams
Friday	Genesis 47:1-12; 50:22-26	The Death of Joseph
Saturday	Exodus 1:8-14; 2:1-25	The Birth of Moses
Sunday	Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17	The Burning Bush

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.

Spend the week blessing others. Surprise family members or friends by making their favorite meal, playing a fun game together, or drawing a special picture.

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

Gracious God, you love us even when we try to trick others. You bless us even when we try to deceive others. You give us life even when we cheat others. We give thanks that you forgive and love us despite all our sins and mistakes. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

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

- ✠ **Highs & Lows:** What was one thing that was tricky for you today? What was one thing that was easy for you today?
- ✠ **Thinking about This Week's Story:** Jacob tricked his father in blessing him and not his brother Esau. This made Esau angry, and Jacob had to flee from his family. When have you been angry today? Have you told any lies?
- ✠ **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** God calls Moses to deliver God's people from their enslavement by the Egyptians. In the process, God reveals God's name. What is one thing you have learned today?

DAILY BIBLE READING

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

PRAY TOGETHER

- ✠ Go in a circle and pray for the person on your right. Say you are sorry for a time you hurt another person.

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, "God blessed you with many gifts. Go and share your gifts with others. Amen."