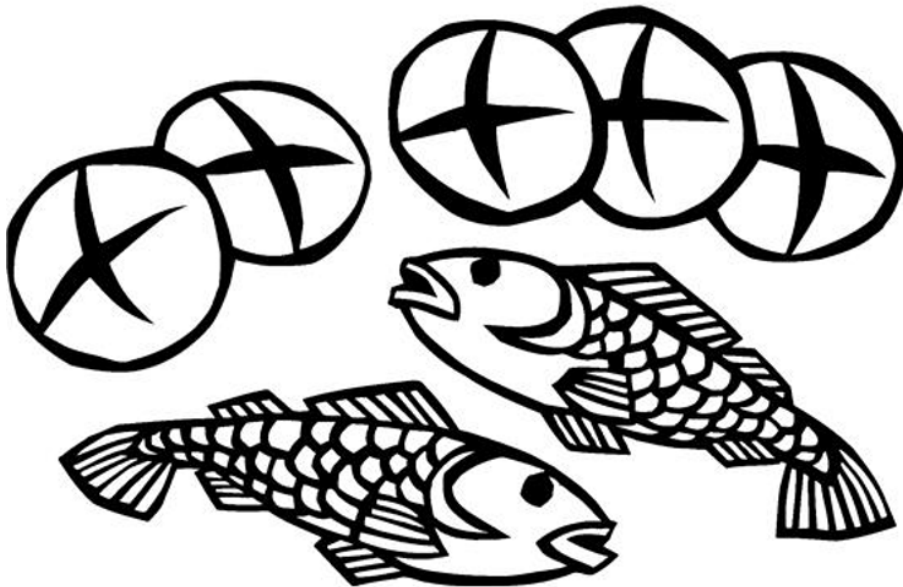


Zion Lutheran Church



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026***

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Shall Supply My Need (Resignation)

Kirk Denton, organ

– Alice Jordan

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW 461

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (☩ And also with you.)

***KYRIE**



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



G Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



G Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



***PRAYER OF THE DAY (Amen.)**

FIRST READING (Thanks be to God.)

Isaiah 55:1-5

SECOND READING (Thanks be to God.)

Romans 9:1-5

***GOSPEL VERSE**



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 14:13-21

(after the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN**

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW 515

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

***PEACE (☪ And also with you.)**

Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile, or a message.

OFFERING

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



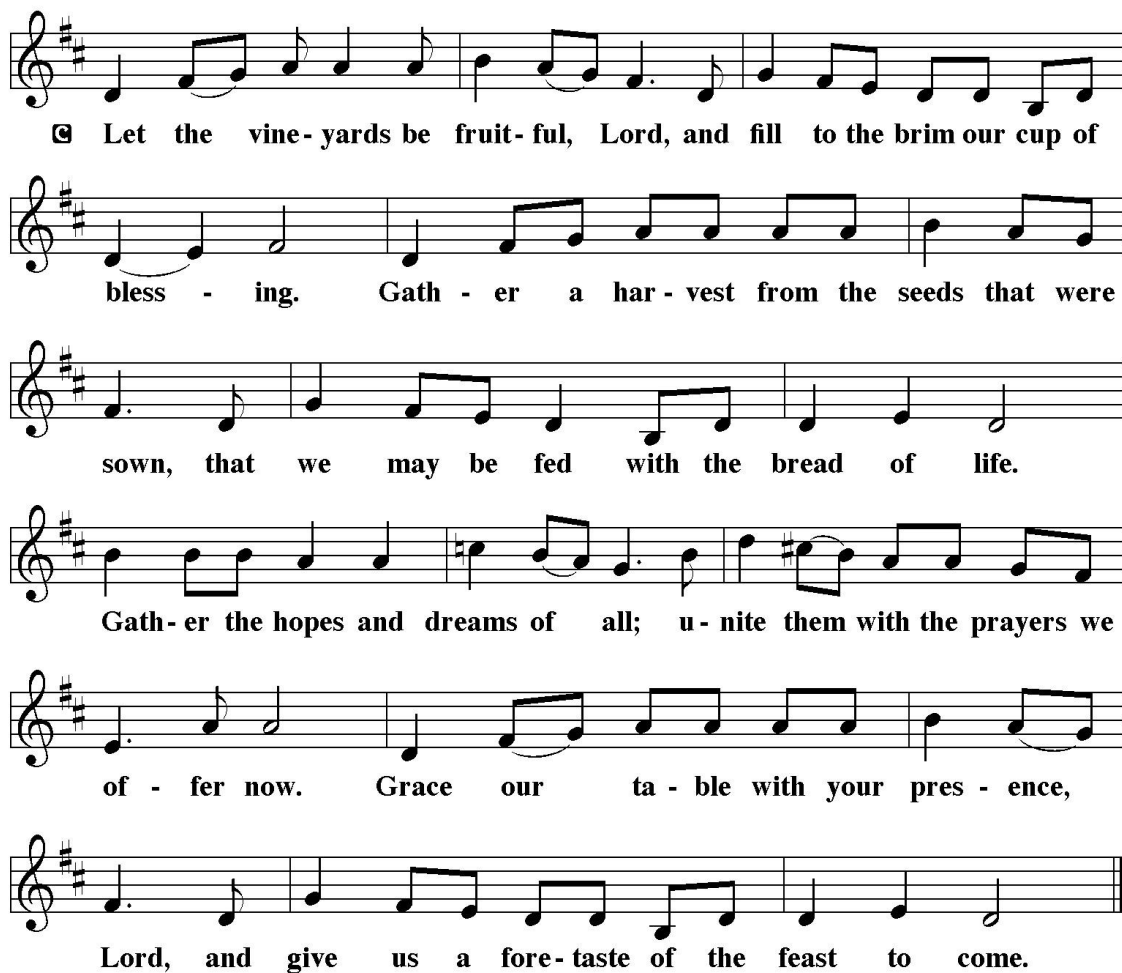
SPECIAL MUSIC

Meditation on "Palsrok" – "Our Prayer, O God"

Kirk Denton, organ

– Carson P. Cooman

***OFFERTORY CANTICLE**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore- taste of the feast to come.

***THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with

you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***BENEDICTION (R Amen.)**

***SENDING HYMN**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

***DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Kirk Denton, organ

– Setting by Gail Leven Pollock

Servants in God's House

August 2, 2026

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Barbara Adams (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Doug Davis (Asst Minister)
Pat McIntosh (Lector)
Bob Rockwell (Head Usher)
Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)
Linda Sanders (Comm Asst)
9 am (Sound System)

Servants in God's House

August 9, 2026

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Lee Ropp (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Bob Rockwell (Asst Minister)
Gene Appleby (Lector)
Kenneth Basler (Head Usher)
Carrie Basler (Sanctuary Usher)
Bruce McIntosh (Comm Asst)
Doug Davis (Sound System)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our children, Mary, Will, and Earl, by Becky and Frank Ropp

Coffee and donuts are sponsored by Ike and Lois Ahalt in honor of the precious children of Zion



Zion Prayer List 8-2-2026

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Graham Haverfield, Dillan Moffat, Katana Lewis, Penelope Bybel, Marion Whitter, Ron and Marsha Niemi, Karen Muscolino, Danny Moser, Eileen Deschenes, Mackenzie Miessau, Lois Holder, Pat McIntosh, Natalie, Karen Carpenter, Margaret Guyton, Kim Buhrman, Nancy Allen, Harriett Hahn, Gary Fulmer, Kieffer Crummitt, Sr., Carrie Basler, Robert Berkey, Brittany Mushuda, Benedict Phelps, Colin Sweigert, Shirley Hyssong, Samn Huffer, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Addison Hopson, Deb Kahihikolo

We recently updated the Prayer List. If we took someone off that you would like to keep on, please let us know. Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.

Our Value Statement: Zion is a Christian **spiritual community** brought together by God's **love** to be strengthened through worship and study of the Bible in order to be sent out to **serve** with **integrity**. We acknowledge we will fall short but through forgiveness and practice, we will strive to follow Christ/s commands and grow into the loving people God has created us to be.

Our Mission

As a people of God,
we share Christ's love,
grow in faith, and
serve others



Our Vision

Zion aspires to be a church where all are welcomed and loved; God's purpose for each of us is found; and lives are transformed.



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