

Zion Lutheran Church



***11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 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

Chorale – Daniel E Gawthrop

Kirk Denton, organ

*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

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

ELW 786

*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;



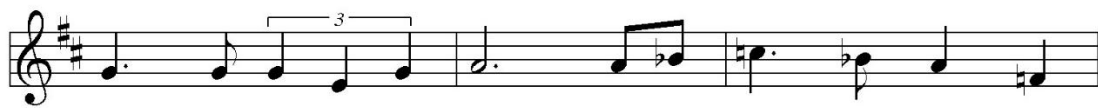
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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,

II



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 44:6-8

SECOND READING (Thanks be to God.)

Romans 8:12-25

***GOSPEL VERSE**



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

(after the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN**

For the Fruit of All Creation

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***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.

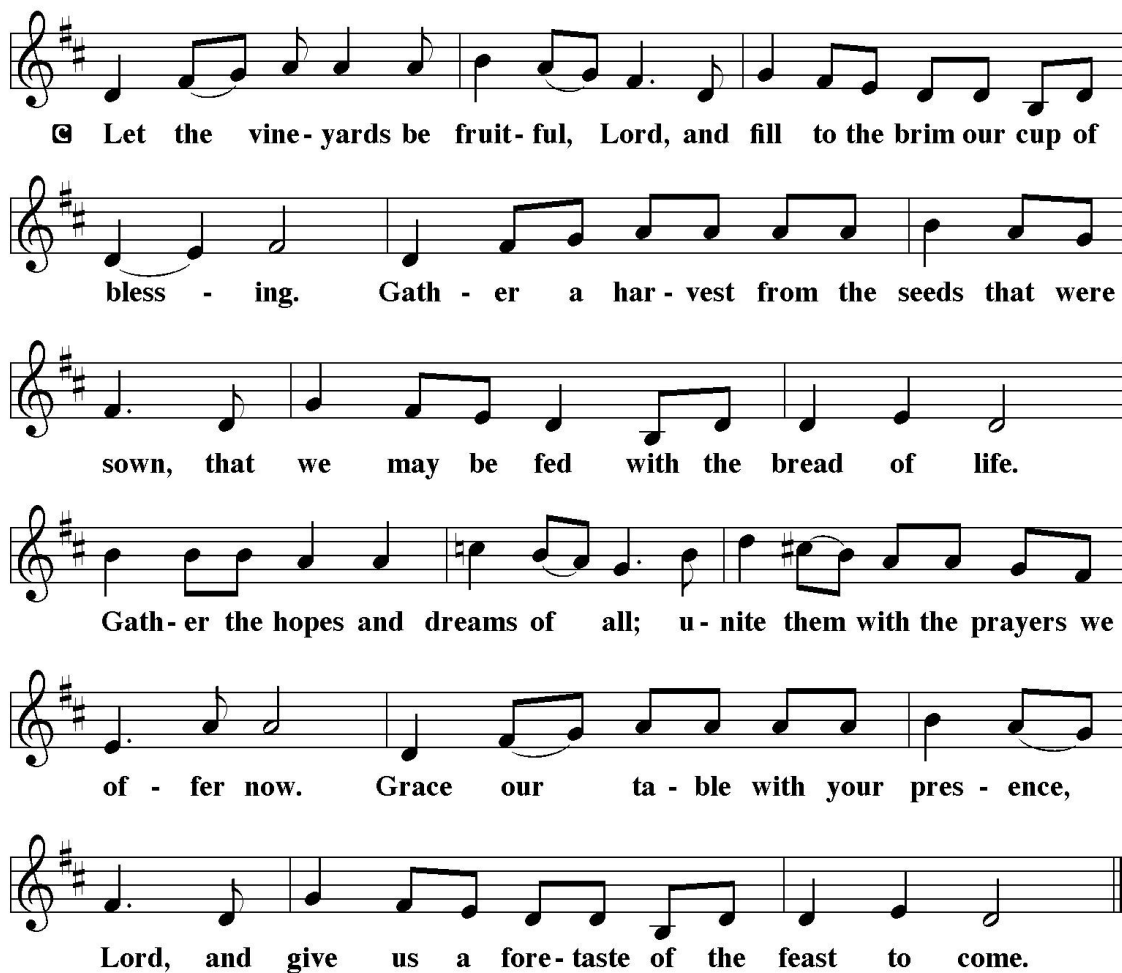


SPECIAL MUSIC

O Bread of life – Margrethe Hokanson

Kirk Denton, organ

***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.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Amen.)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

***SURSUM CORDA**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

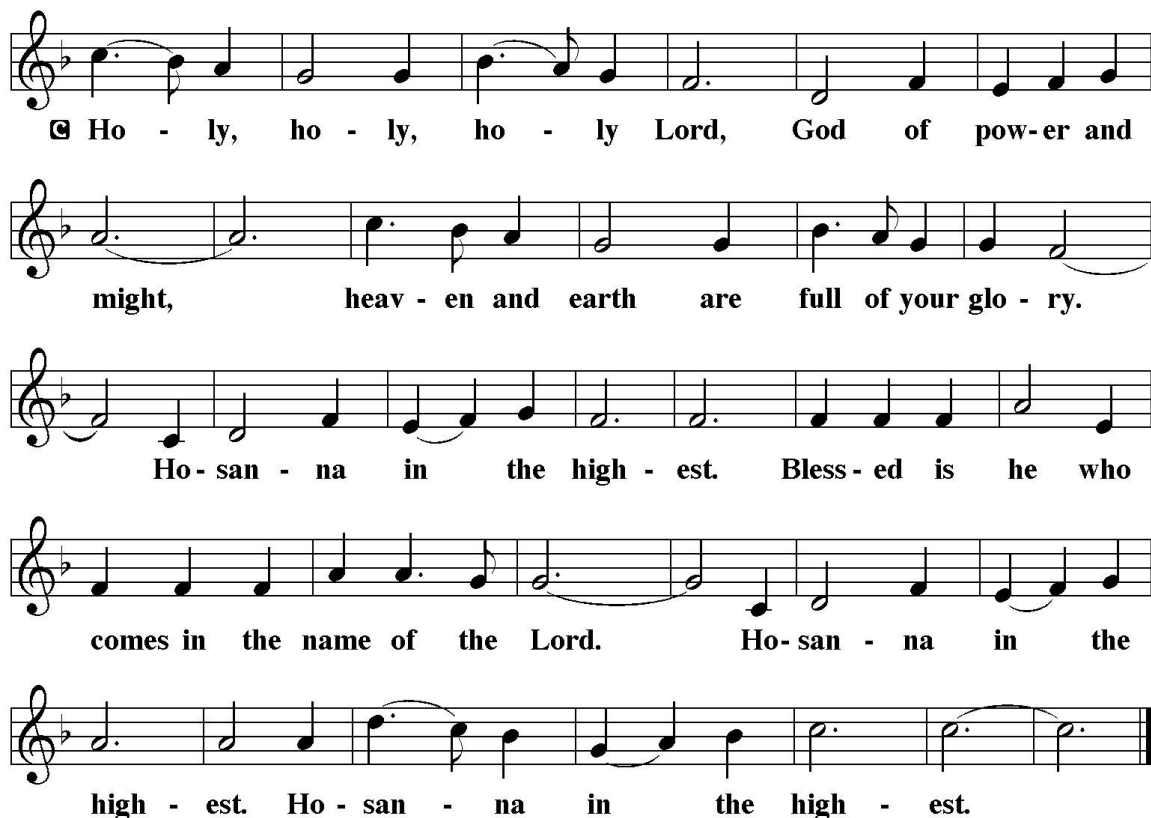
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***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.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

AGNUS DEI



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Communion – Richard Purvis

Kirk Denton, organ

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (☞ Amen.)

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (☞ Amen.)

*BENEDICTION (☞ Amen.)

*SENDING HYMN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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*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

Caprice for Organ – Daniel E Gawthrop

Kirk Denton, organ

Servants in God's House

July 19, 2026

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Bob Rockwell (Greeter)
Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)
Clinton Appleby (Asst Minister)
Sharon Finley (Lector)
Wayne Ahalt (Head Usher)
Jim Huckleberry (Sanctuary Usher)
Shirley Ferguson (Comm Asst)
(Sound System)

Servants in God's House

July 26, 2026

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sue Whitter (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Sharon Finley (Asst Minister)
Linda Kinna- Engel (Lector)
Jim Huckleberry (Head Usher)
Bruce McIntosh (Sanctuary Usher)
Linda Sanders (Comm Asst)
Bob Staples (Sound System)

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.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Donald (Wyatt) Eichelberger, by his wife, Dixie

Coffee and donuts are sponsored by John and Maria Lain



Zion Prayer List 7-19-2026

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

Beverly Bidle, Marion Whitter, Ron and Marsha Niemi, Karen Muscolino, Danny Moser, Eileen Deschenes, Mackenzie Miessau, Lois Holder, Pat McIntosh, Natalie, Alexa Masser, Rick Wisner, 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.



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