

## Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

***“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world.”***



## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 22, 2024

***For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask an usher or council member for one and they will show you how to use it.***

## **Prelude – Bell**

The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It may include twenty–three to twenty–eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter, but the first Sunday is always Trinity Sunday, and the last Sunday is always the Sunday of the Reign of Christ or Christ the King. The season also includes All Saints and Thanksgiving.

## **Gathering**

P- Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve.

**C- God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

P- Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front

of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

**C- God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

## **Gathering Hymn – Lord of All Hopefulness    ELW 765**

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*As you are able, please stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as pastor begins.*

P- Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,

who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C- Amen**

P- Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

P- Gracious God,

**C- have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first**

**we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P- God promised to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

**C- Amen**

P- The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C- And also with you!**

P- Please share the peace of the Lord safely with each other.

*Please be seated.*

**Children's Time:** Humble & Great

## Readings

### Jeremiah 11:18-20

Lector – *Today's reading tells of the suffering prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!'

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.. Here ends this reading.

### Psalm 54 - Prayer for Vindication

*Read responsively.*

Save me, O God, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the insolent have risen against me,  
**the ruthless seek my life;**  
**they do not set God before them.**

But surely, God is my helper;  
**the Lord is the upholder of my life.**  
He will repay my enemies for their evil.  
**In your faithfulness, put an end to them.**

With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to you;  
**I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**  
For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
**and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

James 3:13-4:3. 7-8a

Lector – *The wisdom of God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do

not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

*As you are able, please stand.*

P- O God,

**C- teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, amen.**

### **Gospel – Mark 9:30-37**

P- Jesus' teaching and action in this text is directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern of greatness is servanthood.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. [Jesus] did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of

all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.” The Gospel of the Lord.

**C- Praise to you, O Lord!** *Please be seated.*

## **Special Music- Men’s Choir**

**Message –** Humble & Great

## **Offering Hymn – Children of the Heavenly Father ELW 781**

1 Children of the heav'nly Father,  
safely in His bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
in His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
in His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord His children sever;  
unto them His grace He showeth,  
and their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Tho' He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.

### **Offering Prayer**

*As you are able, please stand.*

**P-** Blessed are you, O God,

**C-** source of ever gift of your creation.

**By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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 the Church** – *When the pastor says, “Lord in your mercy” please respond with “hear our prayer!”*

### **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.**

### **Announcements in the Life of Our Church**

#### **Blessing & Dismissal**

*As you are able, please stand.*

P- God all mighty,  
God most merciful,  
+ bless you and keep,  
and give you peace.

**C-Amen.**

P- Go in peace. Follow Jesus!

**C- Thanks be to God! ZION...a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!**

### **Sending Hymn – Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing ELW 544**

1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,  
worship, thanks, devotion voicing;  
glory be to God on high! Christ,  
your cross and passion sharing,  
by this Eucharist declaring  
yours the final victory.

2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,  
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,  
ears attentive to your word;  
by your Blood new life receiving,  
in your Body, firm believing,  
we are yours, and you the Lord.

3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving, we  
go forth alert and living  
in your Spirit, strong and free.  
Partners in your new creation,  
seeking peace in every nation,  
may we faithful followers be.

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**Helping out Today**

**Pastor.....Jerry Gilbreath**

**Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek**

**Acolytes.....Konner Kolm**

**Hunter Grone**

**Lector.....Carrie Reed**

**Special Music.....Men's Choir**

**Greeters.....Irene Busboom**

**Brian & Danelle Evers**

**Breakfast Club.....Sammie Garton**

## **Vital Statistics for Last Sunday**

Sunday Service 143 Giving \$ 3521.25

Sunday School 69 Giving \$ 45.00

## **THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION**

### **Today**

8:45 Sunday School

9 am BKF Club/Adult SS

10 am Worship/Men's Choir

### **Monday**

10:30 Arnold Buhr Funeral

No Blanket Sewing

7 pm Men's Choir

### **Tuesday**

No Blanket Sewing

Serve Warrens Table

4-9:30 Freeman Softball Triangular

### **Wednesday**

6 pm Confirmation

### **Thursday**

**\*\*PRINT NEWSLETTER\*\***

Ladies Aid

### **Saturday**

9-2:30 Freeman Softball Triangular

**Next Sunday**

8:45 Sunday School

9 am BKF Club/Adult SS

10 am Worship/Communion/NLOM Mission Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering

**Helping out Next Sunday – Mission Sunday**

**Pastor.....Jerry Gilbreath**

**Special Speaker.....Jason Gerdes**

**Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek**

**Acolytes.....Brogan Ideus**

**Korbin Busboom**

**Lector.....Gary Gronewold**

**Special Music.....**

**Greeters.....Gary & Linda Hooper**

**Robert & Linda Ideus**

**Breakfast Club.....Paul Remmers**

**September Altar Guild:** Kelly Lenner, Christy Buhr, Karla Holland, Rhonda Dorn, Lynette Dorn, Doreen Busboom

**October Altar Guild:** Cindy Jurgens, Carrie Reed, Janet Harms, Peggy Johnson, Rose Gronewold

**September Table Troop:** John Gronewold (leader), Paul & Shellie Remmers, Les & Mert Rademacher, Robert & Linda Ideus, Don Schuster

**October Table Troop:** Duane Parde, Janice Parde, Gary Wiese, John & Marcia Busboom, Doug & Rhonda Dorn, Leann Fossler

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to worship! A Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask that you please sign a visitor card located in the pews and bring the information section of the card to the information center desk, located in the unity room or place it in the offering plate. We are so glad you are here!**

**HANDICAP PARKING - We encourage you to reserve parking between the parsonage and the north doors for those joining us with mobility difficulties. Thank you! ~ The Church Council**

**IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A WEEKLY BULLETIN you may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check out to Zion Church for \$75.00.**

**Today's bulletin is sponsored by Larry & Macy Gronewold, Patty, Brittnay, & Jeremy Thomas in memory of Lawrence & Shirley Gronewold's wedding anniversary that is September 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Our deepest sympathy to the family of Arnold Buhr. Arnold passed away Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> at Good Samaritan. Arnold's funeral will be here at Zion. Tomorrow at 10:30. Please keep Lois and the family in your prayers.**

### **An update from the Church Council on the sound system.**

Inspirimedia Productions will be sending a representative out on September 24th to work on the issues we have been experiencing with the system. We appreciate all the feedback we have received from our members in regard to the system and are working diligently to get the issues resolved.

### **Good Neighbor & New Member Recognition Sunday, October 6, 2024.**

We invite our church family to INVITE their neighbors & friends to worship that day. **INVITE & BRING these special people with you!** We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion and remember that as a church of the ELCA, we practice OPEN communion. OPEN communion comes with the invitation that all who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior as WELCOME to partake in the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will also be recognizing Zion's past year's new members this Sunday so come and make your presence felt!

**If you are interested in joining Zion, please let Pastor Jer or the Church office know.**

### **Fall Bible Study begins the evening of Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Blessed are the CHOSEN – Season 2

The Chosen -Season 2 Bible Study beginning Oct 14th at 6:30 pm. ALL are welcome! Each person will purchase the study book on their own. If interested contact Stephanie Wallman (402) 673-4035 or Connie Thornburg (402) 673-3605.

Copies of the Expression are on the Welcome Center

**Special offerings in September**

**September 29<sup>th</sup> Mission Sunday** will be designated for Camp Carol Joy Holling.

**LWR Quilts and School Kits Drop off address in Omaha**

Magnum Trucking  
10611 Gertrude Street  
LaVista, NE 68128

(Drop off dates and times are listed under the picture to the right.)

November we will need some drivers for delivery of the kits. It is a very easy drop off spot just have to be able to lift the boxes out of your car.

**ALSO**, if interested in dropping off quilts to Table Grace in downtown Omaha. Let either Denise or Karen know. **That can be any day of the week but Sunday or Wednesdays from 9-2.** If interested in doing this, please let Karen know and I will set it up with Table Grace so they know when you will be coming. What a great way to keep these beautiful quilts local. Also have delivered 25 quilts to CASA in Beatrice.

 Nebraska Synod  
ELCA



Dates: Monday, November 4th –  
Thursday, November 7th  
Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



**Congratulations to Kelly & Brittany Sturek on the birth of Rory Todd Sturek**, born August 27<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents are Todd & Jeni Bohlmeyer. Congratulations.

**SAVE THE DATES: October 26 & 27th**

**Final 150th Anniversary celebration**

**SATURDAY- Oct 26th** starts at 9:30 featuring a program by Sue McLain “150 Years of Fashion”. In addition, we will have items displayed from Zion’s history. A light lunch will be served so we are asking those planning to attend to sign up on a clipboard located at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.



The program by Sue is funded by Humanities Nebraska. Contact Denise Schlake Ideus (402) 806-2236 if you have fashion items for display.

**SUNDAY -Oct 27th** features Pastor Casey Lieneman assisting in the worship with a soup luncheon to follow the service.

**SILENT AUCTION for 150th ANNIVERSARY** began October 8<sup>th</sup> and ends October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all contributing. All proceeds go to the anniversary fund for future projects connected to the Heritage Room in the German School House. Check it out if you haven’t already!

**The Anniversary Committee is planning a soup/dessert luncheon after the service on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.** Anyone interested in bringing soup or dessert can sign up on the clipboards. They will be passed around today during the service, or you can sign up at the Welcome Center. Or contact someone on the Anniversary Committee.



## **Zion Lutheran Church Trunk or Treat**

Fuller Park

18219 S. 80<sup>th</sup> Road, Pickrell

Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00

**We are also looking for people to decorate their trunks for the little goblins! So fun to watch them and see their costumes!**



## **Lost and found**

**There are 2 jackets hanging on the coat rack** in the Fellowship Hall. Please check them out to see if one of them is yours! There is a black leather one and a child's sweatshirt from VBS.

**A silver hoop earring and a silver cross.** They are both in the church office.

**Gold Crest** - Mildred Meints, Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman,  
Marilyn Robinson

**Homestead House** - Anora Schoen

**Our Homes Assisted Living** – Randy Oltman

**Good Samaritan** – Evelyn Meints

**Wilbur Care Center** – Ernie Jurgens