

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.



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 2024

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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- The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark’s gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him.

C- So teach us to number our days that we may apply our

hearts to wisdom.

P- Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you have and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we find life in consuming.

C- So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Gathering Hymn – God of Grace and God of Glory ELW 705

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r,
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

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!

Please be seated.

Special Music: Kids of the Kingdom

Children's Time: Rev Bill Shaner

Readings

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Lector – Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incurs God's wrath,

Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. Here ends this reading.

Psalm 90:12-17 - *Read responsively.*

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Hebrews 4:12-16

Lector – We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- Almighty and ever-living God,

C- increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies ahead and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive a crown of everlasting joy through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, amen.

Gospel – Mark 10:17-31

P- Jesus is teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than

for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.” The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message – Rev. Bill Shaner

Offering Hymn – Rise up, O saints of God! ELW 669

**Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.**

**Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.**

**Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.**

**Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.**

**Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!**

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 – What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW 774

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. **[Refrain]**

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. **[Refrain]**

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Helping out Today

- Pastor.....Bill Shaner
- Organist.....Shirley Gronewold
- Acolytes.....Presleigh Borman
Sadie Gronewold
- Lector.....Kelly Lenner
- Special Music.....Kids of the Kingdom
- Greeters.....Duane & Janice Parde
Lorene Wallman
- Breakfast Club.....Sammie Garton

Vital Statistics for Last Sunday

Sunday Service 168 Giving \$ 3240.00
Sunday School 62 Giving \$ 46.00

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45 Sunday School

9 am BKF Club/Adult SS/Endless Hallelujah Practice

10 am Worship/Kids of the Kingdom

Tuesday

6:30 pm The Chosen Bible Study

Wednesday

6 pm Confirmation/Endless Hallelujah practice

Thursday

9-3 Blanket Sewing

Friday

9-1 Blanket Sewing

Next Sunday

8:45 Sunday School

9 am BKF Club/Adult SS

10 am Worship/Communion/Endless Hallelujah

Monday - Tuesday

Pastor Jer & Karen gone for continuing ed.

Helping out Next Sunday

Pastor.....Jerry Gilbreath
Keyboard.....Janelle Ideus
Guitar.....Deric Bloom
Acolytes.....Colt Rinne
 Tavin Lieneman
Lector.....Amy Wallman
Special Music..... Endless Hallelujah
Greeters.....Karla Carstens
 Steve & Diane Oltman
Breakfast Club.....Lindsay Hofstetter

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

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

Snow Brigade-(Sure hope not needed quite yet!)

For the week of Oct 21st – Justin Hippen captain, Gary Gronewold
tractor, Stan Lenner tractor, Mark Buhr, James Lenner, Billy
Harms, Larry Gronewold, Dale Zimmerman, Luke Ideus.

For the week of Oct 28th – Mike Busboom captain, Dean
Zimmerman tractor, Russ Wallman tractor, Greg Dorn, Paul
Remmers, Craig Ideus, Terry Gronewold, Alex Buhr.

For the week of Nov 4th – Jason Lovitt captain, Les Lieneman
tractor, David Meints tractor, Matt Meints, Gary Wiese, Andy
Schoen, Perry Jurgens, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese.

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 - October 13th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday on behalf of the Church Council and our members we would like to acknowledge Pastor Jer for all he does for us here at Zion. Thank you, Pastor Jer, for all you do for our Zion church family!

Thank you to the council and congregation for the gift card to Lowes. Pastor Jer

Also Thank you to Pastor Bill Shaner for covering for Pastor Jer today as they are in Kearney with their family celebrating Thanksgiving/Christmas.

Thank you to Kids of the Kingdom for their special music today!

Fall Bible Study begins the evening of Tuesday October 15th.

Blessed are the CHOSEN – Season 2

The Chosen -Season 2 Bible Study beginning Tuesday, Oct 15th 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. Note!! On the calendar says Monday, But it is Tuesday night.

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.

A BIG THANK YOU to Gerald & Dennis Ideus for delivering 25 quilts this week to Table Grace.



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

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 8th and ends October 27th. The winners will be announced at the noon luncheon at 1:00 pm.

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 27th. Anyone interested in bringing soup can sign up on the clipboards on the Welcome Center. **Thank you for all who have signed up so far! We have plenty of cinnamon rolls and desserts.** Or you may contact someone on the Anniversary Committee



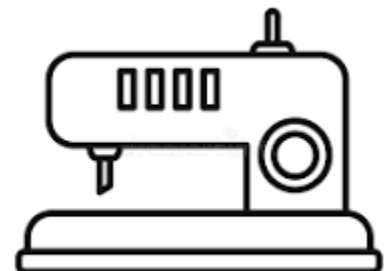
**Zion Lutheran Church Trunk or Treat
Fuller Park
18219 S. 80th Road, Pickrell
Sunday October 27th 2:00-4:00**

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

Contact Jeni Bohlmeyer 402-440-3672 or any member of the hospitality committee if you're will to have a trunk.

LWR BLANKET SEWING

October dates for sewing - trying some new days to see if can get a few more sewers and helpers. The next sewing dates are Thursday Oct 17 & 18th 9am – 3 pm. **No** experience needed. Come for some fun and fellowship!



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

A Century of Fashion 1870-1970



Presenter: Sue McLain
Yesterday's Lady, Beatrice NE

Saturday, October 26, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church Parish Hall

18219 S 80th Rd, Pickrell NE



Step back in time to discover the history of fashion from 1870 through 1970 and see authentic clothing from the past.

In addition, Zion will have a display of clothing worn for baptism, confirmation, weddings, etc at Zion over its 150 years.

A light brunch will be served.

This free event is hosted by Zion's Women of ELCA and Zion's 150th Anniversary Committee.

To assist the event planning, please RSVP your attendance to Jpzionlutheran@yahoo.com by Wednesday, October 23, 2024.



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