

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.”



Mission Sunday – Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministry, Jason Gerdes Executive Director

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion

September 29, 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- The archangel Michael is pictured as a prince and a general of the heavenly army, defeating the dragon (the ancient serpent, the devil, Satan).

C- Bless the Lord, you angels, all you hosts of God.

P- It is important, though, to see in Revelation 12:11 that God's victory ultimately comes by Jesus' death and the testimony of his followers. .

C- Bless the Lord, you angels, all you hosts of God.

P- The power of God's truth gives us confidence in the face of evil on earth, even in the face of our own death.

C- Bless the Lord, you angels, all you hosts of God.

Gathering Hymn – Morning Has Broken ELW 556

1 Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new 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: Jason Gerdes, NLOM Executive Director

Readings

Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3

Lector – *Daniel trembles in the presence of an angel. That angel tells the prophet about the good and terrible future when the dead will be resurrected, and the archangel Michael will usher in the deliverance of the nation.*

But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. He said to me, "Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. He said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the

kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.”

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. Here ends this reading.

Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22 - Thanksgiving for God’s Goodness

Read responsively.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.

Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.
Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Revelation 12:7-12

Lector – Armed with the power of God, Michael and the angels of God fight those armed with the power of evil, the devil, and the devil's angels. The "blood of the lamb," our crucified Lord Jesus, give Michael the power to force the devil from a place in heaven.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
"Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you

with great wrath,

because he knows that his time is short!" Here ends this reading.

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- Everlasting God,

C- you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in whom we worship and praise with the angels and archangels and all the company in heaven, now and forever, amen.

Gospel – Luke 10:17-20

P- The missionary church ("the seventy-two") is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift of power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Special Music- Men's Choir

Message – Jason Gerdes, NLOM Executive Director

Offering Hymn – Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones ELW 424

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord: **[Refrain]**

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song: **[Refrain]**

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One: **[Refrain]**

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

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church – *When the pastor says, “Lord in your mercy” please respond with “**hear our prayer!**”*

Words of Institution - Song of Consecration

Please join in singing the final verse in bold print.

The night of his betrayal, our Lord took bread.
He broke it as he blest it, and then he said,
“My body broken for you...is what this means;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

And then he took the chalice and raised it high,
“My blood is given for you, a full supply...
a covenant, a promise...a cleansing stream;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

**We share this food together, remem’bring Christ:
we share a common treasure and know the price;
we share it without measure...a gift of love;**

we share our life forever, with God above!

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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.**

Invitation to Communion

P- Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

The ELCA and Zion Lutheran Church practices open communion. If you confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are welcome to come forward and partake in the bread and wine of communion. Please fill out a communion card in the pew rack. Please hand your communion card to the usher when you come forward.

Communion Hymn – Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal ELW 464

**Bread of Life, our host and meal,
Jesus, feed us.**

**Christ, by faith, to see and feel,
feed us with your love.**

Bread now break and wine now pour.

Jesus, feed us.

Make us one, our hope restore.

Feed us with your love.

Grant forgiveness in the feast.

Jesus, feed us.

For the greatest and the least,

feed us with your love.

Thank you for this gift you share.

Jesus, feed us.

Save God's children everywhere.

Feed us with your love.

Post Communion Prayer

P- Holy God,

**you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table,**

Send us now to welcome others

**and to be at peace with one another,
through Christ our Lord.**

C- 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 – Borning Cry ELW 732

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borbng cry,
I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

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Helping out Today

Pastor.....Jerry Gilbreath

Special Speaker.....Jason Gerdes

Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes.....Brogan Ideus

Korbin Busboom

Lector.....Gary Gronewold

Special Music.....Men' Choir

Greeters.....Les & Cindy Lieneman

Robert & Linda Ideus

Breakfast Club.....Paul Remmers

Vital Statistics for Last Sunday

Sunday Service 156 **Giving** \$ 2732.00

Sunday School 59 **Giving** \$ 147.00

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

8:45 Sunday School

9 am BKF Club/Adult SS

10 am Worship/Communion/Men's Choir/NLOM Mission Sunday 5th
Sunday offering

Wednesday

6 pm Confirmation

Thursday

6-8 pm Freeman Softball vs Centennial varsity only

Next Sunday

8:45 Sunday School

9 am BKF Club/Adult SS

10 am Worship/Communion/Recognize New Members/Coffee
Fellowship by the Hospitality Committee

Helping out Next Sunday – Good Neighbor New Member

Pastor.....Jerry Gilbreath
Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek
Acolytes.....Max Cornelius
Nora Glynn
Lector.....Connie Thornburg
Special Music.....The Quartet
Greeters.....The Council
Breakfast Club.....Marcella Rademacher

September Altar Guild: Kelly Lenners, 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.

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.

Here are the new members that have joined during the year.
WE will be recognizing them next Sunday during worship.

Arden & Roxanne Dorn

Troy, & Diane & Kaitlyn Otto

Brandon & Lindsay, Micah & Lennon Hofstetter

Steve & Paige Harwood, Bella Burr, Cash & Stevie Harwood

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.

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

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.**

Today's Mission Sunday offering will be designated for Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Thank you Jason Gerdes for your message today!

Thank you to the Men's Choir and Alnora again for providing special music today.

Thank you Doreen Remmers, for the delicious food and gift card. Thank you for all the phone calls and text messages the past month and a half. Truly blessed! Pastor and Karen

The flowers under the hymn board are from Arnold Buhr's funeral that was here at Zion on last Monday. Continue to keep Lois and the rest of the family in your prayers!

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.



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

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.**

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 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. 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.

7th & 8th grade confirmands will have their service project on Wednesday, October 2nd. We will be walking the roads around Zion Church. Pastor and Karen will be serving a light supper following for the kids and the parents.

Thank you from CASA of Gage County

On behalf of CASA of Gage County, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation. Thanks to donations like yours, we've been able to help children create meaningful family visits. We have also been able to assist families with essential needs. From purchasing school pictures to providing phone minutes so parents can stay connected with schools and caseworkers, and even covering transportation costs to keep families close, every bit of help you provide enables youth and families to feel supported, included, and valued.

With Kind Regards,
Amber Lovitt
CASA of Gage County
Executive Director

Thank you everyone that provided donations of Food, Money and Time for the Warrens Table serving event, 9/24. We provided meals for 117 guests. The Christ Episcopal Warrens Community Dinner Table is a well-organized outreach ministry serving meals every Tuesday to those hungry or having troubles making ends meet. They are offered inside fellowship or parking lot fellowship for those who chose drive thru meals. A team of dedicated Christ Church women provide prayer, friendship and compassion to those that attend, whether they are new or attend regularly. All participants see God's work in action by the support of this ministry. Again, thank you for Zion's support. **A Thrivent Community Action Grant was used to buy chicken (Thanks to Russ's Market/ Deli for making that work financially for us) and was provided by John and Marcia Busboom. Thank you Marcia** also for getting this all organized!

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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