EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 19, 2026 – 10:00 AM

WELCOME!

We are delighted you are here today.
Everyone is welcome at Zion and all – without exception – are welcome to Holy Communion.

FREE COFFEE
Why not join us for some great coffee and conversation after worship near the east entryway. See you there!

CONNECT
To connect with the Zion community, scan this QR code. You can indicate prayer requests and find a link to subscribe to Zion's newsletter.

PRAYER PODIUM
Inside the sanctuary entrance is a Prayer Podium. You can write prayer request(s) to be included in today's Prayers of Intercession.

ACCESSIBILITY
All floors of the building are accessible by elevator. Sanctuary space is available for those with wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers. Please ask an usher if assistance is helpful. Large print bulletins are available.

NAME TAGS
We want to be a place where everyone knows your name! Name tag stickers are available on the welcome table in the gathering space. When you want one, a permanent name tag will be provided.

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM
We livestream worship on YouTube and the Zion Facebook page. You might appear in the livestream, but for security purposes, our children's sermon is blurred.

WiFi Network: Zion Guest
WiFi Password: Zion5822321

CHILDREN
We welcome kids of all ages! Children are invited to enjoy the carpeted zone in the rear of the sanctuary. There are activity bags on hooks along the back wall. Check out our Kids Station in the same area. If you wish to take your child (<4 yrs) to our staffed nursery, it is in the lounge across from the sanctuary.

GATHERING

** Indicates stand as you are able*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Favorite Hymns Hymn-Sing

Ten minutes before worship, you are invited to call out one verse of a beloved hymn!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, ☩ and Holy Spirit, one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

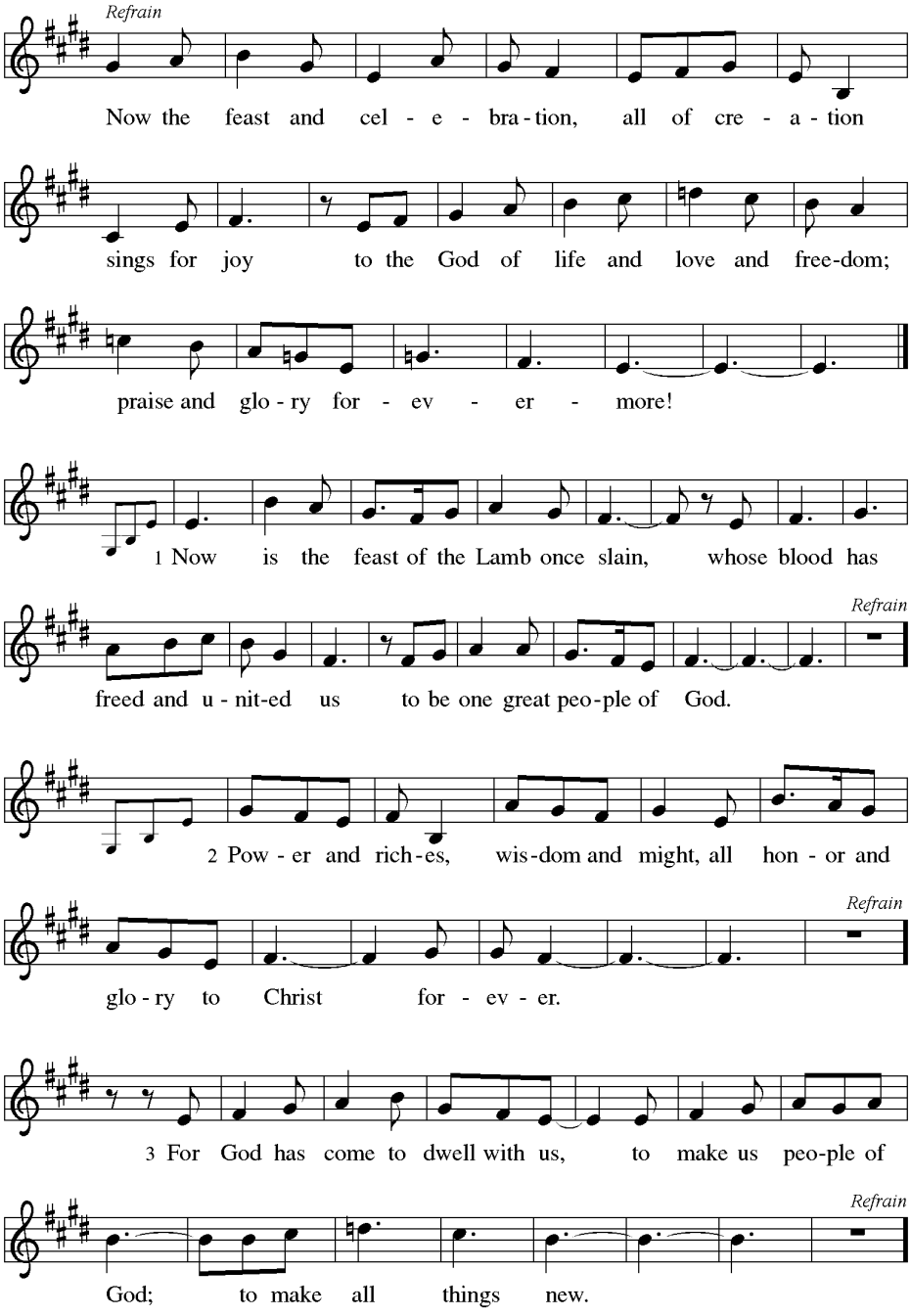
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins, known and unknown to us. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, forgive our sin and restore our broken relationship; 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.**

ENTRANCE HYMN 689 * *Praise and Thanksgiving*

GREETING *

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Refrain
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.
2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.
3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
Refrain
God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Faithful God, **most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.

For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid. Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

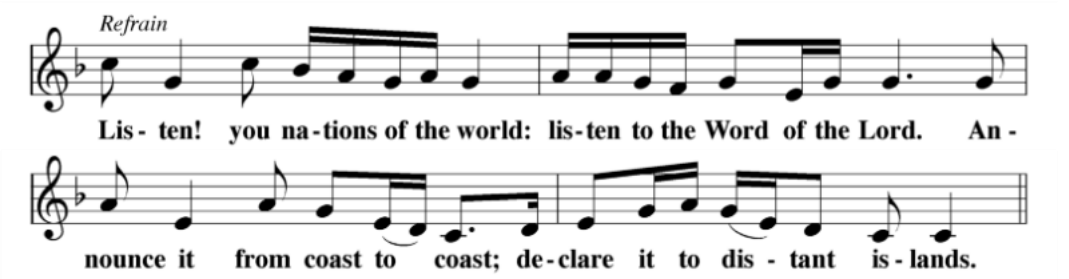
SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together

as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24:30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed

are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 516 * *Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*

APOSTLES CREED *

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 *

After each petition ending: God of grace, *congregation responds:* **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor concludes: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

With gratitude, we receive offerings during worship to support the mission and ministries of Zion Lutheran Church. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- By placing your offering in the plate that is passed now or
- Scan the QR code with your phone.

OFFERING PRAYER *

Let us pray. Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

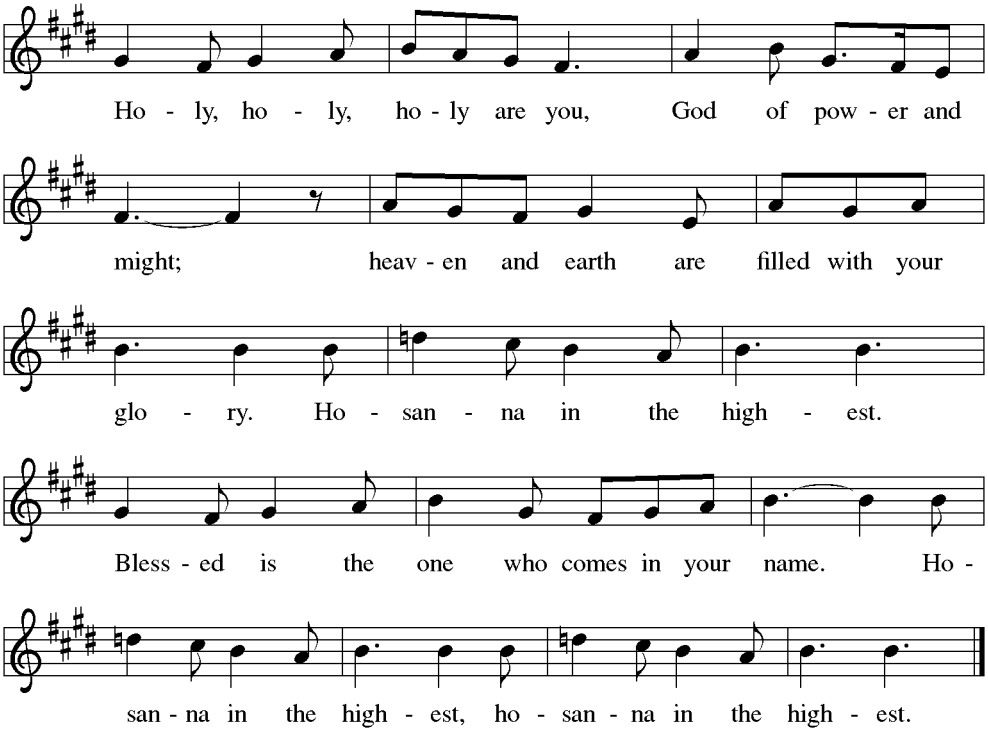
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

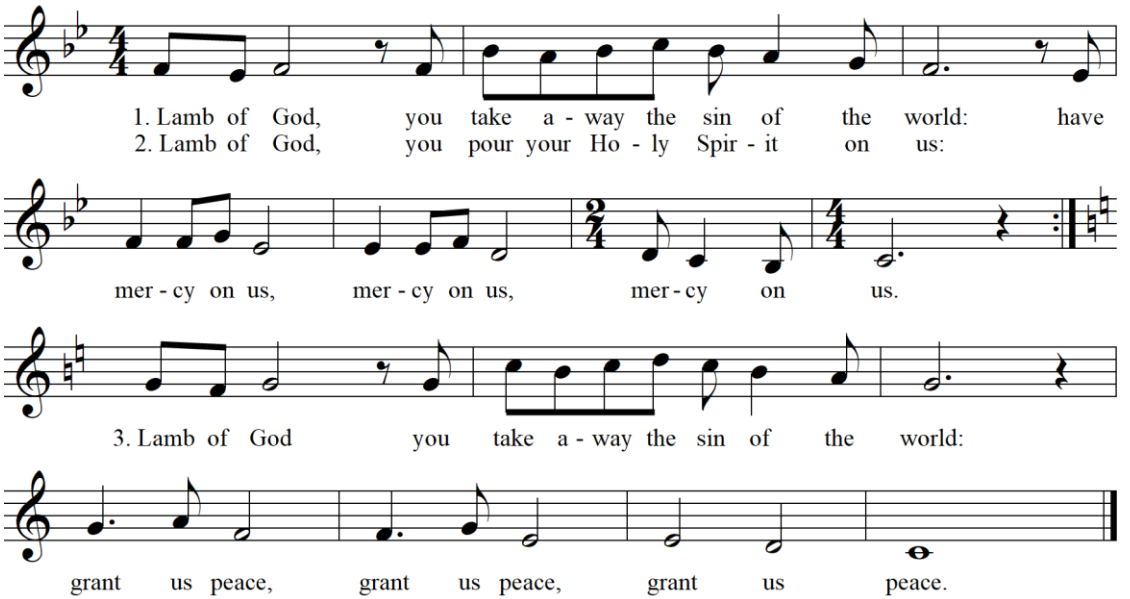
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to Holy Communion at Zion. To receive communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, forming two lines in the center aisle.

To receive the bread, place one hand in the other, like a manger or a bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may continue to the side to intinct the wafer in either wine (red) or grape juice (white). Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

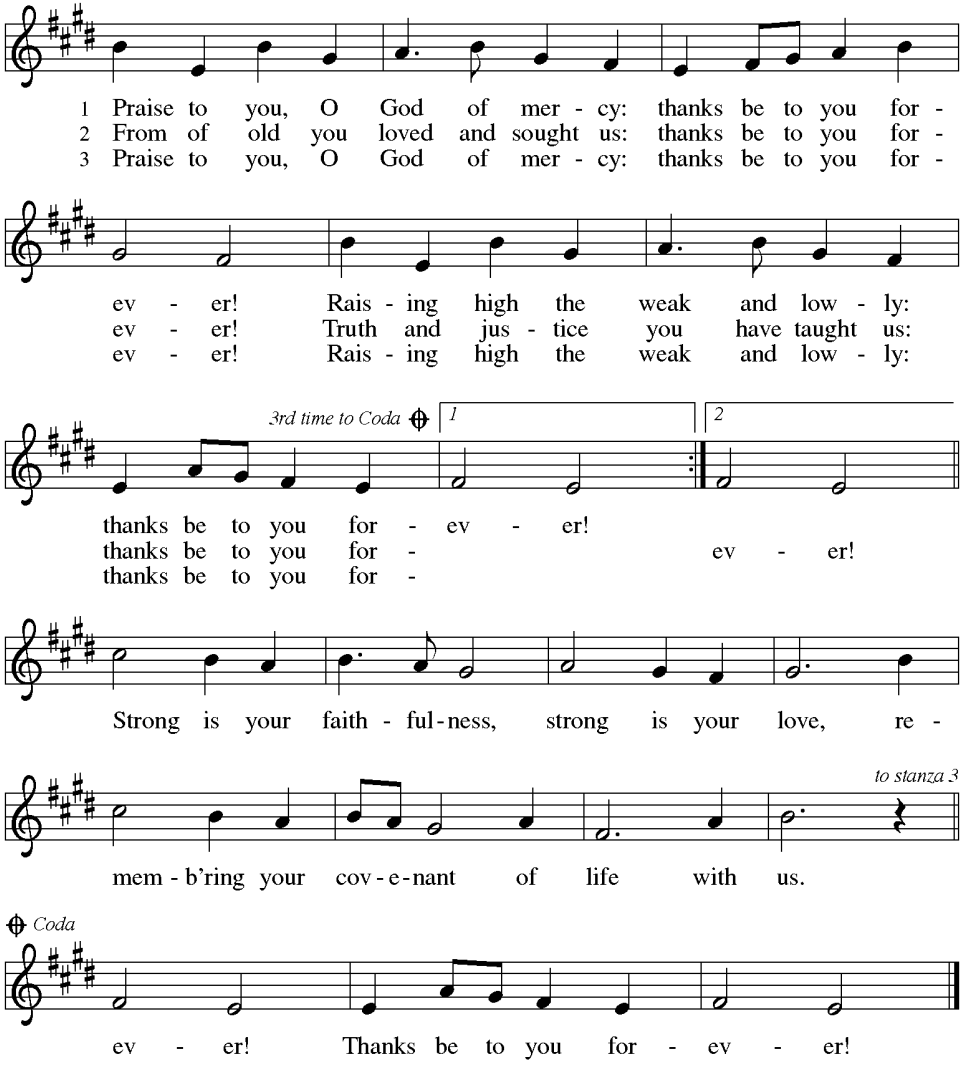
If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an x form across your chest and you will receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN 679 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

COMMUNION HYMN 479 *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *

May the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION *

Response to the benediction: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 694 * *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

DISMISSAL *

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Fugue on a Familiar Theme - Chamberlin

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TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Tony Auer
Assisting Minister	Susan Auer
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Reader	Brandon Courtney
Communion Assistants	Ross Anthony / Lois Graham
Altar Guild	Ann Marie Mogren / Denny Gross
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Paul Mogren / Marci Hall
Fellowship Hosts	Potluck in Terrace Room

Congregation Council: President – Joe Darnell; Vice President – Ross Anthony; Treasurer - Dennis Gross; Secretary - Liz Prystas; Sabrina Bell, David Buff, Jon Hall, Steve Newton, Cynthia Rowatt, Gavin Tonkyro

Zion Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation – We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God, we welcome all. We celebrate the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. Our Table is open and we invite all to full participation in the life of our church regardless of race, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, socio-economic and marital statuses, physical or mental capacities, age, or social position. We commit to the work of anti-racism and all forms of structural, systemic, institutional, and personal bias.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office – The parish administrator will be on vacation July 6-19. The church office will be staffed on Monday and Thursday mornings during that time. Email and voicemail will be monitored daily.

Celebrate Greater Zion Day: Honoring 144 Years of Faith and Fellowship - Join us TODAY as we celebrate Zion's 144th anniversary with a potluck picnic after worship in the Terrace Room. Bring a dish to share! Plates, cups, napkins, utensils, ice water, and ice cream(!) will be provided. Feel free to bring your own beverage. If you forgot to bring something, come anyway! In grand Lutheran tradition, there always is plenty!

Zion was founded on July 18, 1882, so what is Greater Zion Day? This beloved tradition began in 1937 and honors Zion's early years when members worshiped both downtown and in rural branch locations in Sandy, Park City, Bingham, and Eureka. Once a year, the full "greater" Zion community would gather in July to celebrate the founding. We continue the tradition together!

Bi-Monthly Mission July / August – YWCA Utah - Since 1906, YWCA Utah has worked to encourage women's aspirations, protect and promote women's rights, and meet women's needs during changing times and cultural climates. YWCA's enduring belief is that better lives for all women and marginalized people lead to stronger families, communities, and societies. YWCA Utah offers safety and sanctuary through Domestic Violence Services, Children's Services, and Race & Gender Equity programs. YWCA Utah is dedicated to empowering survivors by creating a kind, affirming, and equitable community that welcomes everyone regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, background, and circumstance. To learn more about YWCA Utah programs, visit https://www.ywcautah.org/#. To contribute to YWCA Utah, please use Zion's online payment portal ("bimonthly ministry") or label an offering for the collection plate. We will collect Noisy Offerings for YWCA Utah on the final Sundays of July (26) and August (30). Thank You!

Summer Social – Saturday, August 15, Steve & Marie Newton will host our summer social at their home in Emigration Canyon. New members are encouraged to join in! See the bulletin board outside the library for the address.

Zion Camping Weekend – Come camping with Zion August 21-23 at Box Elder Campground near Mantua! We have room for 50 people on Group Site B, let's make it a party! Pets are allowed, there's running water, a big field to play in, a creek nearby, the works! Even if you don't want to camp, consider joining us for a potluck on Saturday evening. Dinner will start around 6pm. RSVP or ask questions by emailing Rachel Kibler at racheljoi@gmail.com. Suggested donation to the church is $20 per family per night.

Crossroads Urban Center – Share donations of food/small household items. The drop off bin is directly under the stairway leading to the balcony. **Crossroads is holding a special July Food Drive as well. Top donation needs for this year's drive: Peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit/fruit cups, individual snacks (granola bars, etc.), ramen, crackers, canned tomatoes/tomato products, and canned soup.** Let's send them a lot!

ZELC Opportunity to Serve - It's great to see so many people enjoying coffee, snacks, and conversation in the Atrium after Sunday worship. To keep it going, we're looking for one or two families each week to bring simple snacks. Coffee is provided and there are always people to assist as needed. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Chet Johnson: chetj.slc@gmail.com.

Caring Connections Prayer Circle Requests - Are you, or someone you care about, in need of prayer? Please send your prayer requests to Holly Graham (40Grambo@msn.com). Holly will forward them to the dedicated members of our developing prayer circle. *May our prayers rise up like incense before God!*

Informal Yoga Exercise Group – Please join us at 10 AM in the atrium each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Bring your yoga mat. No experience needed!

All Sunday school classes for children and adults are on summer hiatus; see you in September. Chancel choir rehearsals will resume in September too.

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Attendance July 12, 2026 Worship: 80 ; Online views: 47

Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52