

# Divine Service



**Eighth Sunday After  
Pentecost**  
July 25, 2021

Zion Lutheran Church  
Kearney, Nebraska

# Welcome to Zion!

*All worshippers please fill out an attendance card in the pew rack and let us know how we might be of service to you.*

## Holy Communion at Zion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation as Jesus has given it. As he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. *All communicants* need to register in the narthex prior to the service.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune until they are able to speak with our pastor first. He is happy to visit with you about the Christian faith and how to receive the Lord's Supper for your good and for the good of others. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

## *Creation Is Redeemed and Sanctified by the Word of Christ Jesus*

Having spared faithful Noah and his family from the flood, the Lord established His covenant with them, “*and with every living creature,*” that never again would there be “*a flood to destroy the earth*” (Gen. 9:9-11). He signed and sealed this everlasting covenant with His rainbow in the clouds, by which He sees and remembers His promise that “*the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh*” (Gen. 9:13-16). Although creation suffers under the curse of sin, the Lord preserves and orders creation for the benefit of His Church. In particular, all of creation is redeemed and sanctified by the incarnate Son of God. “*Take heart*” and “*do not be afraid*,” for He is with you on the sea. He is not a ghost, but He has come in the flesh to save you. He has gotten “*into the boat*” with you, and the wind that was against you has ceased (Mark 6:45-51). For He is the Word and promise of the Father, and His own flesh and blood are the covenant by which you are “*strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being*” (Eph. 3:16-17).

## 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*LSB 184*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

*LSB 185*

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,\*  
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.  
I will extol you, my | God and King,\*  
and bless your name forever and | ever.  
Every day I will | bless you\*  
and praise your name forever and | ever.  
Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\*  
and his greatness is un- | searchable.  
They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,\*  
and I will declare your | greatness.  
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness\*  
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

## Gloria Patri

LSB 186

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: C and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 9:8–17*

<sup>8</sup> God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

<sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

<sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

<sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Romans 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!\*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

## Prayer for Spiritual Strength

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 6:45–56*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

**Jesus Walks on the Water**

<sup>45</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>51</sup>And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

**Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret**

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and

implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ~~of~~ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

## 754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing  
 2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -  
 3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -  
 4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for

hand; He cares for you while rul - - ing The  
 cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That  
 mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - - al And  
 you In ways to rouse your won - - der At

sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the  
 your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no  
 makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with  
 all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise

tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will  
 wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can  
 pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -  
 keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'r's Will

find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.  
 win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.  
 til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.  
 ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

5 O blessed heir of heaven,  
 You'll hear the song resound  
 Of endless jubilation  
 When you with life are crowned.  
 In your right hand your maker  
 Will place the victor's palm,  
 And you will thank Him gladly  
 With heaven's joyful psalm.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord,  
 strengthen;  
 With joy our spirits bless  
 Until we see the ending  
 Of all our life's distress.  
 And so throughout our lifetime  
 Keep us within Your care  
 And at our end then bring us  
 To heav'n to praise You there.

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*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took  
bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{\texttfrac{1}{2}}$  body, which is given for  
you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had  
given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this  
cup is the new testament in My  $\text{\texttfrac{1}{2}}$  blood, which is shed for you for  
the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in  
remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

## 628 Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con-fess my sins And mourn their wretch-ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen-tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true  
blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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## 690 Hope of the World

1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion;  
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
 4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us  
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,

Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
 Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
 Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light,  
 From death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,  
 Who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,

Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
 Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
 Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
 We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;  
 We would be faith - ful to Thy Gos - pel glo - rious.

Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
 To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.  
 Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.  
 Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.  
 Thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

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## 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And grieves a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -

guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### The Dismissal

LSB 199

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 people Is - rael. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
 and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

LSB 201



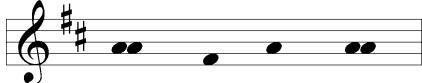
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



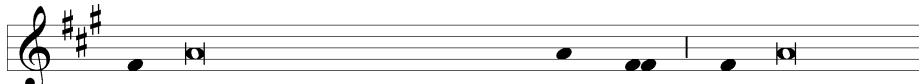
**A** Bless we the Lord.



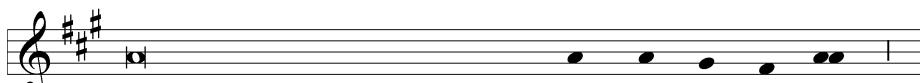
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

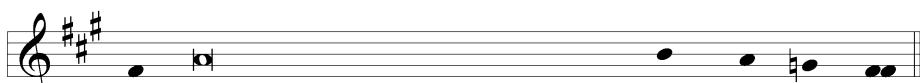
LSB 202



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## 818 In Thee Is Gladness

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of

sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -

heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the

wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -

cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him

To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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Reg Duke ( <i>Westman's brother-in-law</i> )	Healing
James Gentry ( <i>Verleen Gentry's son</i> )	Healing
Roger Hoffman ( <i>Marc's father</i> )	Healing
<b>David Kreutzer</b>	<b>Healing</b>
Sharon Kreutzer ( <i>Richard's mother</i> )	Healing
Lyra Mais ( <i>Zion student</i> )	Healing
Mary Ann Mertz ( <i>Pam's Uhlir's friend</i> )	Healing
Tim Powers ( <i>Kim Wilken's brother</i> )	Healing
Roy Reynolds ( <i>Verleen Gentry's son-in-law</i> )	Healing
Lynne Saathoff ( <i>Verleen Gentry's sister-in-law</i> )	Healing
Randy Solomon ( <i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i> )	Healing
Angela Well ( <i>Charles Marineau's granddaughter</i> )	Healing
Katie Cunningham ( <i>Quentin &amp; Janel Lange's friend</i> )	Burn
D.D. Dugger ( <i>Sue Kaiser's brother</i> )	Cancer
Stuart Gronewoller ( <i>Lonna's brother-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen ( <i>Jeff's dad</i> )	Cancer
Randy Jochum ( <i>Ken Hockemeier's brother-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Fred Koch ( <i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i> )	Cancer
John Moore ( <i>family of Susan Tonniges</i> )	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair ( <i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i> )	Cancer
Kolby Shiers ( <i>Jessica's cousin</i> )	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir ( <i>Pam's nephew</i> )	Cancer

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Dave & Kay Banner in memory of Lilian Johnson's birthday**

**Today's Altar Flowers is given to the Glory of the Lord by  
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## **Worship Assistants**

### **Sunday, July 25 ~ 9:00am**

Elder: Bruce Brooks

Usher: Mike Wilkens & Jeff Strong

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Announcer: Jesse Florang

Altar Guild: Becky Thornton & Carol Herron

### **Sunday, August 1 ~ 9:00am**

Elder: Eric Rosenthal

Usher: Fred Flessner

Engineer: Jamie Nikodym

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller

Altar Guild: Waunita DeLaet & Connie DeLaet

## **Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 07/18/2021

Offering: \$4,715.53

Weekly Need: \$7,457.69

## This Week at Zion

Sun 07/25	9:00a 10:30a  <i>Birthdays Anniversaries</i>	Divine Service Radio Broadcast 1460am & 92.1fm  ---
Mon 07/26	<i>Birthdays Anniversaries</i>	---
Tues 07/27	1:30p <i>Birthdays Anniversaries</i>	<b>Sleeping Mats</b> <i>Patrice Brost</i> ---
Wed 07/28	9:00a-5:00p <i>Birthdays Anniversaries</i>	<b>School Final Registration Day</b> <i>Leah Baker Lonna Gronewoller Todd &amp; Ellen Koopman</i>
Thurs 07/29	9:00a-5:00p <i>Birthdays Anniversaries</i>	<b>School Final Registration Day</b> <i>Owen Hodgson</i> ---
Fri 07/30	6:00p <i>Birthdays Anniversaries</i>	<b>Eckhoff wedding rehearsal</b> ---
Sat 07/31	3:00p 5:00p <i>Birthdays Anniversaries</i>	<b>Eckhoff wedding</b> <b>Divine Service</b> <i>Judy Ahrens Todd Junge</i> --
Sun 08/01	9:00a 10:30a <i>Birthdays Anniversaries</i>	<b>Divine Service</b> Radio Broadcast 1460am & 92.1fm ---



Zion  
Lutheran  
Church

Where our Triune God strengthens us  
through His mercy in faith toward Him and  
in fervent love toward one another.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mission Speaker** - Assistant to the General Secretary of the International Lutheran Council (ILC), will be preaching at Zion on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. After the Divine Service on August 1<sup>st</sup>, Pastor James will present about the important work that the ILC is doing to support Lutheranism and biblical Christianity throughout the world. Please join us for this very timely presentation.

**Pastor Gaunt Vacation** - Pastor Gaunt will be on vacation from July 24-August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call the church office or Pastor DeLoach if you need assistance.

**Furniture Pickup Needed** - Zion has purchased some surplus furniture from the Nebraska District LCMS office in Seward. If anyone is able to pick up 6 conference chairs and two small tables, please inquire at the office. This would be a great help! Thank you!

**Peaches** - Zion will once again be selling peaches. The Board of Education will receive the first shipment of peaches sometime around August 15<sup>th</sup> details on selling times will be provided as the date approaches. The cost will be \$40 a lug. Mary Martha will be selling them August 22 and the Zion Youth will be selling peaches August 29.

**Ride** - Vi Fox is wanting to attend church in person. She needs someone to pick her up and bring her to Zion. She would like to attend Saturday evenings. If you have any questions or would be willing to help please call the office at 308-234-3410. Thank you.

### **Offering Options:**

- 1) Place your offering in the basket as you leave
- 2) Go to [zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give](http://zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give)
- 3) Go to [zionkearney.com](http://zionkearney.com) and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847 or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.

**Radio Broadcast** - Please help Zion spread the Gospel, signup to sponsor a radio broadcast! There are several open dates.

**Church Management System** - Zion has switched to a web-based church management system called ChurchTrac. Please pick-up a yellow sheet in the narthex to get setup today to view all of the benefits and features.

It is very important that you setup your account. This is the only way for the office to know of birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The old software program is no longer working, so old information is all what is being used, so more than likely we are missing a lot of babies, etc.

**Mission Offerings** - If you would like to donate to the missions Zion supports, please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex. The third quarter missions will be going to support Jonathan Clausing. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.lcms.org/clausing>

<https://missioncentral.us/category/africa/jonathan-and-anita-clausing/>

**Summer Office Hours** - Summer office hours will be Monday-Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm.

**Blessings** - It is with a heavy heart that I announce my departure as Zion Lutheran Church & School secretary. Change is always hard and leaving a place like this makes it even harder. This is my home, this is my support, I love this place and the people that fill it. Everyone has been so wonderful, supporting, and kind. Thank you all for everything that you have done for me and for Zion. May God Bless each of you!

Yours in Christ, Jessica Shiers



“Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.”  
Psalm 84:5



**Back to School Night** - the Board of Education will be hosting a back to school night will be held on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00.

**Zion Cross Country** - New this year! Zion will offer cross country to its 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are a member of Zion Church and would like to be part of the team please contact the office. Practices will begin August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Sports Camps** - Zion will host volleyball, boys and girls basketball camps. It is open to all Zion members and Zion students in the 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please wear appropriate gym attire and bring a water bottle. Volleyball players please remember your kneepads. We encourage you to come give it a try. The fee will be \$15 per family.

Boys Basketball Camp: August 10, 11, 12 from 9:00-11:00am

Girls Basketball Camp: August 10, 11, 12 from 1:00-3:00pm

Volleyball Camp: August 12, 13 from 2:45-4:45pm

## Employment Opportunities:

### **NEW! ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT!**

Our awesome administrative assistant has made a career change. While we will miss her greatly, we trust in God's good provision for the school and for Ms. Shiers. If you enjoy working with people, have clerical/office experience, and like a fast-paced, ever-changing work day - this may be the position for you! Please contact Pastor DeLoach or Mr. Splittergerber if you are interested.

### **Lunchroom Helper:**

We are looking for someone that could work from 10:30-12:30 Monday thru Friday, helping in the lunchroom. Daily tasks would include table setup, assistance with lunch distribution, table wipe down and put-away, and floor cleaning. If interested please call the school office at (308)-234-3410. Please share with anyone looking for part-time hours in great school environment.

### **Church & School Custodian:**

Zion is looking for a custodian for the new school year. The position is for 29 hours a week. This is an important and valued position! If you or someone you know takes pride in making a clean and safe workspace, consider working with our wonderful staff at Zion Lutheran. In interested, please call the school office at (308) 234-3410.



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## Two Concerns for the Church:

**1** **The Equality Act**  
currently before  
Congress in  
Washington D.C.

**2** **K-12 Health Education Standards** proposed by  
the Nebraska Department of Education

### What is it?

The Equality Act that is being considered by Congress sounds innocent. All Americans should enjoy equality and the protections of the U.S. Constitution. But in elevating sexual orientation to a protected class, the Equality Act will bring sweeping changes to current laws, to the great detriment of the religious and constitutional freedoms of biblically faithful churches, institutions, Christian schools and individuals.

In fact, those churches and institutions that are bound by the Word of God to the truth of marriage between a man and a woman could be punished for simply standing on our consistent beliefs. The Equality Act effectively outlaws the words of Christ and our free exercise of religion.

The Equality Act expands the definition of "public accommodation" and puts an ultimatum to individuals, religious non-profits, food banks, schools, charities, adoption agencies and others: "Change your faith-based practices or face government punishment."

\*Read a letter from Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison and find additional information and resources at the link provided.

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) recently released a **first draft of K-12 Health Standards**. These standards are meant to guide curriculum for all Nebraska schools, including public and non-public schools.

The Health Standards are a deeply flawed, ideologically driven document. Should such standards be adopted by schools, children will be placed in peril, many educators will find their professional judgment and conscience under attack, and the culture will move toward a further normalization of child sexualization.

Read the proposed Health Standards and take special note of the "Human Growth and Development" section in each grade. Here are a few highlights:

- In Kindergarten, students will "discuss different kinds of family structures (e.g. single parent, blended, intergenerational, cohabitating, adoptive, foster, same-gender, interracial). Note that traditional marriage between a man and woman is not mentioned.
  - In 1st grade, students "define gender, gender identity, and gender-role stereotypes."
  - In 4th grade, students "distinguish between sex assigned at birth and gender identity and explain how they may or may not differ."
  - In 8th grade, students would be taught that abortion is "reproductive care" and how to develop a plan to eliminate an unplanned pregnancy.
- \*Find the proposed Health Standards and additional information and resources at the link provided.

# What can you do?

## The Equality Act

1. Treat all people with kindness and respect ("You shall love your neighbor as yourself" Mark 12:31).
2. Become informed about the **Equality Act** and the issues of gender dysphoria.
3. Consider your role as Christian citizens and make your voice known to your elected officials. Our friends at Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) have created a **simple web tool** to allow you to reach out to your congressperson.
4. Pray for our officials, government, and the church in these challenging days.  
Additional resources regarding the Equality Act:
  - **Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty**
  - **Alliance Defending Freedom** — The True Impact of the "Equality Act"
  - **Heritage Foundation** — 11 Myths About H.R. 5, the Equality Act of 2021

## K-12 Health Education Standards

1. Pray for Christian teachers and staff serving in our public schools, that they may find opportunities to freely share their faith.
2. Double down on your commitment to Christian education for your own family.
3. Talk about your concern for the new health education standards with your friends. Make sure that they are aware of the educational standards being proposed for every public school in Nebraska.
4. The Nebraska Department of Education is seeking feedback about these standards. Please take some time to fill out the **NDE online survey** and speak up for all Nebraska kids!
5. Watch for local Health Education Standards.

## Looking for more information?

\* Full details and all resources mentioned can be found on the Nebraska District LCMS website at [www.ndlcms.org/action-alert](http://www.ndlcms.org/action-alert)



# sermon notes:

Who is  
Speaking?

Where in  
the Bible?

Book:

Chapter:

Verse:

Who is  
the passage  
talking about?

What  
happened?

my favorite song was: 

here you draw something:

I learned:

I didn't understand:

words I don't know

Date: \_\_\_\_\_