

# ***Zion Lutheran Church***



## ***Holy Trinity***

***5:30 p.m. June 14, 2025***

***9:00 a.m. June 15, 2025***

*“O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.*

## Welcome

**Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you.**

**Worship details:** In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates the congregation's responses. **Assisted listening devices**, which are cleaned, disinfected, and have earpads replaced after each service are available in the narthex; ask an usher. **Hospitality details:** A **family restroom** is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary. **If you are visiting today**, please feel free to sign the Guest Registry located in the narthex. We ask that ALL members, regular visitors, and guests **sign the pew pad sheet**, so that we can better get to know each other.

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF BELL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly may stand*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful God,

C **You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C **Amen.**

## HYMN:

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

## GREETING

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

C And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated*

**Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31** *In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

<sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

<sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 8 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,**  
**human beings that you should care for them?**  
<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**  
**you have put all things under their feet:**  
<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**  
**and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Romans 5:1-5** *Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

R Word of God, word of life. C Thanks be to God.

*The assembly may stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.



## 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

Each petition ends with: God of grace. Please respond with: **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you.

*We share Christ's peace with one another.*

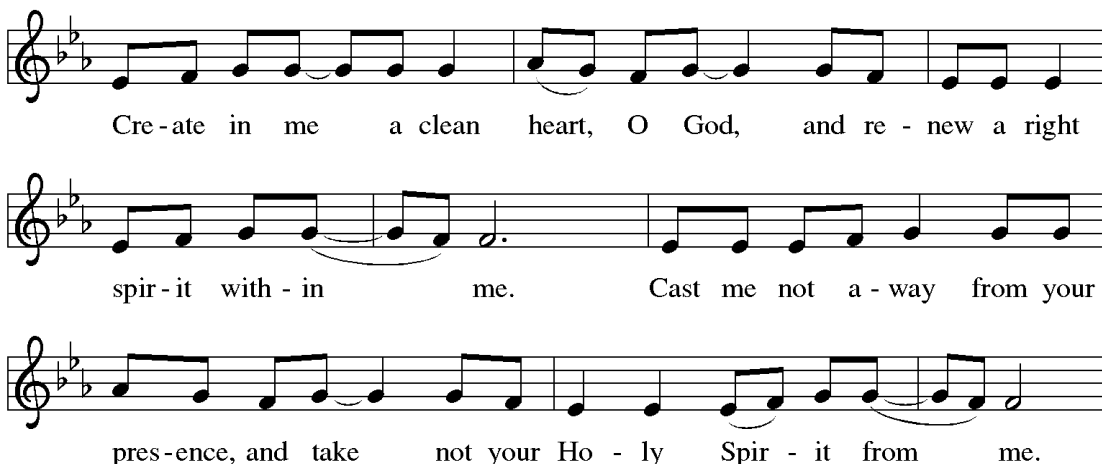
*The assembly is seated.*

**NOISY OFFERING** Gifts received in the Noisy Offering will be split between  
ELCA World Hunger and local food pantries

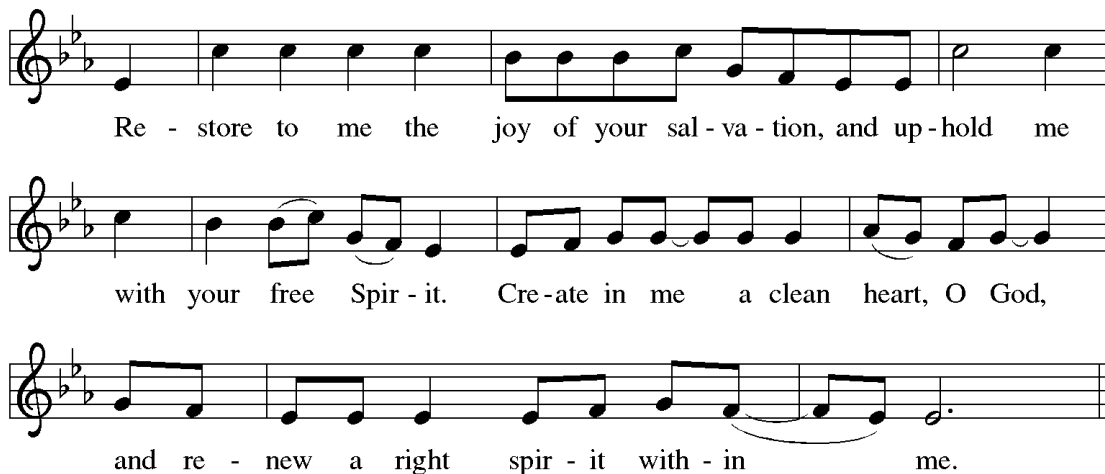
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*The assembly may stand.*

## OFFERING RESPONSE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. **Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

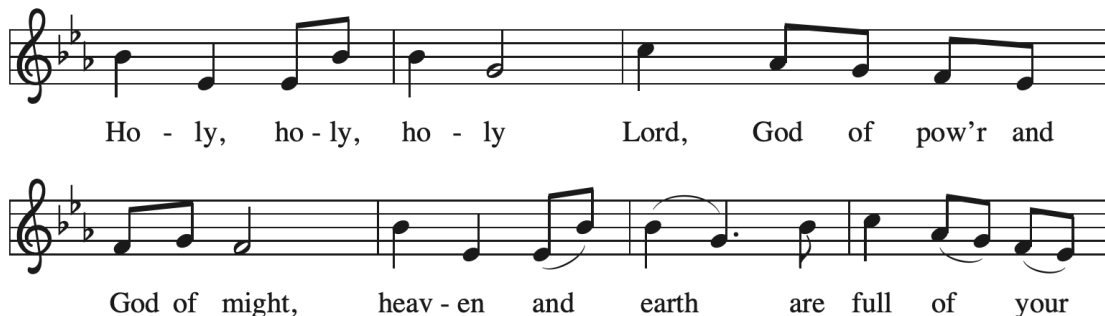
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Come, for all things are now ready.

*The assembly is seated. All who trust that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome to partake of this meal. All are welcome to come forward as the ushers direct you. However, you are also welcome to remain in your pew and the Lord's Supper will be brought to you; simply let the usher know your desire when they come to your pew.*

*Wine, grape juice and gluten-free options are available. The grape juice is the light colored liquid in the center ring of the trays. Place your empty glass in the receptacle available as you head back to your seat via the side aisle.*



*Communion Hymns:*

*"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"*

***ELW (red book) # 470***

*"By Your Hand Feed Your People"*

***ELW (red book) # 469***

*The assembly may stand*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray. **Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**P** The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

**C** **Amen**

### **SENDING HYMN:**

*"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"*

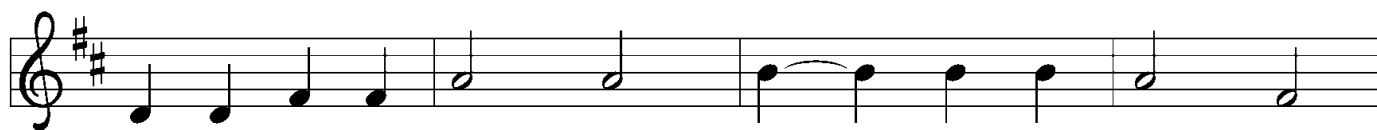
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### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

# Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

# Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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**POSTLUDE**

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<b>WORSHIP LEADERS</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Pastor Julie Higgs	Pastor Julie Higgs
<b>Pianist:</b>	Tracey McCulloh	Tracey McCulloh
<b>Worship Assistant:</b>	Diane Honeywell	Jeanne Crow
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Diane Dinning & Marsha Smith	Jolene Burnett & Jessica Hilgendorf
<b>Greeters:</b>	Cathy Layton-Johnson	Jeanne Crow

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this weekend are provided by Pat Reynolds.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** this weekend is sponsored in celebration of Joan Borota’s 90th birthday on June 14th by her children: Jill, Jody & Kent.

**FELLOWSHIP IN THE GATHERING SPACE:** Please join the Fellowship committee in the Gathering Space this Sunday, June 15th, for a celebration of all those who have birthdays in June.

**LATEST NEWS ON PASTORAL TRANSITION:** On Wednesday, June 4, Bishop Amy Current met with Zion members and, after leading us in Bible study, talked about the upcoming transitions in pastoral coverage and care following Pastor Julie's retirement. She indicated that there are two pastors who are willing to share these responsibilities, with the plan that they will continue until Zion calls a new pastor. At its June 10 meeting, Zion’s Council voted to move forward to negotiate and sign contracts with Pastor Barbara Hayden and Pastor Paul Holmer to begin serving Zion August 1st. Many details are yet to be decided, and the Council will communicate with the congregation as those decisions are made. Please pray for the Council, Pastor Julie, and Pastors Hayden and Holmer as they move forward into these transitions.

**KITCHEN CLEANUP:** A big THANK YOU to the 11 people who showed up to help clean the kitchen. While a lot was done, there is still some to be finished. The Rebecca Circle asks for more help on Tuesday, June 17th, at 9:00 am to get the cleaning finished.

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS SCHEDULED!** We plan to receive new members in worship on Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29. Please let Pastor Julie know if you are thinking about joining Zion! If you have questions about what it means to become a member, please read the description later in this bulletin.

### **WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS OF ZION?**

It's a wonderful thing to be a member of Zion Lutheran Church! Members are part of a community that shares faith in Christ and seeks to care, share, and serve others because of all that God in Christ has done for us!

Members are involved in a multitude of ways—most of which are also available to regular guests—but members make a commitment to be involved in ways that live out their baptismal promises. They express their intent to:

Live among God's faithful people

Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper

Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

Serve all people following the example of Jesus, and

Strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

What a life-giving series of promises!

As a practical matter, this means that we invite our members to worship regularly—as often as possible! We all are enriched by spending time together praising God, hearing about what Christ has done—and is doing—in our world, and receiving Christ's very real presence in the bread and wine of Communion. Worship nourishes and strengthens us both for our own sakes and so that we can serve and love others.

There are, of course, expenses with ministry. Zion is committed to being responsible and prudent in our use of the financial gifts we receive. We also give a lot of it away to others to serve in our community, synod, country, as well as in other parts of the world. We invite members to give as they are able, and we are so grateful for our members' financial contributions to our many ministries!

And as God has given each of us gifts, skills and talents, we invite members to share theirs. Sometimes this happens in their vocations and volunteer efforts in the community, but it also is how we are able to accomplish the many and various ministries of Zion—worship and music, Christian education, building and grounds, fellowship, evangelism, social ministry, and so much more! We celebrate our members' gifts!

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Zion will be hosting a blood drive this Monday, June 16th from 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Appointments are recommended and may be made by scanning the QR code on the flyer in the Gathering Space, calling Impactlife at 800-747-5401, or contacting Deb Vath at [djvath@mchsi.com](mailto:djvath@mchsi.com).

**ALTAR GUILD CELEBRATION!** Saturday, June 28, at 4:30 pm, we invite all the folks who set up and/or clean up Holy Communion to a thank-you celebration of your important ministry at Zion! We'll have treats and we'll introduce some newly revised information to help you in this ministry. We encourage all who help in this way, including those who serve on Sunday mornings, to join us for this time of celebration.

**CARING FOR OUR ZION FAMILY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS:** All Zion members and friends who want to visit and/or take Holy Communion to our homebound members are invited to attend any one of three upcoming organizational meetings:

- Saturday, June 21, at 4:15 pm
- Sunday, June 22, after worship—approximately 10:30 am
- Wednesday, June 25, 10:30 am

If you are already visiting any of our homebound members, thank you so much!! Please fill out the “Caring for our Zion Family” information sheet you’ll find in the narthex so that we have the information to ensure that all of our homebound members receive visits, and plan to attend one of the meetings. If you want to participate, but none of these meeting times work in your schedule, please contact Deb Willwerth or Pastor Julie as soon as possible.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Zion will be hosting this year’s Vacation Bible School along with St. Paul Lutheran Church. VBS will be held Monday, July 21st through Thursday, July 24th. This year’s VBS is titled “Sharing a Meal.” A family meal will be offered each evening beginning at 4:45 pm. Activities will be from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. A registration form is on the inside back page of this bulletin.

#### **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS:**

##### **Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015    Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

**Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931 Saturday, June 21, 2025**

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

**HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:**

Monday, June 16th:	3:00 pm– Blood Drive
Tuesday, June 17th:	6:00 pm– Congregation Council
Wednesday, June 18th:	9:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study 10:00 am– Zion Book Club
Saturday, June 21st:	4:15 pm– Caring for Our Zion Family 5:30 pm– Worship with Baptism
Sunday, June 22nd:	9:00 am– Worship 10:30 am– Caring for Our Zion Family

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, June 7th 5:30 attendance	51
Sunday, June 8th 9:00 attendance	<u>72</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	123



# Sharing a Meal



**Saint Paul and Zion Summer VBS**  
**July 21 - July 24**

**5:30 - 7:00 pm**

**Free Family Supper each night 4:45 - 5:30 pm**

**VBS will be held at Zion Lutheran Church**

**439 3rd Ave S.**

**For more information contact Zion's Church Office at 563-242-7391**

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## **Vacation Bible School Registration**

### **2025 "Sharing a Meal" July 21st—July 24th**

*Children going into preschool (and potty trained) through going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us.*

Child Name _____	Grade Going Into _____
Child Name _____	Grade Going Into _____
Child Name _____	Grade Going Into _____
Child Name _____	Grade Going Into _____

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members attending dinner each night \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer to help at VBS \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact (other than the above name/number)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do we have permission to use your child(rens) pictures on our website and in social media \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**Please RSVP by July 14th by completing this form and returning it to Zion or St. Paul**

**A nightly offering will be given to food programs through Information, Referral, & Assistance Services.**



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***The 9:00 am worship service will be broadcast on  
KROS, 1340 AM and 105.9 FM, at 10:30 am  
Facebook Live at 9:00 am on Sundays  
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