Zion Lutheran Church



Second Sunday after Pentecost 5:30 p.m. June 21, 2025 9:00 a.m. June 22, 2025

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

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

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" by Dale Wood
"There is a Balm in Gilead" by Hal Hopson

RINGING OF BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS & TEMPLE TALK

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.

- C Amen.

HYMN: "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- C O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated

(9:00) **Isaiah 65:1-9** The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord;

because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the Lord:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

(9:00) Psalm 22:19-28 (read responsively)

¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

Galatians 3:23-29 For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly may stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:





Our hearts burn with - in us

as you open to us the scriptures.

²⁴ For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

Luke 8:26-39 Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

P The holy gospel according to John. C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

The assembly is seated CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREIN 3 SEKINION

SERMON: Pastor Julie Higgs





- 1 God, we gath er as your peo ple to raise our song a -
- 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil dren, that one day they be
- 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and 4 God, we're work ing for the fu ture when chil dren far and



bove, and we dare free; and we sing shame, so a - fraid wide can . . . live

to claim the prom - ise your love. gen - er - a - tions for yet to be, who they are of and whom they love. their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here. we they nev that er have a rea son to that your May the mes now be ban - ished sage they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



when your chil - dren will it soon will be, free. trust doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest. love for the few; may their faith is in you new. re join us hand in hand, a - gainst as all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o-pened, fling the church doors o-pen



wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.



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(5:30) BAPTISM WITH PRESENTATION OF FAITH CHEST Cade Allen Weaks

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(5:30) **BAPTISM HYMN:**

"Borning Cry"

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INTRODUCTION TO PRAYERS FOR HEALING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: In your great mercy. Please respond with: Hear us, O God.

- P O God, we bring these intercessions before you, knowing that you will hear us as you have promised, and will answer according to the mercy shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

PFACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.** We share Christ's peace with one another.

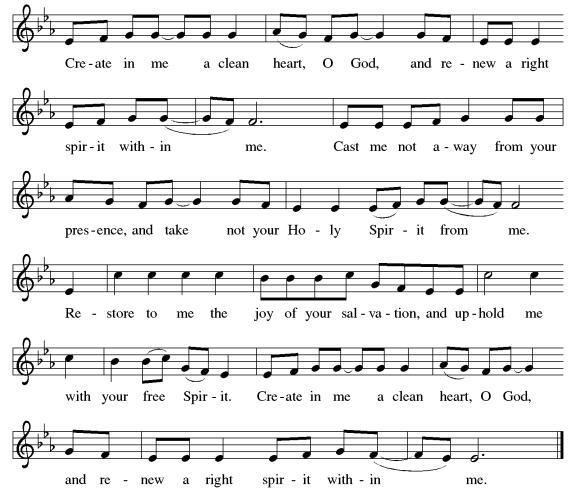
The assembly is seated.

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

(Offering plates will not be passed during the service, but are available at the sanctuary entrance.)

The assembly may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE



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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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

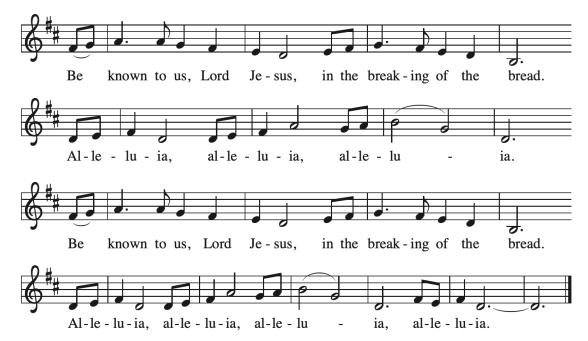
After you have communed or received a Blessing, you may either return to your seat or go to one of three stations for Prayers of Healing and Anointing—two at the Altar Rail or one behind the lower altar.

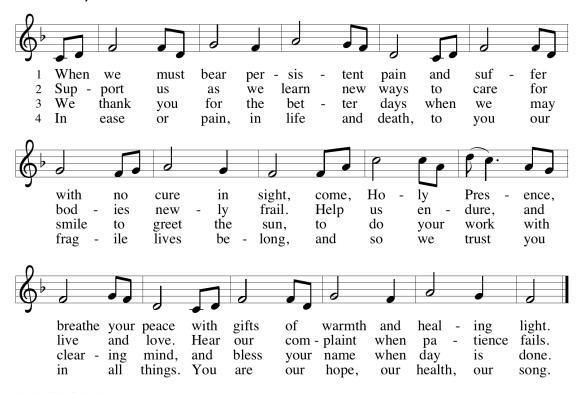
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.





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"Oh God, To You I Cry in Pain"

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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. Merciful God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

- P The God of all consolation bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life. Almighty God bless you, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

SENDING HYMN:

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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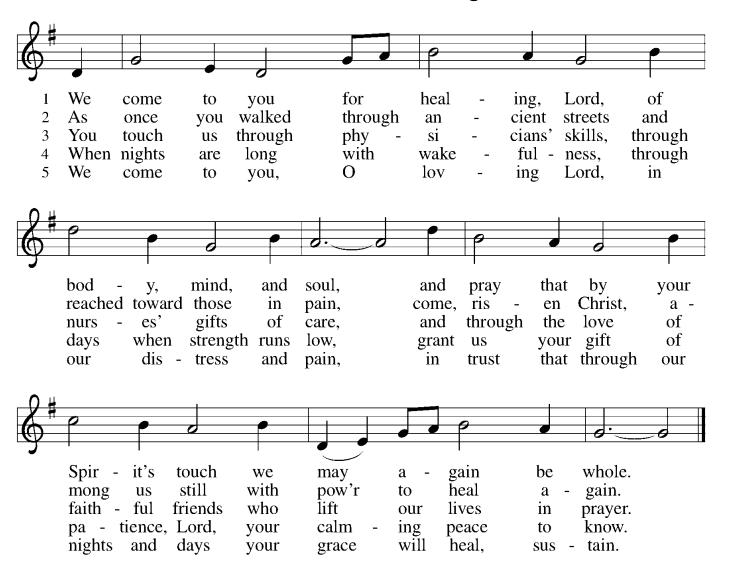
P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Bonduca" by Henry Purcell

We Come to You for Healing, Lord



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Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- lib er at ing light; Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a
- Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand; us sing for and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done. joy



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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5:30 pm

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Higgs Pastor Julie Higgs Organist: Christine Holmer Christine Holmer Jeanne Crow Linda Gruhn **Worship Assistant:** Linda Shaff & Linda Dutchess **Communion Servers:** Richard & Cynthia Pederson **Greeters:** Judy Luett Sam & Andrea Krause Family **Healing Ministers:** Linda Dutchess Jolene Burnett LeAnne DePue Marilyn Fee

9:00 am

Marsha Smith

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are provided by Dorothea Olsen in celebration of her birthday on June 22nd.

THE RADIO BROADCAST this weekend is sponsored by Dorothea Olsen in celebration of her birthday on June 22nd.

FELLOWSHIP IN THE GATHERING SPACE: Please join the Congregation Council in the Gathering Space this Sunday, June 22nd, for a time of fellowship with light refreshments.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S FAMILY SATURDAY NIGHT is Cade Allen Weaks. Cade is the son of Andrew & Courtney Weaks, and was born October 25, 2023. His baptismal sponsors are his aunt and uncle Jordan Camp & Jeremy Weaks.

AMANDA ON VACATION: Amanda will not be in the office from June 25th until July 7th. Volunteers will be providing coverage of the office while she is away. Please be aware that these volunteers have limited access to phone numbers, email addresses, or home addresses.

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 <u>all</u> 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 these upcoming organizational meetings:

- 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.

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.

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.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There are a few ways you can support this event. Food donation sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex the first two weekends of July to provide donations for the meal, such as chips, hotdogs, mac-n-cheese, cookies etc.

We are also looking for shepherds, adults or teens that would help the children move from each activity, no teaching involved.

Lastly, we ask you to pray for us as we host VBS and share our love of Christ with so many children.

If you are interested in joining our team as a shepherd or have questions, please contact Barb Rhoades at 563-559-6611.

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 following paragraphs.

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!

We invite our members to worship regularly—as often as possible! We all are enriched by spending time 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 are so grateful for our members' contributions to ministry!

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS:

John the Baptist Tuesday, June 24, 2025

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530 Wednesday, June 25, 2025

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560 Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444 Friday, June 27, 2025

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202 Saturday, June 28, 2025

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Monday, June 23rd: 9:00 am— Quilters

Tuesday, June 24th: 9:30 am— Dale Bott Visitation

10:30 am - Dale Bott Funeral

Wednesday, June 25th: 9:00 am- Morning Prayer/Bible Study

10:30 am - Caring for Our Zion Family

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Thursday, June 26th: 9:30 am— First Circle Friends

Friday, June 27th: 10:30 am— Courier Assembly

Saturday, June 28th: 4:30 pm— Altar Guild Celebration

5:30 pm— Worship with reception of new members

Sunday, June 29th: 9:00 am— Worship with reception of new members

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, June 14th 5:30 attendance 41 Sunday, June 15th 9:00 attendance <u>85</u>

Total Weekend In-Person Attendance

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

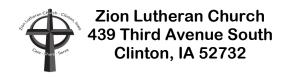
Vacation Bible School Registration 2025 "Sharing a Meal" July 21st—July 24th

Children going into preschool (and potty trained) through going into 6th grade are welcome to join us.

Child Name	Grade Going I	nto		
Child Name				
Child Name				
Child Name				
Parent/Guardian Name	Pho	one	_	
Address Home Church				
Number of family members attending dinner e	ach night	_		
I would like to volunteer to help at VBS	Name	Phone	_	
Emergency Contac	t (other than the above i	name/number)		

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 www.facebook.com/zionlutheranchurchclinton