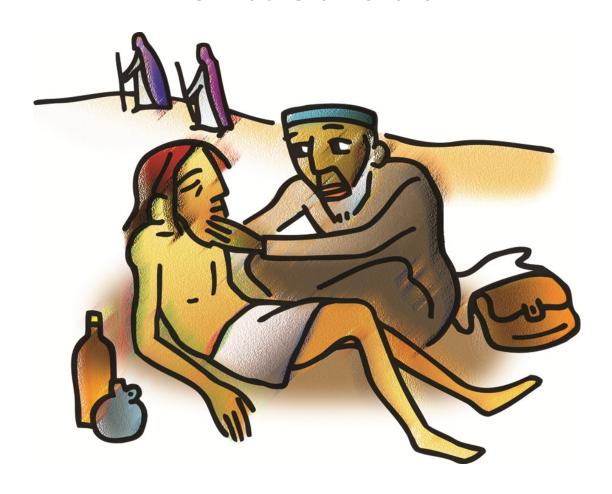
Zion Lutheran Church



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 5:30 p.m. July 12, 2025 9:00 a.m. July 13, 2025

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to 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

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.

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.
- O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹ The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

Psalm 25:1-10 (read responsively)

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,

- ⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- ⁸ You are gracious and upright, O Lord;

therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Colossians 1:1-14 The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

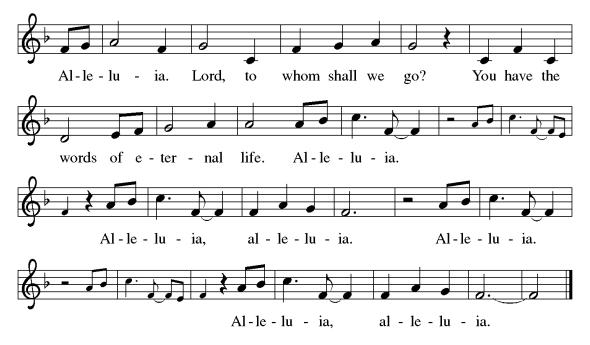
⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Luke 10:25-37 Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

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

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and

when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

The assembly is seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Julie Higgs

The assembly may stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" **Page 14**

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 Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

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

The assembly may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE



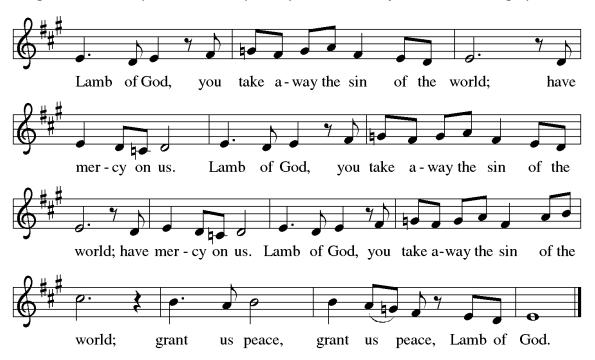
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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

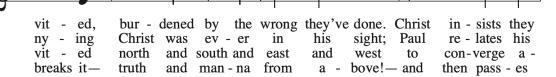
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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: "Look Who Gathers" ACS # 977 Look who sto - ries gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the ta - ble; Clouds of light sur the an - cient fol - low round Their sad sto - ries re peat - ed in thou - sand are a 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness. and pre - pare that they bring. Some weep - ing; laugh - ing; are some are saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled ap - pear, ers dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon: host whose be sur - prised by the hands are wound - ed, some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de they and praise the host who all end in thanks for has in will o - pen wide when he bless - es who your eyes bread and





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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. 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:

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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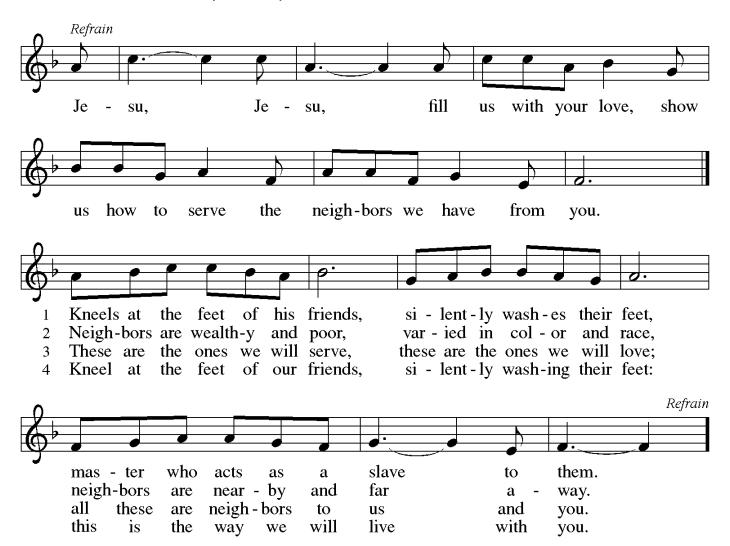
God Is Here!



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Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

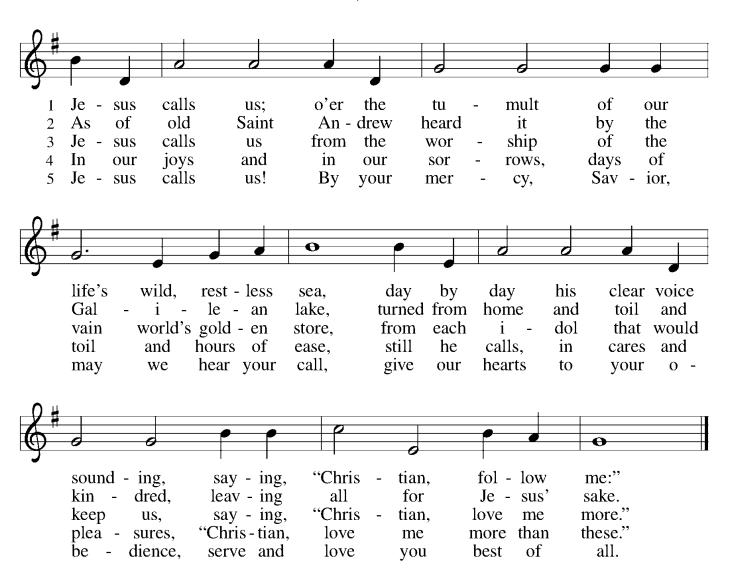


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Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922 WORSHIP LEADERS 5:30 pm 9:00 am

Presiding Minister:Pastor Julie HiggsPastor Julie HiggsPianist:Donica VonderoheDonica Vonderohe

Worship Assistant: Diane Honeywell Marilyn Fee

Communion Servers: Diane Dinning & Helen Steen Jolene Burnett & Andrea Barnett

Greeters: Cathy Layton-Johnson Arlene Job

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are provided by Vernelda Van Note in celebration of Wayne's birthday on July 12th.

SACK LUNCH MINISTRY: Our next Sack Lunch Monday will be this Monday, July 14th. We do **NOT** need grocery items for this month but **DO** need help packing, delivering and distributing! If you are able to help, please sign up in the Narthex or show up in the kitchen on July 14th at 10:45! THANK YOU!!

Christmas in July! - ELCA Good Gifts: Zion's Social Ministry Committee invites you to participate in our "Christmas in July" celebration! The weekends of July 13 & 20, the Christmas tree in the narthex will be decorated with "ELCA Good Gifts" ornaments. You may select an ornament and donate the amount listed. We will follow through and order the gift you selected. You may take your ornament home and display it now and/or save it for your tree in December. There are many choices including honey bees, animals, vaccinations, school fees and supplies for children, water filters, and small business loans. There are so many needs in our world. This is an opportunity to make a difference.

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.

We are looking for shepherds, adults or teens that would help the children move from each activity, no teaching involved. If you are interested in joining our team as a shepherd or have questions, please contact Barb Rhoades at 563-559-6611 or Amanda in Zion's office.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Remember that you can find and download the church directory on your computer and/or smartphone. Search for the "Instant Church Directory" app in your app store or search the web for members.instantchurchdirectory.com Then sign in as a member. The first time you sign in, you will need to use the e-mail address that the church has on file for you. If you do not have an e-mail address on file with the church, please contact Linda Dutchess 563-202-4418 or the church office.. Please verify that your information is correct. Paper copies will eventually be available.

"ALMOST HEAVEN" TICKETS: The Fellowship Committee would like to thank Zion members & friends who pre-purchased tickets for the Sunday, August 10th, 3:00 pm showboat performance of "Almost Heaven". We had 46 reservations! Thank you for showing your support for the Clinton Area Arts. It will prove to be an afternoon of fun-filled song and fellowship!!!

Please stop by the church office and speak with Amanda, between Wednesday, July 9th and Friday, July 25th, to pick up your reserved tickets. Zion's office hours are Monday – Friday from 9am to 3pm.

ZION CHILDCARE PRESCHOOL IS HIRING for a full-time year-round position to begin immediately. Applicants need to have availability Monday—Friday between the hours of 6:30am and 5:30 pm, with an accurate schedule given upon being hired. The position has a new rate of pay, **\$12.00** per hour. This position includes many benefits including reduced childcare and preschool tuition & monthly attendance bonuses.

If you are a friendly and energetic person who loves children, you are encouraged to apply. Experience with children is preferred. Please apply at Zion Childcare Preschool, 430 3rd Ave. South in Clinton.

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Monday, July 14th: 10:45 am— Sack Lunch Monday

Wednesday, July 16th: 9:00 am— Morning Prayer/Bible Study

10:00am – Zion Book Club

Saturday, July 19th: 5:30 pm— Worship with Baptisms

Sunday, July 20th: 9:00 am— Worship

10:00 am- July Birthday Fellowship

10:45 am- VBS Set-up

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, July 5th 5:30 attendance	54
Sunday, July 6th 9:00 attendance	<u>80</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	134

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

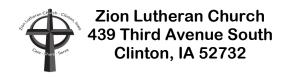
Vacation Bible School Registration 2025 "Sharing a Meal" July 21st—July 24th

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

Child Name	Grade Going Into			
Child Name				
Child Name				
Child Name				
Parent/Guardian Name	Phone			
Address	Home Church			
Number of family members attending dinner each	ch night	_		
I would like to volunteer to help at VBS	Name	Phone		
Emergency Contact (other than the above	e name/number)		
Name	Phone			
Do we have permission to use your child(rens	s) pictures on our web	osite and in social mediaYesNo		

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