

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

5:30 p.m. August 15, 2026

9:00 a.m. August 16, 2026

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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

"Siciliano" by John Alcock

"Fugue" by Wm. Selby

RINGING OF BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: "Oh, Praise the Gracious Power" vs 1-5 **ELW (red book) # 651**

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



Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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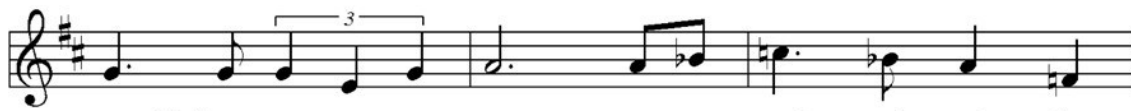
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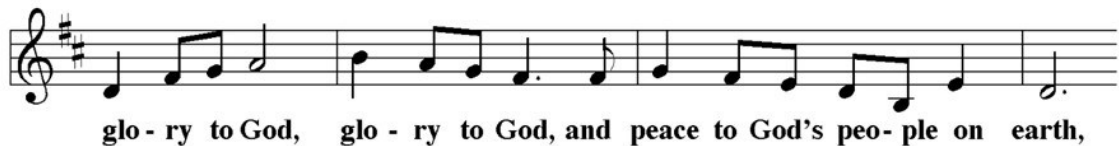
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 *The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.*

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

R The Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 67 *(read responsively)*

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 *God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to

God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy.³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

R The Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

The assembly may stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28 *Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.*

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a

Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN’S SERMON

(9:00) NOISY OFFERING

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

SERMON

Pastor Paul Holmer

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

ELW (red book) # 716

APOSTLE’S 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: Merciful God.

Please respond with: **Receive our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

(9:00) INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

P In and through the love of God, we are blessed in so many ways. In this time of offering, we have another opportunity to share our blessings - that they may bless others!

(9:00) MUSICAL OFFERING “Pieces for a Musical Clock #3” by G.F. Handel

The assembly may stand.

OFFERING RESPONSE

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have,
all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.
We lift our voi-ces, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing. We lift our of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The assembly may stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

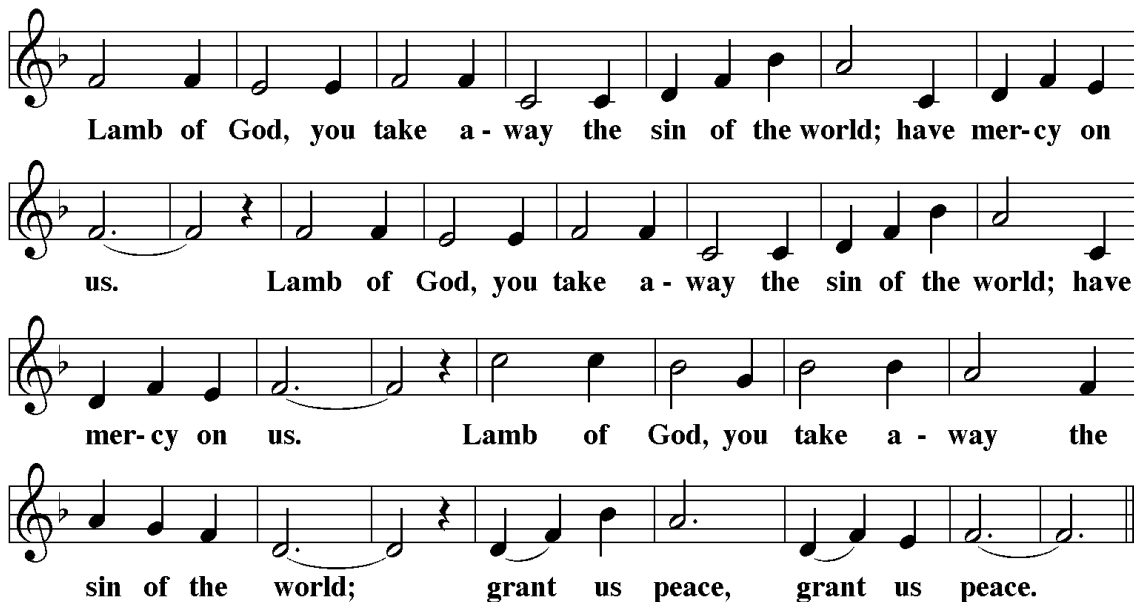
C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast.

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.



The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The final note of the fourth staff is a double bar line.

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us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC (5:30) "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
(9:00) Instrumental Guitar

ELW (red book) # 461
Tom Bass

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. **Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN: “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs. 1-4 **ELW (red book) # 886**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE “Prelude & Fugue in A Minor” by J. Fischer

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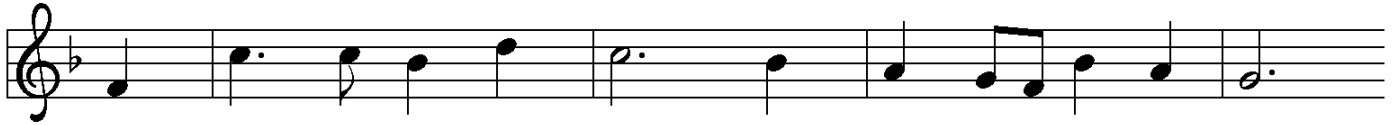
WORSHIP LEADERS

	5:30 pm	9:00 am
Proclaimer:	Pastor Paul Holmer	Pastor Paul Holmer
Musician:	Christine Holmer	Christine Holmer
Assisting Minister:	Jeanne Crow	Deb Vath
Communion Servers:	Marsha Smith & Linda Shaff	Diane Shirley & Linda Flikkema
Greeters:	Cathy Layton-Johnson	Jim & Barb Rhoades

ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are provided by Jeanne Crow in honor of all with birthdays in August.

THE RADIO BROADCAST this weekend is sponsored by Ardell & Shirley Wolf in celebration of their wedding anniversary on August 16th.

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
with faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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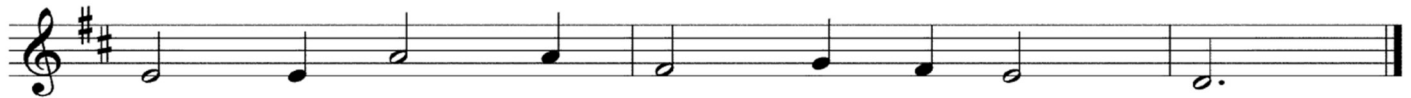
Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1. Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace To love all
2. Break down the wall that would di - vide Your chil - dren,
3. For - give me, Lord, where I have erred By love - less
4. Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak When - ev - er
5. With your own love may I be filled And by your



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race To see each mor - tal as I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought-less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self as vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, That all whose lives are touched by



ought, My kin - dred, whom your love has bought.
sue, Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do Will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
live, Re - mem - b'ring you, may I for - give.
mine, May know your heal - ing touch di - vine.

Text: Philippians 2:1-18; Olive W. Spannaus, b.1916, © 1969, Concordia Publishing House
Tune: BEATUS VIR, LM; Slovak; harm. by Richard Hillert, b.1923

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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FELLOWSHIP: Please join the Fellowship committee in the Gathering Space after Sunday morning's worship service to celebrate all those with August birthdays with a time of fellowship and light refreshments.

SAVE THE DATE - ZION BLOOD DRIVE: Zion's next blood drive will be held on Monday, October 12th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. If you would like to give at Zion's blood drive, your last day to give blood at another location is August 17th. to sign-up for this blood drive you may go to www.bloodcenter.org or contact Deb Vath at djvath@mchsi.com.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: ATTENTION Children, Youth, and Educators! Be sure to attend worship with your backpack the weekend of August 29 and 30. During the service you will receive a blessing and your backpack/school bag blessed as you begin a new school year. See you in church the last weekend in August...remember to bring your backpack!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: If you are the parent of a child who you feel is ready to, but has not yet taken, communion with the congregation, please contact Pastor Barb regarding an upcoming First Communion class.

ZION'S CHILDCARE IS HIRING: Zion's childcare is currently hiring for a Four-year-old Preschool Assistant and Child Care Assistant. Benefits include: Iowa residents qualify for reduced child care & preschool; IL residents receive half-off childcare and preschool tuition; Holiday pay after 90 days; Personal pay after 1 year; Monthly attendance bonuses available – up to \$600 per year. If you, or someone you know is interested, please send them our way!! The positions will start ASAP!! Please apply at Zion Childcare Preschool, 439 3rd Ave S.

MID-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS: 2026 mid-year giving statements are available in the narthex. The statements are in alphabetical order by last name. Please pick up your statement as you leave services. If you see an error in your statement, please contact Linda Dutchess or Zion's office.

PORK & SAUERKRAUT SUPPER TICKETS are now available in Zion's office. Tickets are \$15.00.

SCHOOL SUPPLY SHOWER: The Social Ministry Committee thought now would be a good time to let everyone know we will once again be hosting our annual School Supply Shower for Jefferson Elementary School during January of 2027. We host this event in January as by that time in the school year, supplies are running low and need to be replenished. Now is a great time to plan ahead and purchase school supplies when the store shelves are loaded and prices are at their best. The Social Ministry Committee appreciates all the donations given by the Zion congregation throughout the years, and the Jefferson staff and students are so very grateful as well.

PRAYER LIST:	LeAnn DePue	Suzan Jacobsen
	Erin Montgomery	Tom & Judy McLaughlin
	Ernie Varga	Kay Weispfenning
	Doug Witt	

HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, August 18th:	3:15 pm– Centering Prayer
Wednesday, August 19th:	10:00 am– Zion Book Club
Saturday, August 22nd:	5:30 pm– Worship
Sunday, August 23rd:	9:00 am– Worship
	10:00 am– Fellowship

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Saturday, August 8 5:30 attendance	46
Sunday, August 9 9:00 attendance	<u>75</u>
Total Weekend In-Person attendance	121

Zion Lutheran ***Faith FUNdations*** Registration, Fall 2026

Faith FUNdations is open to all youth, age 3 through Grade 5.

To Register: Fill out one registration form per family and bring it to the church office.

Student's Name: _____ Sex: M F

Birth Date: _____ Age _____ Grade entering Fall '26 _____

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Student's Name: _____ Sex: M F

Birth Date: _____ Age _____ Grade entering Fall '26 _____

Please list any food allergies: _____

Parent's Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please list **two** emergency contacts and telephone numbers:

1.) _____ Phone: _____

2.) _____ Phone: _____

Current Congregation Membership (if any) _____

I WILL/I WILL NOT allow pictures of my child to be used in church publications and on congregation social media. My child's name will not be included in any posting of the pictures.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

**** If you have any questions please call the Zion office at 563-242-7391.**

Save the Date!

Zion Lutheran Church's Pork & Sauerkraut Supper

**Is moving to
Sunday, Sept. 20th, 2026**

Drive Thru Only

Serving 4:00 - 6:30 pm



Sheets will be available in the
narthex in mid-August for helper
and dessert sign-ups.

Tickets will be for sale **after**
August 15th at:

- Zion's office
- Clinton Printing
- Sweetheart Bakery



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Zion's Church directory is located at instantchurchdirectory.com or may be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple Store to be available on your devices.

If you have any questions or need help,
please contact Linda Dutchess at 563-202-4418.

The 9:00 am worship service streamed live on Facebook
(www.facebook.com/zionlutheranchurchclinton)

And will be broadcast on KROS, 1340 AM and 105.9 FM, at 10:30 am