

# ***Zion Lutheran Church***



***Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost***

***5:30 p.m. August 23, 2025***

***9:00 a.m. August 24, 2025***

*Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

## 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.**



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;  
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled  
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:  
 be sur - prised by the host whose 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 all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -  
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they  
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his  
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -  
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.  
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.  
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.  
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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## 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

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

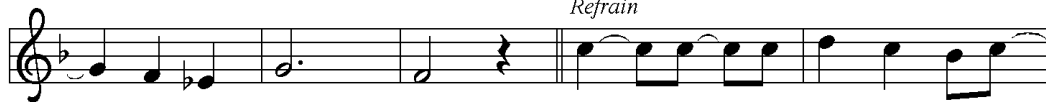


1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



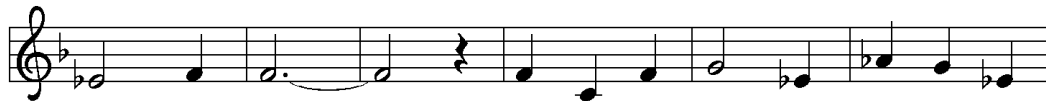
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



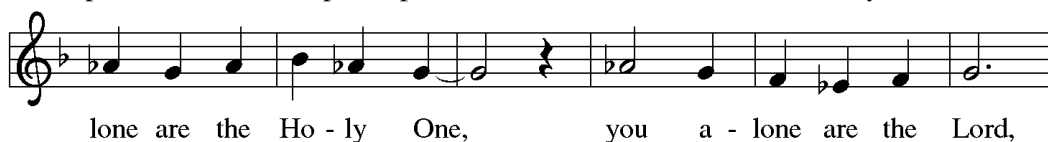
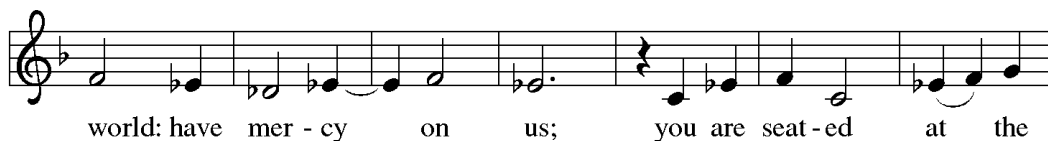
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



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





est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

**C O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated*

**Isaiah 58:9b-14** *God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.*

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

R Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 103:1-8 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> **O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**Hebrews 12:18-29** *Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.*

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup> This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

*The assembly may stand*  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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



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

**Luke 13:10-17** *Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.*

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

*The assembly is seated*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON & BLESSING OF BACKPACKS**

**SERMON:**

Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel

*The assembly may stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

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## **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: Hear us, O God.

Please respond with: **Your mercy is great.**

**P** Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**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

"Goodness is Stronger than Evil" (*Sung twice*)



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



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Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

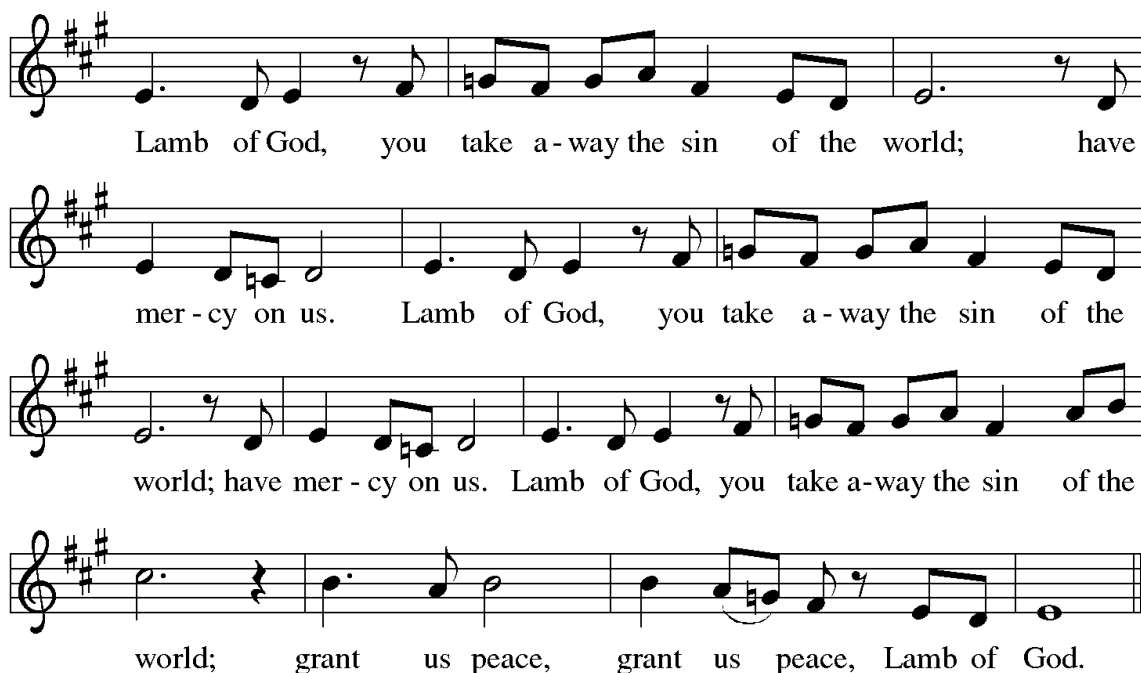
**C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*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 treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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, Lamb of God.

*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.**

**The Spirit of God goes with you. 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:

“How Firm a Foundation”

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### DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Live by the Spirit!

C **Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

**5:30 pm**

**9:00 am**

**Presiding Minister:**

Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel

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**Organist:**

Donica Vonderohe

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**Worship Assistant:**

Patti Lauritzen

Marilyn Fee

**Communion Servers:**

Diane Dinning & Helen Steen

Jolene Burnett & Jessica Hilgendorf

**Greeters:**

Linda Shaff

Lynn McGraw & Jolene Burnett

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** this weekend are provided by Jeanne Crow.

# O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come



- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.  
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

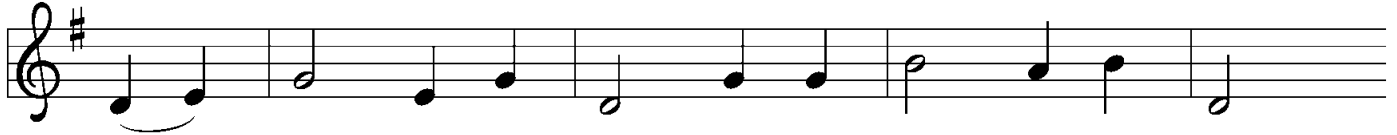
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Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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# How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** this Sunday is sponsored by Jim & Barb Rhoades.

**FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY** is being hosted by the Worship Committee. Please join them after the morning service for light refreshments.

**THIS SUNDAY WE WELCOME REV. DR. ANN FRITSCHER.** Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of her ordination in 2026. After graduating from Wartburg Seminary in 1986 she served as an associate pastor at St. John’s Lutheran in Dickinson, ND for three years and as pastor of a two-point parish in Mohall, ND for four years. She received a Ph.D. from Emory University, Atlanta, GA and taught Old Testament/Hebrew Bible for 25 years at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA. Ann has been joined in her retirement by her twin sister Barb, and two cats. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, reading, and small home improvement projects.

**PORK & SAUERKRAUT SUPPER:** Sign-up sheets for those who are willing to help with this year’s Pork & Sauerkraut Supper are now in the narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet for those who can donate a pie or chocolate cake for desserts. Thank you to everyone for considering these opportunities!

**FAITH FOUNDATIONS NEEDS YOU!:** The program year of guiding our youth along their faith journey will resume on Wednesday, September 3rd. Our group is looking for people to join our **Teaching and/or Kitchen Teams**. Teachers and classroom helpers form grade-level teams to share in the teaching; the teams teach on a rotating schedule so **you are not required to be there to teach each week**. Complete lesson plan ideas are available. Our kitchen team members prepare simple, delicious meals and also work on rotating schedules.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Reach out to Linda Schoening, Dawn Eickert, Barb Rhoades, or Amanda in the office to say, “Yes, I’d love to join this team” or to learn more. Thank YOU!

**HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:**

- Monday, August 25th: 9:00 am– Quilting
- Wednesday, August 27th: 9:00 am– Morning Prayer/Bible Study  
10:30 am– Courier Assembly
- Saturday, August 23rd: 5:30 pm– Worship
- Sunday, August 24th: 9:00 am– Worship

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, August 16th 5:30 attendance	56
Sunday, August 17th 9:00 attendance	<u>82</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	138

# **Zion Lutheran Church's Pork & Sauerkraut Supper**

**Thursday, Sept. 18th, 2025**

**4:00 - 7:00 pm**



**Drive-Thru**

**\*\*Deliveries are available,  
please call 563-242-7391**

**Tickets are on sale at:  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Clinton Printing  
Sweetheart Bakery  
D-lectable D-lites**

**Cost: \$15.00**

**(in advance and at door)**

**The meal consists of:**

**Pork Loin, Sauerkraut, Potatoes & Gravy,  
Green Beans, Applesauce, a Roll & Dessert.**

**\* Due to feedback, each meal will contain more sauerkraut than  
last year.**

**Any questions, please call the church office  
at (563) 242-7391.**



# Zion Lutheran Faith FUNdations Registration, Fall 2025

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 '25 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.**



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