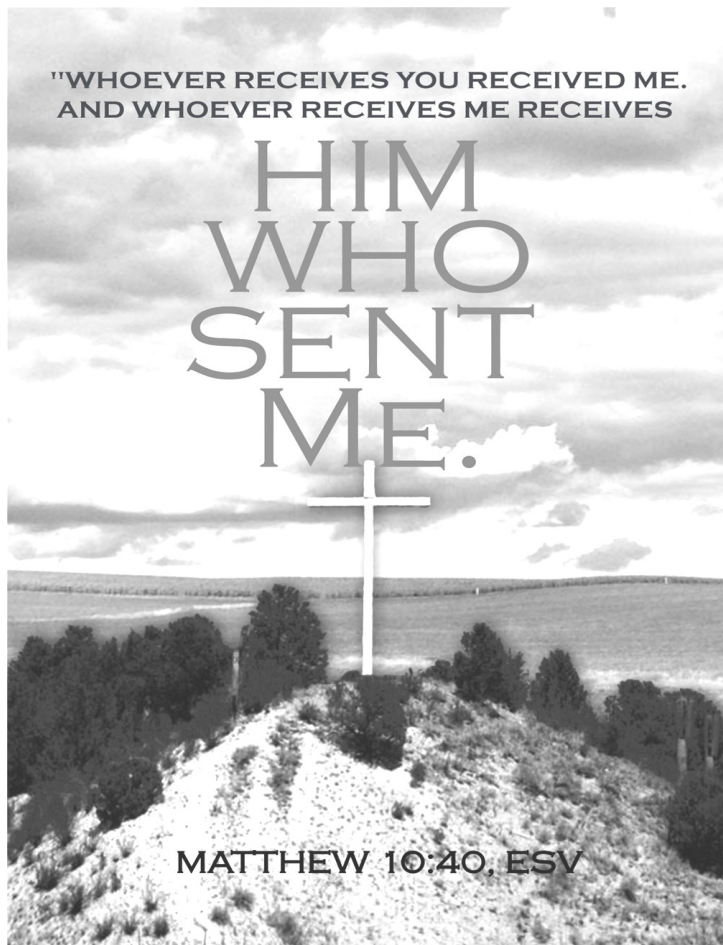




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***5th Sunday after Pentecost***  
***June 28, 2026***

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*



## **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

***Jesus Is Lord***

CCLI #65020

***Lord, I Lift Your Name on High***

CCLI #117947

***This Is the Day***

CCLI #32754

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GATHERING SONG**

***Come Now is the Time to Worship***

**Verse:**

**Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come**

**Chorus:**

**One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now**

**Ending:**

**Come come just as you are come come**

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Brian Doerksen

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## INVOCATION SONG

## *We Are Gathered Here*

**We are gathered here in the name of the Father.  
We are gathered here to sing God's praise.  
We are gathered here in the name of the Father,  
chosen by God's grace.**

**We are gathered here in the name of the Son.  
We are gathered here to sing God's praise.  
We are gathered here in the name of the Son,  
chosen by God's grace.**

**We are gathered here in the name of the Spirit.  
We are gathered here to sing God's praise.  
We are gathered here in the name of the Spirit,  
chosen by God's grace.**

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

O Lord, we pray that you would prepare us to receive what you have in store for us today.

**Cleanse our minds of all distracting thoughts. Cleanse also the desires of our hearts.**

O Lord, you know us through and through. You know our sinfulness.

**Father, we confess we have sinned against you, and against other people. We have failed in loving You as we ought. We have also failed to love our neighbors.**

Forgive us for our sins of commission-

**For those things we did and thought—that we ought not.**

Forgive us also for our sins of omission

**For our failures in thought, word and deed.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

You have promised that you receive repentant sinners and forgive them.

**So we ask your mercy once again, for the sake of Jesus.**

**We pray your healing power—that we might delight in your will,**

**And by our lives bring glory to your name.**

**Amen.**

In His mercy, God gave His Son to die for us and for our sins.  
For His sake, God forgives us all our sins.  
Therefore, in the name of Christ, and by His authority,  
I now declare to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins.  
**THEY ARE NO MORE!**  
Christ has taken them on Himself and removed them.  
You are free!  
Live in that gracious freedom and be healed in Him.

## **SONG**

*Kyrie Eleison*

### **Chorus:**

**Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way  
Kyrie Eleison ev'ryday**

**For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all,  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)**

**That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)**

**For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,  
for life and for love for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord (Chorus)**

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## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**SONG**

**We are all on a journey  
from the cradle to the grave  
We are given life through the price  
our Savior had to pay**

**Chorus:**

**Oh let our hearts praise the Lord  
Oh let our hands praise the Lord  
Oh let our voices praise the Lord  
Oh let our lives praise the Lord**

**We can feel suffering  
there is someone near in need  
We are given choice, heart, hands, voice,  
they are within our reach (Chorus)**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God,  
**you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the  
world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**



## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup> The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

<sup>1</sup> Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

<sup>4</sup> **'I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

<sup>16</sup> **They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Help Us, O Lord  
(Sung twice)*

**Help us, O Lord, to hear your word.  
Open our hearts to feel your word.  
Give us the strength to live your word each day.**

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## GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON ON THE STEPS

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus* Borning Cry #372

- 1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we are baptized in his death;  
that as Christ is raised victorious,  
we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united  
in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**

**2 In the water and the witness,  
in the breaking of the bread,  
in the waiting arms of Jesus  
who is risen from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning  
from the ashes of our past;  
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

**3 Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit,  
ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning,  
glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. Amen**

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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**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**



## **OFFERING**

Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

## **OFFERING**

***I Am Covered Over***

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## **OFFERING SONG**

***Everybody's Got Something to Offer***

**Chorus:**

**Everybody's got something to offer  
Young and old, the prince and the pauper  
Everybody's got something to offer  
in the name of the Lord**

**To the lost and the lowly ones  
the message it is clear  
we have all got a gift to give  
our hands, our hearts, our tears (Chorus)  
To the believers gathered here  
the message it is true  
we have all got a gift to give  
in all we say and do (Chorus)**

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Loving God,

**we offer the gifts of our hearts and our hands.**

**Signs of your gracious love.**

**Help us 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.**

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**



## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

Benediction Song – echo song

(leader in italics; congregation in bold)

*L) May the Lord bless and keep us;*

**C) May the Lord bless and keep us.**

*L) Make his face to shine upon us;*

**C) Make his face to shine upon us.**

*L) May his blessing go with us;*

**C) May his blessing go with us.**

*L) and give us peace*

**C) And – give – us - peace**

*L) In the name of the Father;*

**C) In the name of the Father**

*L) In the name of the Son;*

**C) In the name of the Son.**

*L) In the name of the Spirit;*

**C) In the name of the Spirit**

*L) All three –in-one;*

**C) ALL – THREE – IN – ONE!**

## DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

***I Love to Tell the Story***

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## Weekly Announcements



**Please keep these family, friends and members in your prayers:**  
Dilshad and Sonya Perani, Gary Revier and Deb Otto

Welcome Guests!

Please sign the visitor book in the entrance to the sanctuary.

We are glad you are here!

**Hunger Jar** for the month of June is designated to Feed My Starving Children.

**Coffee Hour**—The confirmation youth have indicated they would like to go to Confirmation Camp at Camp House in 2027. They are looking to raise money to attend Camp. The proceeds from Coffee Hour from March through June have been designated for Camp.

**Feed My Starving Children**—Monday, July 27. Packing session from 5-6:15pm. Sign up on the clipboard near Pr. Gretchen's office.

**CampHouse Ordinary Time**—August 13-16. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**The Water's Edge Ministries (formerly GLLM) Quilt** is finished and ready to be donated to the Quilt Auction on July 24-25 at Green Lake Bible Camp. This years 60" x 74" quilt is called "Farmers Prayer" and is a tribute to hard-working farm families that tend our land, including farm imagery and Bible verses.

## Worship Assistants

### June 28

Usher: Neil & Lorraine Mielke  
Cindy Quast, Scott Bergs  
Greeter: Mary Sylwester  
Acolyte: Daphne Hazelwood  
Reader: Janet Rowe  
AV Team: Tim Michaelis  
& Elton Hazelwood

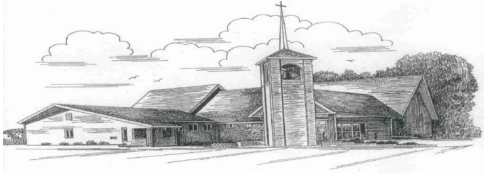
### July 5

Usher: Mark & Lisa Strobel  
Larry Gieseke, Larry Klunder  
Greeter: Mark & Lisa Strobel  
Acolyte: Taylor Johnson  
Reader: Cindy Quast  
AV Team: Matt & Jan Giesen  
Altar Guild: Jane Scharpe  
& Jackie Alsleben  
Bread Maker: Jackie Alsleben

Pr. Gretchen will be out of the office  
Thursday, July 2—Sunday, July 5.  
If you have a pastoral need please contact:

**Pastor Kay Rohloff**  
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## *Zion Lutheran Church ELCA*

### This Week at Zion:

|                  |              |                             |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday, June 28  | <b>9:00a</b> | <b>Contemporary Worship</b> |
| Thursday, July 2 | 10:00a       | Adult Bible Study           |
| Sunday, July 5   | <b>9:00a</b> | <b>Worship</b>              |

LSS Meals on Wheels Monday—Friday 9:00a—12:00p

