

Zion Lutheran Church
Mascoutah, Illinois
August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Electronic Devices

As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you to silence and set aside all phones and electronic devices so we can fully focus on worship and the Word together. Thank you for helping maintain a peaceful environment.

A Prayer to Begin Worship

Loving God, we gather in Your name with grateful hearts. Quiet our minds, renew our spirits, and open us to Your Word. May our worship glorify You and inspire us to love and serve others with joy and faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE I

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Confession and Absolution

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

By the Gospel of “the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever” (Rom. 9:5), we are “the children of God” (Rom. 9:8), “not because of works but because of him who calls” (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, “listen diligently” and “hear, that your soul may live.” By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made “an everlasting covenant” for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him “and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food” (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, “said a blessing,” broke the loaves, “and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds” (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as “they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,” there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

Prelude

Hymn

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

LSB 648

- 1 Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.
- 2 See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.
- 3 Round each habitation hov’ring, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov’ring, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them on their way.
- 4 Savior, since of Zion’s city I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world’s vain pleasures, All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures None but Zion’s children know.

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1

P Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;

C make known His deeds among the peoples!

P He spread a cloud for a covering,

C and fire to give light by night.

P They asked, and He brought quail,

C and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

P He opened the rock, and water gushed out;

C it flowed through the desert like a river.

P For He remembered His holy promise,

C and Abraham, His servant.

P So He brought His people out with joy,

C His chosen ones with singing.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

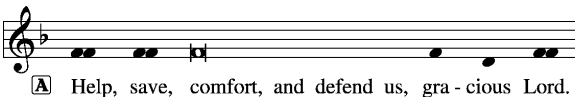
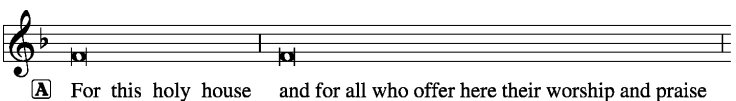
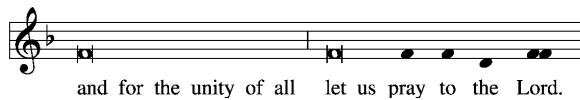
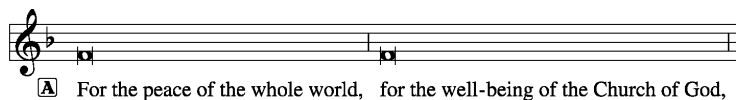
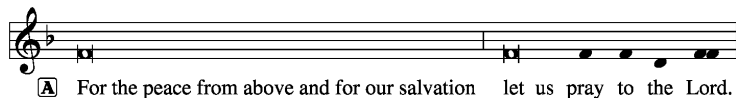
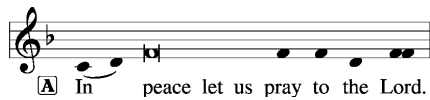
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name;

C make known His deeds among the peoples!

Kyrie

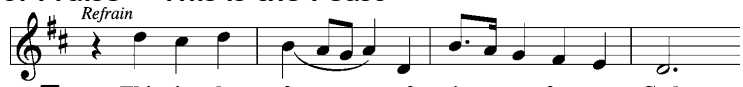
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Hymn of Praise -- This Is the Feast

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Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Hymn

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

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- 1 The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me
 To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!
 Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim
 That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
- 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone.
 Here He forgives our sins With water and His Word;
 The triune God Himself Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

- 3 The gifts of grace and peace From absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need Is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends Us forth in His blest care.
- 4 The gifts are there each day The holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear, Receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with Himself, Blest words that give them life,
Restoring and refreshing Them for this world's strife.
- 5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are His offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of His call—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

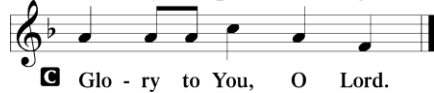
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Holy Gospel

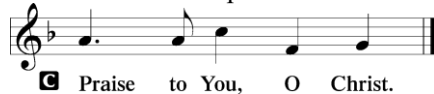
Matthew 14:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.



Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to Him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And He said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Children’s Message

Hymn

O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642

- 1 O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.

- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

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Sermon

In the midst of grief over John the Baptizer's death, Jesus withdrew to a desolate place, yet He responded to the pursuing crowds with compassion—healing their sick and feeding thousands with five loaves and two fish. This miracle reveals Christ's enduring love for us: no matter our sorrow, struggles, or needs, Jesus is present to forgive, strengthen, and feed us in body and soul, especially through His Word and Sacrament. He also works through our seemingly small gifts—our mites, words, hugs, and acts of service—to bless others in remarkable ways. In every joy and sorrow, Christ remains with us, sustaining our faith and carrying us toward our eternal home.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Offering

[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]

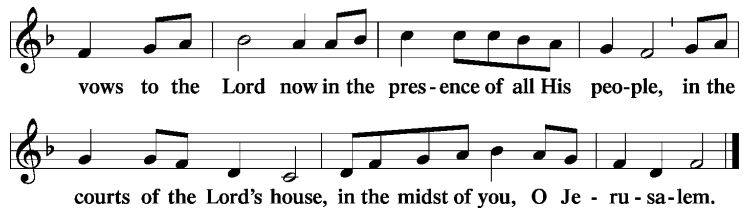
Special Offering Music

Stand

Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, You have made us children of the promise on account of Your Son. Let Your promises continue to go to the ends of the earth, and incline the ears of all to You, that their souls may live. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us to come to You and be satisfied, O Lord. Bless pastors, church workers and all the baptized, that their service to You may be faithful and fruitful. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your Son miraculously fed the 5,000 and satisfied them. We thank You for all You provide to support our bodies and lives, especially our homes and families. Make us content with what You give, that we may not covet or turn elsewhere for what comes from Your hand alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, daily You bless us with abundance and freedom. Bless those who defend us from our enemies, who serve us in government and who protect us in our communities. Be with our president, Congress, governor, and our judges and magistrates, that they may discern the right path and lead us with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, visit us in Your compassion. Deliver the sick from their infirmity, the troubled from their afflictions, the grieving from their sorrow and the dying from their fear. May all who cry to You receive grace according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, Your steadfast love and mercy are forever, but our faith is daily tested and tempted. Give us strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in Your sufficient grace within Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Our Prayers this Week:

Phoebe Corey, Rhiannon Corey, Ainsley Fournie, Gary Fulton, Aurora Merritt, Brielle Merritt, Abigail Benner, and Alan Kneschke, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.

Zion's Men's Club, Ladies Aid, and Youth Group.

Faithfulness in personal witness and evangelism.

Others who have requested our prayers: Ray Kemezys

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

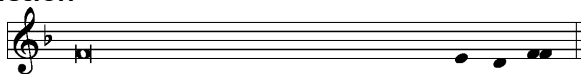
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P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - - men.

Sit

Hymn

In Thee Is Gladness

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- 1 In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By Thee are given
The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art. Our souls Thou wakest,
Our bonds Thou breakest; Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**
- 2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death. He sees and blesses
In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story
Tell of His glory With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



AUGUST ECHO – NOW AVAILABLE

The August Echo and calendar are now available in the narthex or at zionmascoutah.org.

OFFERING USHERS

Please review the schedule below. If you're unable to serve on your assigned date, kindly let one of the Elders know as soon as possible. Thank you for your faithful service!

- **Today** **Pat & Peggy Lange, Dustin & Anna Pannier**
- Aug 9 Ken & Gail Frey, Tony & Jen Lara
- Aug 16 Laurie Knutson, Becky Wachtman, Candy Andres, & Joyce Hendrix
- Aug 23 Joe & Katie Crismon, Darren & Lindsay Murphy
- Aug 30 Alan & Jenny Kneschke, Mark & Chris Hatcher

VOTER'S MEETING – THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th

Zion's Voter's Assembly Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 PM in the church basement. All voting members are encouraged to attend and participate. Your presence and input are valued as we make decisions together as a church family.

CLOSING OF THE TIME CAPSULE

Zion will celebrate Friendship Sunday and Rally Day on Sunday, August 30th. We will also be closing the time capsule and want to remind all members interested in submitting something for the time capsule to have that prepared/ready by August 30th. Consider writing a short letter/note about your family, maybe what Zion means to you, pictures of various church activities, or anything else you can think of that would be interesting. The Sunday School children have been busy working on projects to include, so start thinking about what you can add to the time capsule. In another 25 to 50 years Zion's members will enjoy seeing what we included. If you have any questions, please see Deb Heck.

ZION MUSIC ACADEMY

Registration is now open for the fall semester! Zion Music Academy offers private music lessons in piano, voice, trumpet, violin, and several other instruments. Our faculty of instructors are excited to teach your student in a Christ-honoring environment. To register, or for more information, follow the Zion Music Academy tab at zionmascoutah.org or contact Cary at zionmascoutahmusicacademy@gmail.com.

JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S BUS TRIP!

Mark your calendars for September 24 for this day full of fellowship and learning. Participants will meet by the water tower at St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights, park, and board a bus to the west. After a brunch at Roosters, the group will continue on and tour the Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum in St. Louis. Cost is \$50, which includes the bus trip and the fee for the museum. (Participants pay for their own brunch meal.) The bus boards at 8:30 a.m. and arrives back around 4 p.m. Registration is available online and via paper form. For more information and registration, contact the district office at 618-234-4767.

LCMS FOUNDATION

In putting together a Christian estate plan, initiation of your efforts is the most difficult part. Often, we put off estate planning because we do not want to confront our fear of dying. Jesus said in John 11, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will by no means die forever." You can initiate your plans knowing full well that in Jesus, death has been conquered. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can remind you of this confidence. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

SID DOMINICAN TASK FORCE PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your gracious provision of pews and baptismal font for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Palmar Arriba. Grant that all who gather there may joyfully hear Your holy Word. Bless the congregation, the seminarians, pastors, and all who worship in this place. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE AM850

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: Tune in for "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near", our study of the book of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.)! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), we're discussing the book of Acts. Follow along as we pick up with chapter 26. And don't forget Free-Text First Friday! This month, Pastor Booe will sit down with Rev. Mark Moss of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Stay tuned for this week's edition of Concord Matters (8/8 at 10 a.m.)! Pastor Finnern is beginning a study of the Formula of Concord. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND...

Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent show subjects include: Karl Marx's Fascination with the Devil, The Fall of the Great Republics, Reducing Theology to Pithy Slogans, First-Century Jewish Historian Josephus on Jesus and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, or a podcast provider.

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Peterson family in loving memory of Josh's father, Grover Peterson.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer:	Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
Organist:	Pinky Ahner
Sound Techs:	Tyler Hinton
Offering Ushers:	Pat & Peggy Lange, Dustin & Anna Pannier
Acolytes:	James Trame & Callan Crismon
Elder of the Month:	Ray Kemezys

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, AUGUST 9

Proclaimer:	Rev. Joel A. C. Dietrich
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Sound Tech:	Cohen Bales
Offering Ushers:	Ken & Gail Frey, Tony & Jen Lara
Acolytes:	Kyrielle Corey & Luke Dietrich
Altar Guild:	Lita Timmerman
Elder of the Month:	Ray Kemezys

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I	10:00 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM
Wed.	Zion Service @ Brightly	1:30 PM
Thurs.	Church Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Fri.	Church Office Closed	
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS II w/communion	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE JULY 26: Sunday: 138

Adult Bible Class: 15 Sunday School: 16