

August 9, 2026 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad to be gathered with you. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please ask an usher to answer any questions you may have. Cameras are in use for livestreaming the worship service.

The altar flowers are given by Barb & Steve Surhoff to the glory of God.

Assisting Minister — Gerry Dehkes

Acolyte — Margaret Wollmer

Greeter — Anita Zarate

Ushers — Jeff & Helen Livingston

Altar Guild — Anita Zarate

Opening Hymn	<i>"Eternal Father Strong to Save"</i>	ELW 756
Hymn of the Day	<i>"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"</i>	ELW 763
Closing Hymn	<i>"When Peace Like a River"</i>	ELW 785



August 2nd Attendance

9:30 a.m.

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A Year of Growing in Faith: Excursion
WALK OUTSIDE WITH GOD
JESUS & NATURE

Youth and adults are welcome to join Pastor Kat in the Martin Luther Room following this morning's service for an exploration of how nature helps us grow closer to God. Sessions two and three of this series will be on August 16th and 23rd.



On August 23rd at 9:30 a.m. worship, we will be having **Back-to-School Sunday** to bless backpacks, commission our Sunday School volunteers, and present bibles to Sunday School students. On September 13th, we will kick off the Sunday School year with **Rally Day**. Classes will be held during 9:30 a.m. worship at the CEB, with children being dismissed to their classrooms following the Children's Time.



On Saturday, September 12th, the annual **5K Fun Run/Walk** to benefit the Good News Home for Women will be held at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. Please see the sign-up link that was emailed from the Parish Office to find out how you can help.



Let's Get to Know Zion's New Director of Music

We are excited to welcome BJ Kim and his family to Zion! BJ's first Sunday with us will be September 6th. For the next few weeks we'll be sharing a fun fact in the weekly bulletin to help us get to know a little bit about him before he arrives. Please see below for this week's fact.

Film Buff: BJ absolutely loves movies—especially the discussions that happen after watching them. A few of his all-time favorites are "Life of Pi", "Roma", and "Parasite".

Financial Summary YTD

INCOME

\$236,153

EXPENSES

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DIFFERENCE

\$2,207



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SUMMER
Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² These are the descendants of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' " So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²² Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b *(read responsively)*

¹ Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

² **Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

³ Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ **Search for the strength of the LORD; continually seek God's face.**

⁵ Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

⁶ **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

¹⁶ Then God called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.

¹⁷ **The LORD sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

¹⁸ They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.

¹⁹ **Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.**

²⁰ The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free,

²¹ **setting him as a master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions,**

²² to instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom. ^{45b} Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”

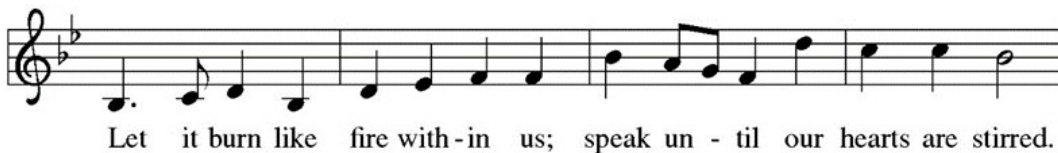
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”