



ZION

CHURCH

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE
POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

27 July 2025

Ground zero of spiritual warfare is a humble heart. And the weapon the humble heart wields is surrender!

Travis Hutchinson

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

† **Gathering Hymn** – *I Sing the Almighty Power of God (Trinity Hymnal #119)*

Welcome and Announcements

ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

† **Call to Worship** – *Hebrews 12:28-29, 13:15*

Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire... Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

† **Come Into His Presence With Singing**

Be Unto Your Name

Thy Mercy, My God

Hail the Day That Christ Arose

Prayer of Praise and The Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Preparation for Confession – *Psalms 40:11-13*

As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

Song of Contrition – *To God My Earnest Voice I Raise (Trinity Hymnal #608)*

Silent Confession of Sin

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

† Declaration of Grace – Psalm 62:5-8

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Giving Moment – Doxology

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT

Children are always welcome in the Worship Hall.

We also stream the service in the Hearth Room at the north end of the front hallway.

Preaching of the Word

Title: “Wisdom’s Humility”

Text: James 3:18-4:10 (*pew Bible page 1012-1013*)

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing with their home congregation are welcome to join us at the Lord’s table today.

The communion trays have wine in the outside ring of wine-colored cups and a juice option in the inner ring of clear cups.

† Hymn of Celebration – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (Trinity Hymnal #156)

† Benediction

Postlude

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. Ps. 95:6

1. I sing th'al - might - y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes your glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
 he formed the crea - tures with his word, and then pro - nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from your throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from you is ev - er in your care,

the moon shines full at his com - mand and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that man can be, you, God, are pres - ent there.

Be Unto Your Name

Gary Sadler and Lynn DeShazo

A E Bm F#m D A F#m E

1. We are a mo - ment, you are for-ev - er, Lord of the ag - es, God be-fore time.
2. We are the bro - ken, you are the heal - er, Je-sus, Re-deem-er, might-y to— save.

5 A E Bm F#m D A F#m E

We are a va - por, you are e - ter - nal, Love ev-er-last-ing, reign-ing on— high.
You are the love song we'll sing for-ev - er, bow-ing be-fore you, bless-ing your name.

11 F#m D A E F#m D A E F#m D

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al-might-y, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain, High - est prais - es,

16 A E Bm A E Bm A E A E Bm F#m

hon-or, and glo - ry be un-to— your name, be un-to— your name.

23 D A F#m E A

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Thy Mercy, My God

John Stoker

Sandra McCracken

1. Thy mer - cy, my God is the theme_ of my_ song, the
 2. With - out thysweet mer - cy, I could_ not live_ here:
 3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match_ for my_ heart, which
 4. Great fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I_ own and the

4 joy of my heart and the boast_ of my tongue. Thy
 sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but
 won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis -
 cov - e - nant love of thy cru - ci - fied son; all

6 free grace a - lone_ from the first_ to the last_ hath
 through thy free good - ness, my spir - its re - vive, and
 - solved by thy good - ness, I fall_ to the ground, and
 praise to the spi - rit, whose whis - per di - vine_ seals

8 won my af - fec - tions and bound_ my soul fast. 2. With
 he that first made me still keeps_ me a - live. 3. Thy
 weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've_ found. 4. Great
 mer - cy, and par - don, and right - ous - ness

14 mine! All praise to the spir - it, whose whis - per di - vine_ seals

18 mer - cy, and par - don, and right - eous - ness mine!

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Hail the Day

Charles Wesley, Steve Cook and Vicki Cook

Steve Cook and Vikki Cook

1. Hail the day that Christ a - rose, through the skies to worlds un -
 2. See him lift his hands a - bove, see the scars of his great
 3. Though he dwells be - yond the stars, his re - deemed are on his

5. A/D D Dsus D D
 - known. Glor - ious, there he ev - er reigns, ob - ject of all heav - en's
 love. He has con - quered death and sin, sav - ing all who hope in
 heart. Ev - en now he in - ter - cedes; Je - sus cares for all our

9. 1. praise. 2. See him him. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! the King of
 needs.

13. A D G D
 Love is on his throne! Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! His grace will

17. A D D.S. al Coda Coda Bm G D A
 Last time to Coda
 lead us safe - ly home! 3. Though he -
 home!

23. Bm G D A Bm G D A Sing 4x
 Hal - le - lu - jah, we are re - deemed! Hal - le - lu - jah, Je - sus is King!

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To God My Earnest Voice I Raise

I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy. Ps. 142:1

1. To God my ear - nest voice I raise, to God my
 2. When gloom and sor - row com - pass me, the path I
 3. O Lord, my Sav - ior, now to thee, with - out a
 4. Be thou my help when trou - bles throng, for I am

voice im - plor - ing prays; be - fore his face my
 take is known to thee, and all the toils that
 hope be - sides, I flee, to thee, my shel - ter
 weak and foes are strong; my cap - tive soul from

grief I show and tell my trou - ble and my woe.
 foes do lay to snare thy ser - vant in his way.
 from the strife, my por - tion in the land of life.
 pris - on bring, and thank - ful prais - es I will sing.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him! Matt. 25:6

1. O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
 2. Love caused your in - car - na - tion, love brought you down to me;
 3. Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,
 4. Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, let not your souls dis - tress;

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.
 your guilt the Lord will par - don and cov - er by his grace.

O kin - dle, Lord Most Ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace,
 De - spair not, he is near you, yea, stand - ing at the door,
 He comes, for men pro - cur - ing the peace of sin for - giv'n,

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race!
 who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.
 for all God's sons se - cur - ing their her - i - tage in heav'n.

Paul Gerhardt, 1653, cento
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 Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

James 3:18-4:10

Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

The book of James belongs to an ancient Greek form of satire known as diatribe, the traits of which include: imaginary dialogues; direct address to absent people; metaphors from nature; harsh addresses to readers; and heightened contrasts.

ESV Study Bible

“Wisdom’s Humility”
James 3:18-4:10
Sermon Notes: 27 July 2025

God exalts a soul in response to the one thing Satan can’t stand and God can’t resist.

Ways to Connect This Week: zionpca.com/groups

Sunday, 8:00am: **Prayer in Library** (*all are welcome, pray out loud or silently*)

9:00am: **Worship Service**

Wednesday, 12:00pm: **Prayer in Worship Hall** (*all are welcome, pray out loud or silently*)

Thursday, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study** (*Lee: leegrossman113@gmail.com*)

Saturday, 8:15am: **Foodnet Distribution**

Kyle Lindgren

Our Youth Director Kyle Lindgren will be concluding his ministry at Zion at the end of November 2025. All are welcome to attend a brief informational meeting in the Worship Hall immediately following this morning's service. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Pastor Tim: tim@zionpca.com.

Juniper Refuge

After today's informational meeting, Nikki Long from Juniper Refuge will share with us about this ministry to Lincoln's refugee community. Please join her in the Hearth Room from 10:30-11:30am (nursery will be provided).

Youth Group

Mark your calendar – the youth will gather on Sunday, August 3 for a ZYG meeting and open gym from 6-8pm. Contact Kyle with questions: kyle@zionpca.com

Escape Room Hunt! Wednesday, August 6, 7pm

Dive into a high-energy puzzle hunt that will put your brainpower to the test! You'll race through five mind-twisting challenges, uncover hidden numbers, and connect the dots to unlock the final solution before your time is up. Teamwork may give you an edge, but even solo sleuths can win big. Just bring your wits, one internet-connected smartphone per team, and a hunger for puzzles. Questions? Contact Taryne: taryne@zionpca.com

Wedding Shower for Grace Huffman

All Zion women are invited to a wedding shower for Grace Huffman on Sunday, August 10, at 2pm in the Zion Coffee House. This gathering is a great way to get to know one another while also blessing the newly married couple! Andrew and Grace are registered on Amazon.com. If you'd like to contribute to a group gift, please contact Jill Greff: 402-417-8986.

Women's Leadership Council

The Session is pleased to announce the newly formed Women's Leadership Council!

Director: *Susan Meckel*

Coordinator of Women's Bible Studies: *Amy Handeland*

Coordinator of Women's Discipleship: *Linda Smith*

Coordinator of Women's Hospitality: *Bethany Johnson*

Coordinator of Women's Service and Mercy: *Tamar Polivka*

Coordinator of Women's Prayer Ministry: *(Not yet filled)*

New Small Group

If you are not currently in a small group, please consider joining the new Sunday evening small group! Contact Pastor David for more info: david@zionpca.com

Fall Sunday School & Connection Night

Mark your calendars! Sunday School for children and adults will resume on August 10, and all-church Connection Nights (Wednesdays) will resume September 24.

Sunday Mornings: zionpca.com/visit

Zion's Corporate Public Worship Service is held at 9am each Sunday in the Worship Hall. The service streams to Facebook and YouTube (@zionpca), or at zionpca.com/livestream.

How to Give at Zion: zionpca.com/give

God provides all we have, and Christians return a portion of that in thanksgiving. You can put cash and checks in the black box on the foyer table, or in the secure drop box in the main office. To give online, use this QR code, go to zionpca.com/give, or Venmo @Zion-Church-2.



From the Senior Pastor Search Committee

- ❖ To contact us with any questions or give us feedback, email us at spsc@zionpca.com
- ❖ To pray with us, please commit to using the prayer guide. Copies are available in the foyer, or follow the link in the Friday newsletter
- ❖ We would like to gather input from you so please consider filling out a short survey by using this QR code, or follow the link in the newsletter



Communication and prayer are high priorities for us as we seek the Lord in His provision for Zion's next senior pastor. Thank you for coming alongside us!

Committed to God's Truth

- ❖ We believe in a holy God who exists externally in three persons – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ We believe the Bible is the written word of God, and we hold to it as our authority in all matters of faith and life.
- ❖ We believe all people are sinners, justly deserving God's displeasure, and incapable of saving themselves.
- ❖ We believe that Jesus Christ – God the Son who became man – lived a sinless life, died on the cross and rose again to accomplish our salvation. We receive this gracious gift through faith alone.
- ❖ We believe the Holy Spirit gives Christians the daily strength and wisdom they need to walk according to His will and grow in holiness.
- ❖ We believe that Jesus Christ will return to judge all mankind and to receive His people unto Himself.

For more explanation and resources, go to zionpca.com/beliefs

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WELCOME!

We're glad you're here! If you are a newcomer, visitor, or guest:

- ❖ Please take a **Zion coffee mug** from the welcome table in the foyer!
- ❖ **Nursery** is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3 during the Sunday worship service and Sunday School
- ❖ **Sunday School** classes are available for children, youth, and adults during the 10:15am education hour *[Classes are on break until August 10, 2025]*
- ❖ **Busy Bags** for young children are hanging on racks at the back of the worship hall.
- ❖ Please explore the rest of your worship folder for opportunities to **connect** and **serve** at Zion. **We're glad you're here!**

WORSHIP AT ZION

The Zion worship service has a structure and sequence that reflects the way scripture shows how God meets his people. God has made himself known to the world in Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, who took on human flesh, bled and died for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended to the Father's right hand, intercedes for us now, and will come again to receive us at the end. The church assembles on the Lord's day to name the name of Jesus, which is above every name.

- We enter his courts with thanksgiving and praise
- We kneel before him in confession and repentance
- We stand and hear again the Gospel's promise of mercy and forgiveness
- We bring our tribute offerings to our King
- We hear the voice of God from scripture
- We eat at the table Jesus has provided for us
- We depart with his blessing and promise that He will be with us until he comes for us again.

THE MISSION OF ZION CHURCH

By God's grace Zion Church will be a Christ-centered ministry committed to worship God by proclaiming the truth of Scripture and relating to one another on the basis of the transforming power of the Gospel.

As God's people living in community, we will equip one another to pour out our lives for Christ at home, in the city, on the campus, across the Midwest, and to the ends of the earth. This vision rests upon the supernatural work of Christ who alone can build His church through the Spirit's work in our lives together.