



ZION CHURCH

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE
POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

28 April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Acts 13:8-10

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 children up to age 3 during Sunday school and both morning services.
- ◆ **Sunday School** classes for children, youth, and adults are at 9:45.
- ◆ **Children's Church** is also available in the 11:00 service for children ages 3-5. The children gather just before the sermon and return during the final hymn.
- ◆ **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.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

Gathering Song — *O Come My Soul Bless Thou the Lord*

Welcome and Announcements

ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

† **Call to Worship** *Psalm 138:1-5*

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

† **Come Into His Presence With Singing**

The God of Abraham Praise (Trinity Hymnal 34)

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Your Will Be Done

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 *Jeremiah 17:5, 9*

This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD. The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"

Song of Repentance

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

Silent Confession of Sin

† Declaration of Grace *Isaiah 55:6-7*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Giving Moment

Doxology

*In the 11:00 Service, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for Children's Church,
Children are always welcome in the main worship hall.*

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

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT

Preaching of the Word

Series: The Book of Acts: Church on Mission

Title: “The Hand of the Lord”

Text: Acts 13:1-12 (*pew Bible p.921*)

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

A Cappella: Amazing Grace

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

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

† Hymn of Celebration

Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured (Trinity Hymnal 429)

† Benediction

Organ Postlude

The Church on Mission
“The Hand of the Lord”
Acts 13:1-12 (*pew Bible p. 921*)
Sermon Notes: 28 April 2024

1. The Commission (vv.1-3)
2. The Journey (vv.4-5)
3. The Power Encounter (vv.6-12)

Acts 13:1-12

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. 6 When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. 7 He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. 9 But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him 10 and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

Questions for Further Discussion:

- ◆ What actions are common with ordaining, commissioning, or empowering someone in the Bible for a particular role? What do you see in this passage?
- ◆ Describe the work of the Holy Spirit in this scene.
- ◆ What is significant about verse nine?
- ◆ Very harsh words are used in verse ten. When is it appropriate to use these kinds of blunt words? Can you think of similar examples from the life of Jesus?

Weekly Ways to Connect: zionpca.com/groups

Sundays, 7:45am: **Prayer in Library**

Sundays, 9:45am: **Education Hour**

Wednesdays, 6:00pm: **Zion Connection** supper for all in the Coffee House

Wednesdays, 7:00pm: **Zion Connection** classes for children, youth, and adults

Thursdays, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study** (Luke)

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

Upcoming Events: zionpca.com/calendar

Wednesday Zion Connection

Get connected! Come to supper at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, our **last Connection night** of this term. A delicious menu varies week by week. Then stay from 7:00 to 8:00 for all-age programming: classes for the adults, Youth meeting, Kids Connection, with Nursery provided.

Zion CARD SHOWER

Zion's Office Manager, Lynn Locklear is retiring April 30th after 30 years of service. Help us show her our appreciation with a card shower. Send cards, notes, stories, and photos to: Lynn Locklear, 5511 So. 27th St., Lincoln, Ne. 68512

VBS 2024 Eternal Kingdom: June 3-7

This year, our joint VBS with Redeemer and Grace Chapel looks at the life of Daniel, Eternal Kingdom. We need volunteers to help at many levels. contact this year's VBS Director, Nicole Houfek, nicole.houfek@gmail.com.

Graduation Open Houses

Ian Tuck May 5th 3-5 pm at Zion Church

Lexie Kment May 12th 12-3 pm, Kment Stables 663 C Rd, Palmyra NE

Isabella Hilton May 19th, 4-8 pm, 5324 Hunts Drive, Lincoln, 68512

Jackson Keele May 25th 5-9 pm, Firespring, 1201 Infinity Ct

Sunday Mornings: zionpca.com/visit

- 8:30: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall
Streaming to zionpca.com/livestream & Facebook (@zionpca)
- 9:45: Education Hour for all ages
- 11:00: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall
Streaming to Hearth Room

Nursery: zionpca.com/nursery

Nursery care is available during both services, Education Hour, and during Connection on Wednesday nights. If you have any questions or would like to serve, please contact our nursery director **Kelsey Nyenhuis** at nursery@zionpca.com.

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**. To give online, use this QR code, go to zionpca.com/give, or Venmo @Zion-Church-2.



Help Wanted: Zion Church Administrator

The Staff Planning Committee is taking applications for the new full-time position of Church Administrator, who will oversee the daily functions of the church. Submit a resume to the church office, or to any member of the committee: Rachel Papik chair, John Anderson, Jon Jonson, Debbie Russnogle, David Houfek, Michelle Christy, Wendy Huffman.

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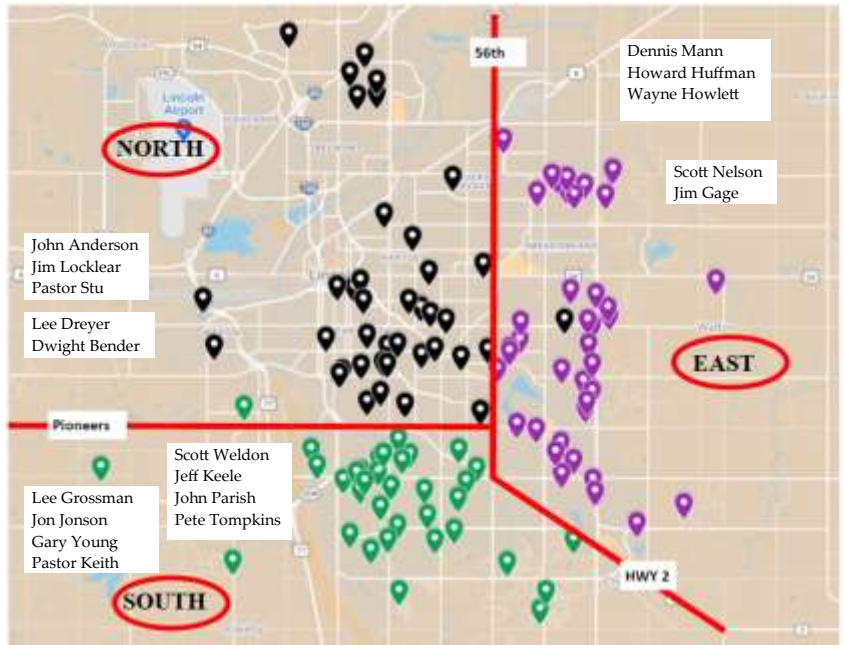
Assistant Pastor Search Committee

A Search Committee is now working to make a recommendation to the Session for calling an Assistant Pastor. Committee members: Megan Dreyer, Howard Huffman, Adam Kauffman, Dennis Mann, Scott Nelson, Tamar Polivka & Laura Sypal.

Where Are You?

For service, small groups, and social events, we have three Adult Fellowships based on your location in Lincoln:

- **North:** North of Pioneers Boulevard, and west of 56th Street
- **South:** South of Pioneers Boulevard, and south of Highway 2
- **East:** East of 56th Street and north of Highway 2



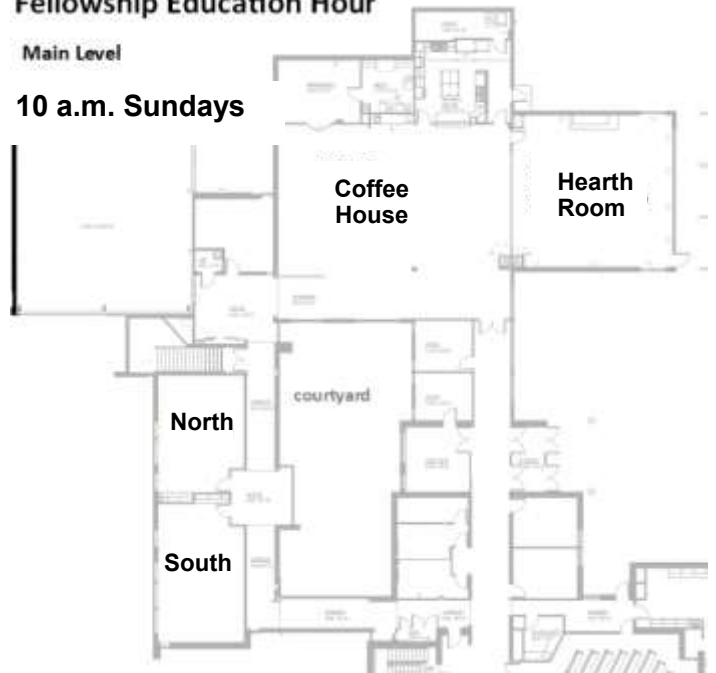
Adult classes at 10:00

- ◆ **Hearth Room:** *First John*, Pastor Keith
- ◆ **North Classroom:** *The Meaning of Marriage*, Jon Jonson, Dennis Mann
- ◆ **South Classroom:** *Embodied: Transgenderism*, Pastor Stu

Fellowship Education Hour

Main Level

10 a.m. Sundays





Three Pink Tulips, Eliot Hodgkin, 1905-1987

"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;
it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing. . . They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God." Isaiah 35:1,2

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

1. O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Mak - er, and all with -
 2. Good is the Lord and full of kind com - pas - sion, most slow to
 3. His love is like a fa - ther's to his chil - dren, ten - der and
 4. We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beau - ty, like ten - der
 5. High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed for - ev - er, his king - dom

in me bless his ho - ly name; bless thou the Lord, for -
 an - ger, plen - te - ous in love; rich is his grace to
 • kind to all who fear his name; for well he knows our
 grass that soon will dis - ap - pear; but ev - er - more the
 rules o'er all from pole to pole; bless ye the Lord through

get not all his mer - cies, his par - d'ning grace and
 all that hum - bly seek him, bound - less and end - less
 • weak - ness and our frail - ty, he knows that we are
 love of God is change - less, still shown to those who
 all his wide do - min - ion, bless his most ho - ly

REFRAIN

sav - ing love pro - claim,
 as the heav'ns a - bove.
 • dust, he knows our frame. Bless him for - ev - er, won - drous in
 look to him in fear,
 name, O thou my soul.

might, bless him, his ser - vants that in his will de - light.

The God of Abraham Praise

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Heb. 11:6

1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove,
 2. The God of A - braham praise, at whose su - preme com - mand
 3. He by him - self hath sworn, I on his oath de - pend;
 4. The good - ly land I see, with peace and plen - ty blest,

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
 from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
 I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and end - less rest.

Je - ho - vah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 I shall be - hold his face, I shall his pow'r a - dore,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name, for - ev - er blest.
 and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow, with mer - cy crowned.

5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness, triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
 On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
 and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.
6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
 Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
 all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

How Deep the Father's Love

Words by Sarah Sadler
Music by Stuart Townend

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'How Deep the Father's Love'. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes to indicate the accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son, to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.'

D Em D G D D A

How deep the Fath - er's love for us, how vast be - yond all mea - sure, that

3 D EmD G D A D D Em D G

He should give His on - ly Son, to make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss, the

6 D Bm A D Em D G D A D

Fath - er turns his face a - way, as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.

2. Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

You Will Be Done

Words and music by
Rich Tompson
& Jonny Robinson

C F C Am G C
Your will be done, my God and Fa - ther as in heav - en, so on earth, My heart is drawn to self ex -

6 F C G C C F C Am
alt - ing, hdp me seek your king - dom first. As Jes - us walked, so I shall walk held by Your same un - chang - ing

12 G C F C F C G C
love. Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray, "Fa - ther not my will, but Yours be done."

How in that garden he persisted, I may never fully know.
The fearful weight of true obedience, it was held by Him alone.
What wondrous faith to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what wondrous love!
My hope was sure when there my Savior prayed, "Father, not my will, but Yours be done."

When I am lost, when I am broken, in the night of fear and doubt,
Still I will trust in my good Father, yes, to one great King I bow!
As Jesus rose, so I shall rise in ransomed glory at the throne.
My heart restored with all Your saints I sing, "Father, not my will, but Yours be done.'

As we go forth, our God and Father, lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory and Your Name be lifted high.
And in this Name we overcome, for You shall see us safely home.
Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray, "Father, not my will, but Yours be done."

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

Words: Joseph Swain (alt. Twit)
Music: Kevin Twit

Em D/F# G Em D/F#

1. Come ye souls by sin a - fflic__ ted, Bowed with fruit - less, sorr - ow
2. Take His ea - sy yoke and wear__ it; Love will make your o - be - dience
3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see__ Him, Bless the ears that hear His
4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, Light to new - ly o - pened

G C Em C

down; By the bro - ken law con vic__ ted, Through the cross, be - hold the
sweet Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His grace shall guide your
voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him, And in Him a - lone re -
eyes, Like full springs in, de - serts drea - ry, Is the rest the cross supp -

D C Em G D

crown; Look to Je - sus, Look to Je - sus, Look to Je - sus; Mer - cy flows through
feet Safe to glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Where His ran - somed
joice; His comm - and - ments, His comm - and - ments, His comm - and - ments Then be - come their
lies; All who taste it, All who taste it, All who taste it Shall to rest imm -

C D G

Him a - lone.____
cap - tives meet.____
ha - ppy choice.____
or - tal rise.____

2. Take His
3. Bless - ed
4. Sweet as

Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here be - low!



¹⁰ Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host! Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.

Amazing Grace!

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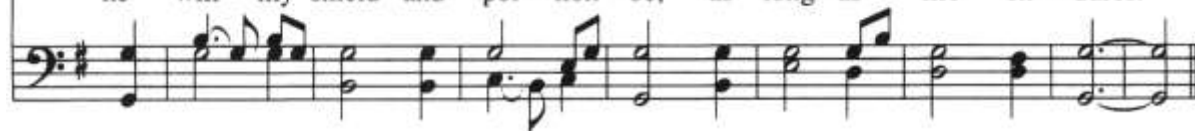
Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?
1 Chron. 17:16



1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;



I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.



5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Rom. 12:1

1. Let thy blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2. Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3. By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear wound
 4. Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

bod - y bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give,
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

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of thy bound - less love the to - ken.
 Je - sus by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match - less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

COMMITTED TO GOD'S TRUTH

We believe in a holy God who exists eternally 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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