

Transformed By Grace Poured Out For Others

12 May 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter

I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

-Isaiah 49:6

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 — All You That Fear Jehovah's Name (Trinity Hymnal 9)

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance to Worship

+ Call to Worship Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ... The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Worship Through Confession and Praise

† Come Into His Presence With Singing

O Lord Most High With All My Heart (Trinity Hymnal 48) For All the Saints We Will Feast In The House of Zion

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.

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Preparation for Confession *Ezekiel 18:30-32*

"Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

Silent Confession of Sin

† Declaration of Grace *Jeremiah 33:7-8*

I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. 8I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

Song of Gratitude

Wonderful Grace of Jesus (Trinity Hymnal 467)

Giving Moment

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)

Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Naomi Josephine Houfek — 8:30

In the 11:00 Service, children ages 3-5 may be dismissed for Children's Church,

Children are <u>always</u> 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**: "Salvation to the Ends of the Earth"

Text: Acts 13:42-52 (pew Bible p.922)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

A Cappella — Sing Alleluia to the Lord

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.

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† Hymn of Celebration

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound (Trinity Hymnal 448)

† Benediction

Organ Postlude

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The Church on Mission "Salvation to the Ends of the Earth"

Acts 13:42-52 (pew Bible p. 922) **Sermon Notes: 12 May 2024**

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Acts 13:42-52

42 As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. 43 And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

44 The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. 45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. 46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. 47 For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." 48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. 50 But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. 51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Questions for Further Discussion:

- What is the pattern of Paul's ministry?
- ♦ How does verse 51 connect with Matthew 10:14-15?
- What does it mean to be "appointed to eternal life"? How does this verse emphasize the sovereignty of God in salvation?
- What is a Gentile? What is the significance of 'shaking off the dust' from their persecutors and 'turning to the Gentiles'?

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Weekly Ways to Connect: zionpca.com/groups

Sundays, 7:45am: **Prayer in Library** Sundays, 9:45am: **Education Hour**

Thursdays, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study** (Luke) Saturdays, 8:15am: **Foodnet Distribution**

Upcoming Events: zionpca.com/calendar

VBS Paint and Prep: Wednesdays in May

Join us in the gym on Wednesday evenings this month to help with painting the set, and preparing the props for this year's VBS. Come at 7:00 and we'll find you a task that fits you. Enjoy some fun, informal time working alongside other Zion friends.

College and Career Summer Bible Study: May 29+

Every Wednesday starting May 29th through July 31th. Meet at 6:30 p.m. for dinner (main dish provided), followed by bible study and prayer. Bring a friend and a side or dessert to share! Text Kayla Brauning to let her know you are interested: 402-780-1432.

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

Lexie Kment TODAY 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 and the Education Hour. 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 <code>zionpca.com/give</code>, or Venmo @Zion-Church-2.



Help Wanted: Children's Ministry Director

The Staff Planning Committee is taking applications for the position of Children's Ministry Director. Submit a resume to application@zionpca.com, or to any member of the committee: Rachel Papik chair, John Anderson, Jon Jonson, Debbie Russnogle, David Houfek, Michelle Christy, Wendy Huffman.

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. Send inquiries to application@zionpca.com

Kids Teachers for June

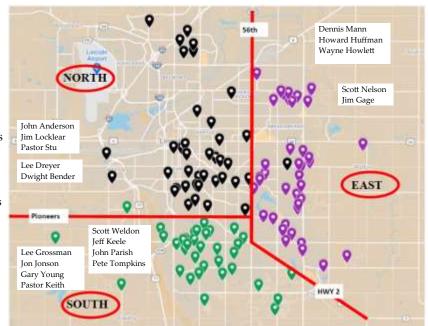
We will have Summer Sunday School through the month of June. July and August will be off, and we will begin again in September. We need some volunteers to serve in June, as our school-year volunteers take a break. Curriculum provided. Contact Pastor Keith if you can help. THANKS.

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Where Are You?

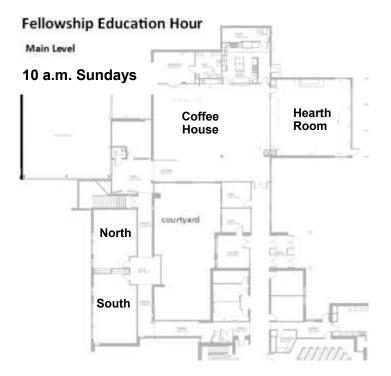
For service, small groups, and social events, we have three Adult Fellowships based on your location in Lincoln:

- 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





Marsh Wren, John James Audubon 1785-1851

"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them." Matthew 6:26

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All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

You who fear the LORD, praise him! Ps. 22:23



I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. Ps. 9:1



For All the Saints

Words by William H. How Music by Christopher Miner Additional music by Kate Prohl



We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-of whom I am the worst. 1 Tim. 1:15





Great Is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)



Sing Aleluia to the Lord



- 2. Sing of his mercy and his love ...
- 3. Jesus is King and Lord of all ...
- 4. He's coming back to take us home ...

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Proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations. Ps. 96:2, 3



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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