#### Why We Are - Our Biblical mandates, priorities, and practices

#### The Church as a Community (the Family of God)

- 1. The Bond: Love Colossians 3:12-14
- 2. The Focus: The Vulnerable James 1:27
- 3. The Key Role: Servanthood John 12:26

John 12:26 – If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my **servant** be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

4. Dangers: Quarreling and Gossip – 2 Corinthians 12:20

For a statement describing what we believe at Zion Church, go to zionpca.com/beliefs

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TRANSFORMED BY GRACE POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

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Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Jesus intentionally invested in the lives of a few to impart His own life, God's Word, and the Gospel...in such a way that those few became mature and equipped disciples, through the power of the Holy Spirit...and did the same in the lives of others as they engaged with the lost world through prayer, word and deed.

#### 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 the morning worship service.
- ◆ **Sunday School** classes for children, youth, and adults are available at the 10:15 education hour.
- ♦ **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
- $\bullet$  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.

## **Wednesday Connection Night**

Our weekly Wednesday Connection Dinner and classes are currently on break. Connection will resume on Wednesday, January 29. For adults, David Chambers will be teaching a class on the martyrs.

#### Rochester L'Abri: February 14-15

Zion will have a contingent again this year at the annual L'Abri conference in Rochester, Minnesota. This year's theme is *Pilgrimage in Uncertain Times*. Share rides, share meals, sit together! To register, visit www.rochesterlabriconferences.org, and contact John Anderson with questions or for more information: whitehorse.jea@proton.me

#### Nursery: zionpca.com/nursery

Nursery care is available during the worship service and the education hour. If you have any questions or would like to serve, please contact our nursery director Kelsey Nyenhuis at kelsey@zionpca.com.

#### 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 (@zionpca), zionpca.com/livestream, and Youtube @ZionPCA

## **Secure Dropoff**

Put checks, cash, or other sensitive information in the new Secure Dropoff mail slot in the main office.

#### 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.



#### Jan-Nov 2024 Giving

Budget: \$742K Giving: \$751K Expenses: \$765K

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#### Weekly Ways to Connect: zionpca.com/groups

Sundays, 8:00am: **Prayer in Library** (everyone welcome!)

Sundays, 9:00am: Worship Service

Sundays, 10:15am: Education Hour for all ages

Tuesdays, 9:30am: **Women's Bible Study** (contact Amy Handeland) Wednesdays, 6:00pm: **Connection Meal for all** (resumes January 29)

7:00pm: Kids Club, youth group, and adult classes (resumes January 29)

Thursdays, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study** (*contact Lee Grossman*) Saturdays, 8:15am: **Foodnet Distribution** (*you can help!*)

#### **Senior Pastor Search Committee**

We are now accepting nominations for the Senior Pastor Search Committee. Please fill out a form and submit it to the offering box before noon on February 1. Forms are available on the table in the foyer.

#### **RUF Chili Night**

Zion Church hosts a Chili Night for the RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) students each month. We need volunteers on Friday, January 31, to make and/or serve chili and connect with students! Please contact Mary Hilton if you are interested: mamahilton@gmail.com

## Men's Thursday Bible Study

Join Lee Grossman at 6:30am each Thursday as the men's Bible study looks at the book of Luke. Contact Lee: leegrossman113@gmail.com

# Women's Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning women's Bible study is working through the book *Job, Trusting God When Suffering Comes* by Lydia Brownback. Meet at 9:30am each Tuesday in the Hearth Room. Contact Amy Handeland: ahandeland1@gmail.com

## Women's Wednesday Bible Study

On Wednesday evenings with Zion Connection, Evann Gardels will lead a women's study in the book of Isaiah. Contact Evann for more details: egardels@neb.rr.com

#### LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

#### Prelude

**† Gathering Hymn** — All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! (Trinity Hymnal 296)

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

#### **† Call to Worship** *Psalm* 99:9

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

#### WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

#### † Come Into His Presence With Singing

Death Was Arrested Let the Nations Be Glad Jesus, Strong and Kind

#### 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** 1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

#### Silent Confession of Sin

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

#### **† Declaration of Grace** *Ephesians* 2:4-9

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace

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you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**+ Song of Gratitude** – *Jesus, Sinners Doth Receive* (*Trinity Hymnal 473*)

**Giving Moment –** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)* 

#### WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT

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.

#### Preaching of the Word

Title: "Paul's Prayer for the Fruit of Righteousness"

**Text**: Philippians 1:7-11

#### 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**

God, the Lord, a King Remaineth (Trinity Hymnal 64)

#### † Benediction

#### Postlude

# God, the Lord, a King Remaineth

The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength. Ps. 93:1



- her ev er last ing sta tion earth is poised, to swerve no more:
- 3. Lord, the wa ter floods have lift ed, o - cean floods have lift their roar;
- 4. With all tones of wa - ters blend-ing, glo-rious is the break-ing deep;
- 5. Lord, the words thy lips are tell - ing are the per-fect ver-i-ty:





God hath robed him and he reign - eth; thou hast laid thy throne's foun-da-tion · now they pause where they have drift - ed, glo - rious, beau- teous with - out end - ing, thine high e - ter - nal dwell- ing

he hath gird - ed him with might. from all time where thought can soar. now they burst up - on the shore. God who reigns on heav'ns high steep. ho - li - ness shall in- mate be.





God is King in depth and height. Al - le - lu - ia! - le - lu - ia! le - lu - ia! - le - lu - ia! Lord, thou art for - ev - er - more.

- le - lu - ia! le - lu - ia! For the o-cean's sound-ing store.

le - lu - ia! Songs of o - cean nev - er sleep. - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! - le - lu - ia! Pure is all that lives with thee.



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# **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**



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# Philippians 1:7-11

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7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

# "Paul's Prayer for the Fruit of Righteousness" Philippians 1:7-11

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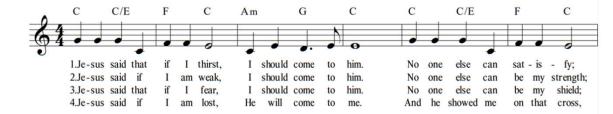
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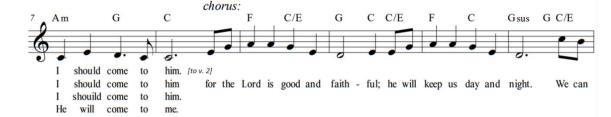
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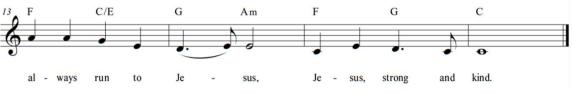
This man welcomes sinners and eats with them. Luke 15:2



# Jesus, Strong and Kind







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#### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

Phil 2:0

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 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe. and crown him Lord of all; to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. 6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all; we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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# Death Was Arrested

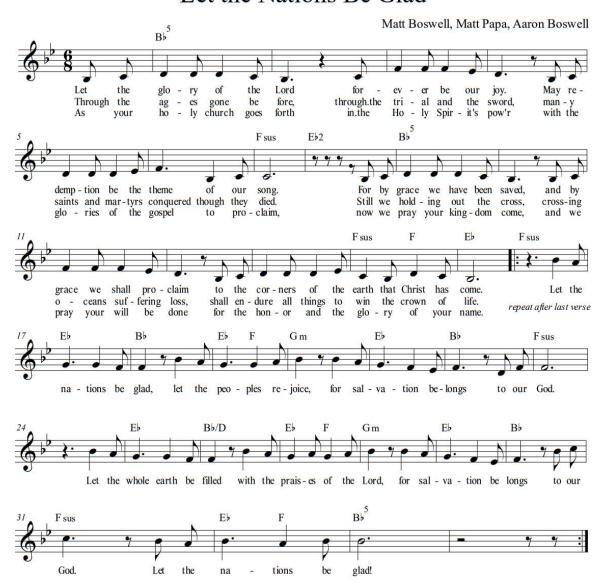
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# Let the Nations Be Glad



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