

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

26 June 2022 Third Sunday after Pentecost

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.

-Daniel 2:44

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 10:00.
- 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 — Blessed Be Your Name

Welcome and Announcements

ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 16:5-11

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

+ Come Into His Presence With Singing

From All That Dwell Below The Skies (Trinity Hymnal 7) God So Loved Blessed Assurance

Pastoral Prayer 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 Galatians 5:17, 19-21

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Silent Confession of Sin

+ Declaration of Grace Galatians 5:22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

+ Hymn of Gratitude

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord! (Trinity Hymnal 465)

Moment for Giving – Doxology

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT

Preaching of the Word

Series: Living in Exile Title: "Welcome to Empire Time" Text: Daniel 2

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (Trinity Hymnal 600)

+ Benediction

Postlude

Living in Exile "Welcome to Empire Time" Daniel 2 Sermon Notes: June 26, 2022

Questions for Further Discussion:

- God reveals his plan for "empire time" to the king of Babylon. Why to a gentile king instead of a prophet of Israel in Jerusalem? And why in Aramaic, the empire language instead of Hebrew, the language of scripture?
- Review the story of Joseph interpreting Pharoah's dreams. How many similarities and parallels can you identify? What are the significant differences? When one part of the Bible "quotes" and earlier part like this, what are we to make of it?
- Think of Pharoah's dreams in Genesis and Nebuchadnezzar's dream here. How are these dreams like parables?

Daniel 2:1-13

In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.

² Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. ³ And the king said to them, "I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream."

⁴ Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation."

⁵ The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins. ⁶ But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation."

⁷ They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation."

⁸ The king answered and said, "I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see that the word from me is firm--⁹ if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the times change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation."

¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. ¹¹ The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

¹² Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. ¹³ So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

Weekly Events: *zionpca.com/groups*

Thursdays, 6:30am: Men's Bible study in the Coffeehouse (*Book of Luke*) Saturdays, 8:30am: Volunteer with Zion's Foodnet distribution Saturdays, 7:00pm: Young Adults (20s) in the Hearth Room (*Food and Discussion*)

Upcoming Events: *zionpca.com/calendar* <u>Summer Reading Group: June 27</u>

It's not too late to jump into our women's reading group on *Flourish: How the Love of Christ Frees Us From Self-Focus,* by Lydia Brownback. Jessica Jonson and Melissa Folsom lead this bi-weekly group from 7:00-8:30pm in the Hearth Room. For more info, contact women@zionpca.com.

Summer ZYG: June 29

Zion Youth Group meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays; the next meeting will be this Wednesday, the 29th. All middle and high schoolers are invited to join us from 7:00-9:00pm, and bring a friend.

Gift card shower: by June 30

Congrats to Adam Russnogle (son of John & Debbie) and his fiancee Paola! Adam grew up at Zion and is stationed in CA with the Marine Corps. We want to celebrate Adam's upcoming wedding with a virtual gift card shower. If you would like to contribute, please send checks to the Zion office or Venmo Zion-Church-2 with a memo by June 30th.

Men's Monthly Breakfast and Lunch: July 6

All men are invited to share a meal on the first Wednesday of each month.

- Breakfast: Meet at 6:30am at Engine House Cafe (6028 Havelock Ave)
- Lunch: Meet at noon at Hiway Diner (2105 Hwy 2)

Come to one or the other - or both if you like!

Bridal Shower for Emma Noel: July 19th

All Zion women are invited to a shower for Emma at 7pm July 19th. Emma is registered at Crate and Barrel, Target, and Bed, Bath and Beyond. If you would like to go in on a group gift, contact Lynn at lynn@zionpca.com or donate through Venmo (Zion-Church-2) with Noel shower in the memo.

Sunday Mornings: zionpca.com/plan-a-visit

8:30 & 11:00: In-Person Worship 8:30: Livestream Worship 10:00: Education Hour (all ages)

Nursery: zionpca.com/nursery

Please take time to **thank those who serve** the parents and children of Zion. If you could take a turn, or have questions regarding nursery policies, email

Date	8:30	Education Hour	10:45
June 26	The Vander Top	Judy Heaston	Jen Young
	Family	Kristen Reiter	Michelle Weldon
July 3	Mary Hilton	Lori Osberg	Laura and Claire
	Leia Noel	—	Sypal
July 10	—	Susan Meckel Lynn Locklear	Dwight and Moriah Bender

Missionary Prayer Bookmarks

Zion supports missionaries here at home and around the world, and they always need our prayers! Please use this bookmark as a reminder to pray for these faithful servants and their areas of ministry. You can also go to zionpca.com/missions for updates and ways to give. More bookmarks are in the bookcase in the foyer - take an extra one and share it with someone who will pray.

How to Give at Zion

God provides all we have and Christians return a portion of that in thanksgiving. Cash and checks may be placed in the offering **box on the table in the foyer**. Checks can also be **mailed** to the church. On our website there is a giving link that can connect to a card or bank account: **zionpca.com/give**. A Venmo account can also be used to give **@Zion-Church-2**.

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



Summer Elective Classes

Join one of our summer electives during the Education Hour at 10am. They are a great place to learn and connect to other folks at Zion.

- Coffeehouse—Pastors Stu and Tag "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality"
- Hearth Room—**Pastor Keith** "The Father and the Son in John's Gospel"





Still Life: Balsam Apple and Vegetables, 1820s, James Peale

"I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me." Ps 13:6 Isaiah 58:10-12

Blessed Be Your Name

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Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me, when the world's "all as it should be," blessed be your name. Belssed be your name on the road marked with suffering though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

From All That Dwell below the Skies

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. Ps. 117:1



God So Loved

We the Kingdom



[[]Repeat chorus 2]





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Doxology





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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