



# ZION CHURCH

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“It is the drive of the natural man for self-justification. He finds it only in comparing himself with others, in condemning and judging others. Self-justification and judging others go together, as justification by grace and serving others go together.”

*Thomas a Kempis*

# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

## Prelude

† **Gathering Hymn** – *Creation Song (Glory to the Lamb)*

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

† **Call to Worship** – *Revelation 14:7*

“Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

† **Come Into His Presence With Singing**

*Fairest Lord Jesus (Trinity Hymnal #170)*

*He Has Come to Reign*

*Run to Jesus*

## Prayer of Praise

**Confession of Faith** – *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Preparation for Confession** – *Psalm 41:4, 10a*

I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!" But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up.

## **Silent Confession of Sin**

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

## **† Declaration of Grace – Psalm 91:14-16**

*“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.”*

## **Song of Gratitude – Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It (refrain)**

## **Senior Pastor Search Committee Update – Scott Nelson**

## **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:** “This Seat Is Taken”

**Text:** James 4:1-3, 10-12 (*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 – Lead On, O King Eternal (Trinity Hymnal #580)**

## **† Benediction**

## **Postlude**

# Creation Song (Glory to the Lamb)

Eddy Duhan and John Andrew Schreiner

He wrapshim-self in light aswitha gar-ment, hespreadsoutthehea - vens and  
walksonthewingsof the wind. He sendsforth thespringsfrom the val-leys, they flow be-tween  
moun-tains. Thebirds of the air— dwell by the wa-ters, lift-ing their voic-es in song,  
sing-ing glo - ry, glo - ry! Glo-ry to the Lamb! All prais -  
-es and hon - or for - ev - er! Hemadethemoonfor its  
sea-sons, the sun knows its set - ting. Helooksattheearthand it trem-bles, hetouch-es the  
moun-tainsand they smoke. I will sing to the Lord all my life, I willsing prais-es to my God,  
as long as I live, prais - es to the Lord, oh my soul,

*D.S. al Fine*

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# Fairest Lord Jesus

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*You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed you forever. Ps. 45:2*

Capo 1: ♮ (D) (Em) (A) (D) 7 (Bm) (B<sup>7</sup>) (Em) (A) (D)

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

(G) (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (B<sup>7</sup>) (Em)

Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,  
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,  
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

(B<sup>7</sup>) (Em) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) ♮ (Bm) (D<sup>7</sup>) (G) (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) 7

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.  
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

# He Has Come to Reign

Sherdonna Denholm

D G

1. For the Lord our God, he is strong to save, from the  
 2. In the dark - est night, on the low - est hill, though I  
 3. When tri - als come and weigh you down, you can  
 4. The true and liv - ing God we serve; his

4 D D/F# A D

depths of sin, from the deep - est grave. Ev - er faith - ful is his a -  
 feel him not, he is faith - ful still. He is com - ing in all his  
 catch a glimpse, you can hear the sound of the an - gels sing - ing  
 truth will stand, the on - ly Word. He has come to reign, God's

8 G D Asus A 1. D

-bound - ing Word: "Fear not my child, I've o - ver - come the world." 2. In the  
 right - eous - ness; I will wait for him in this lone - li  
 heav - en's song, say - ing "Child, hold on, it won't be  
 on - ly Son, Je - sus Christ, our King, He has o - ver

2, 3, 4.

13 D G D Asus A

He has come to reign in our bro - ken hearts; we will doubt and fear no more.

ness.  
 long.  
 come.

17 Bm G D Asus A D

He has come to reign in our bro - ken hearts; all we lost he will re - store.

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# Run to Jesus

Nathan Stiff and David Zimmer

1. Has your grief brought you low? Has your faith lost its hold? Your De -  
2. Is your shame all you see? Are your sins dark and deep? Your High  
3. Though the jour - ney is long, though the night tar - ries on, your Re -

4  
-liv - er - er knows what your need is. He endured ev - ery test, He has  
Priest lives to plead your for - give - ness. What you owed, He has paid, what was  
7  
- deem - er is strong in your weak - ness. He will car - ry you through, He is

felt your dis - tress, as you weep, He has wept; run to Je - sus. (to verse 2)  
dead, He has raised, all your guilt for His grace; run to Je - sus. (to chorus 1)  
faith - ful and true, He will make all things new; run to Je - sus. (to chorus 2)

10 **Chorus 1**

He will lift your head; He will be your rest. What you

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owed, he has paid, what was dead, He has raised, all your guilt for His grace; run to Je - sus.  
(to verse 3)

19 **Chorus 2**

He will lift your head; He will be your rest. He will

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lift your head; He will be your rest. He will car - ry you through, He is

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faith - ful and true, He will make all things new; run to Je - sus.

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# Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It! (refrain)

Fanny J. Crosby, 1882

Trinity Hymnal #701

A.L. Butler, 1967

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Re - deemed, re - deemed, re - deemed by the blood of the Lamb; re - deemed thro' his in - fi - nite mer - cy, his child, and for - ev - er, I am." The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first four measures, the second system contains measures 5 through 7, and the third system contains measures 8 through 9. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody. The final measure of the third system ends with a double bar line.

Re - deemed, re - deemed, re - deemed by the blood of the

Lamb; re - deemed thro' his in - fi - nite mer - cy, his

child, and for - ev - er, I am.

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## Lead On, O King Eternal

*I am the LORD your God ... who directs you in the way you should go. Is. 48:17*

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, the day of march has come;  
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears;

hence - forth in fields of con - quest thy tents shall be our home;  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing where - e'er thy face ap - pears;

through days of prep - a - ra - tion thy grace has made us strong,  
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
 thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light:

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 but deeds of love and mer - cy, the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might.

### **James 4:1-3, 10-12**

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. ...Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

*“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is a log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”*

*Matthew 7:1-5*

**“This Seat Is Taken”**  
**James 4:1-3, 10-12**  
**Sermon Notes: 3 August 2025**

### **Ways to Connect This Week: [zionpca.com/groups](http://zionpca.com/groups)**

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

9:00am: **Worship Service**

6:00pm: **Youth Group**

Wednesday, 6:30am: **Men's Breakfast at Engine Hs Cafe** (*John: [whitehorse.jea@proton.me](mailto:whitehorse.jea@proton.me)*)

12:00pm: **Men's Lunch at Hi-Way Diner** (*Keith: [keithghormley@outlook.com](mailto:keithghormley@outlook.com)*)

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

7:00pm: **Escape Room**

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

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

### **Youth Group**

Join us tonight, August 3, for a ZYG meeting and open gym from 6-8pm. Regular meetings will kick off this fall on Wednesdays with Connection Night. Contact Kyle with questions: [kyle@zionpca.com](mailto: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](mailto:taryne@zionpca.com)

### **Fall Sunday School & Connection Night**

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

### **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](mailto:david@zionpca.com)

## **Sunday Mornings: [zionpca.com/visit](http://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](http://zionpca.com/livestream).

## **How to Give at Zion: [zionpca.com/give](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://zionpca.com/beliefs)*

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Kyle Lindgren	Youth Director
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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.