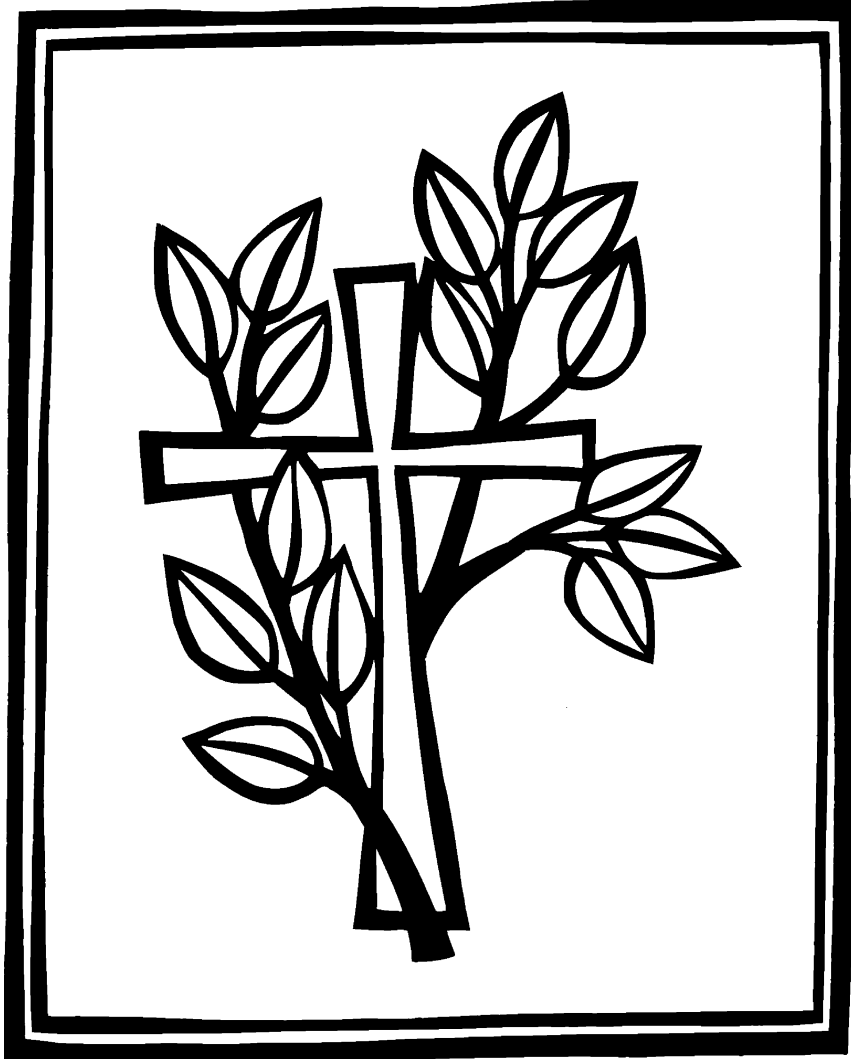


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 30, 2026



Welcome to worship today!

As a reminder our worship services are available online: Zion Website:

<http://www.zionlewistownelca.com/worship/video-services>

YouTube Channel: Zion Lutheran Church, Lewistown, MT

Zion Lutheran Church
August 30, 2026 14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom
no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given
ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In
your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have
done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by
your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us
alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus
Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through
the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

(ELW 344)

GREETING

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN SING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

C **O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁵ **O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.**

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ **Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name,**

**O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I
rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.**

¹⁸ **Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?**

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ **Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is
worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.**

²⁰ **And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.**

²¹ **I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.**

Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8 (Spoken responsively)

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

² **Test me, O | LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart | and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat | with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.

⁵ I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession | round your altar,

⁷ singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell**
and the place where your glory abides.

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Romans.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.

¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 216)



GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

L The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

L The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Day by Day*

(ELW 790)

CREED

L With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(Response to prayers)

L Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

L Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

L The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

HYMN *How Great Thou Art*

(ELW 856)

OFFERING



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

L Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

(ELW 858)

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

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Worship Assistants: Stan & Audrey Olson

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Lector: Karen Combs

Ushers: Monte Boettger & Bob Bjelland

PowerPoint: Kyrie Benes

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Please call the office if you would like to join Prayer Partners.

Social Concern for August: Campus Ministry

In August we celebrate the important ministry to and with the students on the Montana State University and University of Montana campuses. Both ministries offer opportunities for young adults to worship, serve the community, and explore their faith in deeper ways. Zion includes campus ministry in our annual giving since they rely on outside gifts to sustain their ministry programs and the pastors at each campus. The offerings collected in August will be added to our annual commitment and will be divided between these two campus ministries. We give thanks for the ways campus ministry extends our care for these young women and men in their college years.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, please mark Campus Ministry in the memo line of your check.

Thursday Noon Bible Study (Begins September 10th) with Pastor Julia Seymour from Big timber Lutheran Church. This study will be her book Nice is Not a Fruit of the Spirit: Living Faithfully in Complicated Times. She'll present one chapter / week. Books can be ordered online or more information on getting books from her will be coming in the next few weeks.

Items needed for LRW School Kits and Personal Care Kits

- 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper 8 x 10 ½ size
- 30 cm rulers or centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Blunt scissors
- Pencil sharpeners
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel)
- Light weight bath towel (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27") dark color
- Adult size toothbrush in its original packaging

Week of 8/31 - 9/6

9/1	5:30pm	Caring Ministry
9/2	12:00pm	Men Over Lunch
	3:30pm	B.L.A.S.T, Rainbow Choir & Confirmation
	4:30pm	Wee Singers
	6:00pm	Youth Bible Study
9/3	9:00am	Quilting
9/6	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Adult Forum

Week of 9/7 – 9/13

9/8	9:30am	Rachel Circle
9/9	12:00pm	Men Over Lunch
	3:30pm	B.L.A.S.T, Rainbow Choir & Confirmation
	4:30pm	Wee Singers
	6:00pm	Youth Bible Study
9/10	9:00am	Quilting
	12:00pm	Zoom Bible Study
9/13	9:30am	Worship