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**Thank you to Pastor Kerry Boese for coming
to Zion Lutheran at Kulm to lead worship
today, July 5!**

Praying for safe, summer
travels over the 4th of July
Weekend!
GOD BLESS AMERICA!



Join us at Zion next week, July 12, for a special
worship service with Pastor Linda called
***“Travels, Trips, and Journeys:
A Service of Word and Song for Summer”.***
PLEASE bring a photo or memento from a recent
or favorite trip!



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mission here at Zion!

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**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 5, 2026 at 9am
Zion Lutheran Church
Kulm ND**



Introduction:

**The mystery of God’s ways is sometimes hidden from the
wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting
realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by
peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those
excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we
struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems;
and we seek God’s mercy and forgiveness.**

**We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ’s
invitation: “Come to me, all you that are weary.” Here we
find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved
community.**

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Summer Call to Worship “God of the Sparrow” v. 1 # 740

Confession and Forgiveness

(L) Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **(All) Amen.** (L) Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

(L) Compassionate God,
(All) we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

(L) Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **(All) Amen.**

Gathering Hymn “What a Friend We Have In Jesus ” # 742

Greeting

Hymn of Praise “When Peace Like a River” # 785

Prayer of the Day (All) : You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Zechariah 9:9-12 *The king will come in humility and peace*

Psalms 145:8-14 *The LORD is gracious and full of compassion. (Ps. 145:8)*

Romans 7:15-25a *The struggle within the self*

Gospel Acclamation “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Refrain only # 733

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *The yoke of discipleship*

Message

Rev. Kerry Boese

Hymn

”Day by Day”

#790

Apostles Creed: 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 Intercession (L) Merciful God, **(C) receive our prayer**

Offering Song “God Whose Farm is All Creation” #734

MEAL

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord’s Prayer

SENDING

Blessing (L) Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. Amen.

Sending Hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness” # 790

Dismissal (L) Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

(C) Thanks be to God!