

Sunday, July 26: Christmas in July Service at 9 am.

Sunday, August 9: Windfest Community Worship in Kulm City Park at 10 am. with meal provided after worship. **No 9 am. Worship at Zion.**

ZION RALLY SUNDAY: Sunday, August 30—worship at 10 am. in the Kulm City Park with potluck and games following worship. At this service we will celebrate the retirement and give thanks for all the years of service for Mary Jo as a Synod Authorized Minister and Pat as an organist.

Saturday, September 12: Memorial Service at 11 am. for Marian Hille at Zion.

Saturday, September 26: We will host the 2026 SWO (Synodical Women's Organization) convention at Zion. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The theme will be JOY with and our key verse will be "...the Joy of the Lord is your Strength." Nehemiah 8:10b. In-kind gifts will be collected for the Kedish House and the James River Correctional Center.



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## Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

**July 19, 2026, at 9am**  
**Zion Lutheran Church, Kulm ND**



### Introduction

**It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.**

### 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, our sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **(All) Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn      "Praise and Thanksgiving"**

**# 689**

**Greeting**

**Hymn of Praise      "Now Thank We All Our God"**

**# 839**

**Prayer of the Day**

See

Celebrate Insert

## WORD

**Isaiah 44:6-8    There is no other God than the Lord**

**Psalms 86:11-17    Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)**

**Romans 8:12-25    The revealing of the children of God**

**Gospel Acclamation "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Refrain only #733**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43    The parable of the weeds**

Message

Mary

Jo Kinzler

**Hymn**

**"For the Fruit of All Creation"**

**# 679**

**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) God of grace, **(C) hear our prayer.**

## MEAL

**Offering Song      "God Whose Farm is All Creation"**

**# 734**

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving (Responsively)

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**"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Sing)**

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Words of Institution

**Lord's Prayer**

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**Distribution of Holy Communion**

***Communion Hymn***

***“Here Is Bread”***

**# 483**

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

**SENDING**

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

***Sending Hymn “God Be With You Til We Meet Again”***

**# 536**

**Dismissal** (L) Heaven has come near. Go, and share the  
Good News! **(C ) Thanks be to God!**

Postlude