

ANNOUCEMENTS for August 30, 2026 :

Thank you for those who participated in todays worship service as readers!

THANK YOU TO MARY JO AND PAT FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF MINSTRY TO ZION!

Wed. Sept 2 at 6:30pm SWAG to begin!

Wed. Sept.2 at 6:45pm Confirmation classes begin for grades 6-8!

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

Saturday, September 26 Zion will host the 2026 SWO (Synodical Women's Organization) convention. The theme will be **JOY** and our key verse will be "...the Joy of the Lord is your Strength." Nehemiah 8:10b.

Begins at 9am

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPT 15

In-kind gifts will be collected for the Kedish House and the James River Correctional Center.

<https://zionlutherankulm.org/donations/> Here is



the link and QR code for online giving to Zion! **THANK YOU** for your offerings of your money, your time and your lives for God's mission here at Zion!

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, KULM ND

RALLY SUNDAY

August 30, 2026 at 10am

Kulm City Park



A Creation Service of Lessons and Carols

Welcome and Opening Hymn “*Borning Cry*”

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

(All) And also with you.

Scripture of Light (Gen. 1) Sing “*This Little Light of Mine*”

***** Opening Dialogue (*Genesis 1:28*)**

(Leader) Let us bless God, who created heaven and earth.

(All) Our Creator’s name be praised.

(Leader) God blessed them, and God said to them,

(All) Be fruitful and multiply

(Leader) and fill the earth and subdue it

(All) and have dominion over the fish of the sea

(Leader) and over the birds of the air

(All) and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

Hymn “*For the Beauty of the Earth*”

Prayer of the Day (All) Holy Spirit, you move through all creation with sighs too deep for words. Open our hearts to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Speak through your church to rebuke the forces that seek to exploit your planet. Join our human prayers with the voices of all creation and move us to honor you by preserving the gifts of nature that reveal your glory. Amen.

***** Dialogue (*Job 12:7-10*)**

(Leader) But ask the animals, and they will teach you,

(All) the birds of the air, and they will tell you;

(Leader) ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you,

(All) and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

(Leader) Who among all these does not know

(All) that the hand of the LORD has done this?

(Leader) In his hand is the life of every living thing

(All) and the breath of every human being.

Hymn “*Praise and Thanksgiving*”

Prayer of Creation

*****Dialogue (*Psalms 65:9-13, ELW*)**

(Leader) You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

(All) You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

(Leader) You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

(All) with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

(Leader) You crown the year with your goodness,

(All) and your paths overflow with plenty.

(Leader) May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,

(All) and the hills be clothed with joy.

(Leader) May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;

(All) let them shout for joy and sing.

Hymn “*Beautiful Savior*”

Prayer of the Animals in Creation

Hymn “*All Creatures of Our God and King*”

Scripture and Reflection by Pastor Linda

Prayer for Farmers and Ranchers

Hymn “*God, Whose Farm is All Creation*”

Prayer of Peace and Thanksgiving for SWAG & Confirmation and Youth

**Prayers, Blessing and Gratitude for the ministry of:
Mary Jo Kinzler SAM and Pat Rutschke, organist**

**Closing Hymn “*Lift High the Cross*” (Pat’s favorite hymn)
Benediction and Table Prayer for Potluck**