

Sending Hymn

ELW 545

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

Dismissal

(L) Go in peace. Christ is with you.

(C) Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUCEMENTS:

- Thank you to Tena Lawrence from Christians in Action for leading our worship and preaching God's Word here 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.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPT 15

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

- **Sunday, September 20: Come and celebrate at Christ the King, Ellendale -- 70 years of service! Worship at 11:15am, Lunch 12:30 and 1:15pm Special music and sharing!**

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



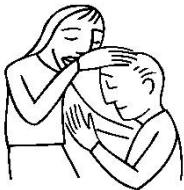
Here is the link and QR code for online giving to Zion! **THANK YOU** for your offerings of your money, your time and your lives for God's mission here at Zion

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Welcome to Worship at

Zion Lutheran Kulm, ND

Sunday, Sept 13, 2026

9:00 AM

Service of the Word from LBW

Introduction: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession & Forgiveness

ELW #94-96

* *Gathering Song*

ELW Hymn #556

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High” (v. 1-4)

*Responsive Reading

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,
for in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You set free those who are bound.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You raise up those whose courage falters.

We bless you and praise your name forever.

You provide for our every need.

Accept our grateful praises.

You have called us from all peoples.

We rejoice and bless your name forever.

You bless your people with peace.

We bless you and praise your loving grace.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,
for in your wisdom you have formed us.

* **Apostle’s Creed**

(L): God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

(ALL) 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.

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let Us Pray ...

(All) O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Genesis 50:15-21 *Joseph reconciles with his brothers*

Psalms 103: 1-13

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

Romans 14:1-12 *Accepting diversity in the community of faith*

Children's Message

*** Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith

(L) The holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Following the reading of the Gospel

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon **Tena Lawrence, CIA Lay Minister**

Hymn of the Day **ELW 359**

"Where Charity and Love Prevail "

THANKSGIVING

Offering/Offering Prayer— Thank you for your support of Zion's ministries through your financial resources, time and talents, God Bless you!

Prayers of Intercession

After each prayer petition(L) Hear us, O God

(Congregation response) Your mercy is great.

Lord's Prayer:(All) 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.

BLESSING AND SENDING

Benediction

**(L) The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make his face shine on us and
and give us peace. Amen.**

be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor