

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

PLEASE BRING IN-KIND GIFTS

The Kedish House is collecting the following items for 13 school:

Body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, tampons and pads, chapsticks,

The and the James River Correctional Center is in need for yarn, fiberfill and plastic crochet hooks size 5.5mm or size I.

- **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/>

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WELCOME TO ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH KULM ND

September 20, 2026 9:00am



Introduction for the 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness page #94-96

Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" # 742

Greeting

Kyrie (verses 1,3,4) page 184-185

Hymn of Praise 'This is the Feast' refrain page 187

Prayer of the Day (ALL)

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Readings and Psalm (See Celebrate insert)

Jonah 3:10—4:11 *God's concern for the city of Nineveh*

Psalms 145:1-8 *The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)*

Philippians 1:21-30 *Standing firm in the gospel*

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation page 188
"Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?"

Matthew 20:1-16 *The parable of the vineyard workers*

Response before the Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord.
Response after Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ,

Sermon Pastor Linda

Hymn of the Day "Amazing Grace" # 779

Apostle's 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) Hear us, O God
(C) Your mercy is great!

Offering

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving page 190

Holy Holy Holy page 190

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer page 191

Distribution of The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Blessing and Prayer after Holy Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Hymn "How Great Thou Art" # 856

Dismissal and Postlude