

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.
Bold indicates congregational response.

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *“Prelude on ‘St. Catherine’”* Paxton

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 86)*

The Holy One is great and does marvelous things. Delight in God!

The Holy One gladdens the soul. We lift them up!

In the day of trouble, we call on Comforter and Protector, Counselor and Provider, Companion and Peace.

The Holy One soothes the soul. We call upon their name!

The Gracious and Eternal God gives ear to our prayers and listens to our cries.

The Holy One hears the soul. We turn to our God in hope and faith!

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful and Compassionate God, we come into your presence. Be near to us as we draw closer to you. Be near to us even when we have doubts, have given up hope, and have been overwhelmed by our fears. Be near to us as we sing, pray, give, and receive. We praise you for your goodness and worship you for who you are. Amen.

First Reading of Scripture Romans 6:1-11 NRSVue

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

Thanks be to God!

+ Opening Hymn No. 68 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Words of Grace

Beloved, the Holy One has observed, received, and acknowledged your need and your hope. In Christ, new life has been revealed, opened, and modeled for you. By Spirit, the Holy One leads us into renewing and transformative life. This is God’s will for each and all of us. The love and strength of God will sustain us through every trial and propel us through our journey of hope, healing, and wholeness.

Praise be to God! Amen.

Giving from Our Hearts



It is the generosity of the friends and members of this church which supports this ministry. While the ministry at Zion is sustained by more than dollars and cents, the monetary giving is vital to the work we do. We give thanks for all who have supported Zion over the years. For those contributing financially, there is an offering plate just outside the sanctuary or you can donate online through the online giving button at zionunion.org.

+ Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+ Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, thank you for the privilege of giving. Bless these gifts and those who give. Enable us to trust and participate in your abundance. Extend wisdom and discernment as we allocate these offerings. Expand our reach and impact for your kingdom and glory. Amen.

Second Reading of Scripture Matthew 10:16-39 NRSVue

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

“Part of the Family”

Manley

Jeanne Lischer

Chorus: **Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.**

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn No. 603 *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude *“Praise Be to God”*

Powers

Today’s Worship Materials come from **“And God Heard: Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Year A”**, which was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-3a-june-21/>

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We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

We care as Christ cares.



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Please take the Sunday News home with you for information and happenings during the week at Zion Church.

SUNDAY NEWS

JUNE 21, 2026

Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Shanna Brinker
Ushers: Donna Bocklage & Verlyn Yarbrough
Greeters: Carl & Jane Ridder
Sound Tech: John Crane Video Tech: David Bean
(Hearing devices are available if needed. Please ask an usher for one.)

Usher Dismissal - An usher will dismiss you by row at the conclusion of the service. They will begin at the front.

"These Days" devotional books for July-August-September are available in the literature rack at the top of the grand staircase.

USO Collection - During the month of June we will again be collecting items for the USO at Lambert International Airport in St. Louis. A 'wish list' of items to donate and a box to place donations is located in the lower commons. Thank you for your donations!

On Our List for Prayers

Health and Healing:

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Charlotte Ellison
Brenda Viehland	Kim Yenser	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Hettie Becker
Sarah Berghorn	Gerry Hoelscher	Barb Harvey (at Cedarhurst Senior Living in Wentzville)	
Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)		Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)	
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)		Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doehring)		Heather Gooch (great niece of Charlotte Ellison)	
S (Karen Stafford's CASA buddy)		Bob Truel (husband of Shirley Truel)	
Heather Frederick (niece of Marilyn Freiermuth)		Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)	
Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)		Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey)	
Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Glenda Foster (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	
Vanessa Dobsch (niece of Charlotte Ellison)		Mary Dobsch (sister of Charlotte Ellison)	
Aubrey Reed (granddaughter of Charlotte Ellison)		Pat Pappas (sister of Jim Doehring)	
Jamie Koch (friend of Hettie Becker)		Hallie Sammett (friend of Brenda Viehland)	
Sophia Muller (daughter-in-law of Jeff & Denise Muller)		Ada Price (daughter of Mindy Gerstner's friend)	
John Carter (friend of Sandy Stierberger)			

Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:

Linda Kroeter	Jake McNeil (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Susie Andell	Keith Wadley
Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)	Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)
Don Frankenberg (uncle of Phyllis Fink)	Kim Gallagher (friend of Chris & Dawn Robinson)
Trish Kennedy (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	Allen Coffman (friend of Shawn Pehle)
Marissa Schollenberger (friend of Tom & Gayle Williams)	Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)
Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)	Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)
Britt Fassler (daughter of Nancy Kossmann)	Willie Beckett (nephew of Vicki Hooper)
Dasha Musante (granddaughter of Marilyn Stahlman)	Erica Sterling (friend of Amy Dewert)
Sammie Baker (friend of Brenda Viehland)	Jenny Brittingham (friend of Richard & Kathy Young)
Matthew (friend of Richard & Kathy Young)	Monty McGavock (brother of Kathy Young)
Julie Borgmann (niece of Fern Dewert)	Ken Laboube (friend of Hettie Becker)

Various Concerns:

Prayer for our country and those actively serving:
Aviation Structural Mechanic 3rd Class Hunter Grafrath (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)
Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)

Christian Education/Faith Quest/Youth News

Vacation Bible School – Sat., July 18 – Mark your calendars now! Enjoy a day of camp activities in VBS style at Camp MoVal from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participate in archery, boating, games, music, bible story and crafts. Lunch will be provided. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/222334386499062>. We hope you all can join us at our ONE DAY VBS at Camp MoVal!

Annual Pool Party – Sat. July 18 – Everyone is invited to the Zion Annual Pool Party at Camp MoVal on Saturday, July 18th from 3-5 p.m. Hotdogs and snow cones will be provided. Bring a snack to share.

Church Calendar – June 21, 2026 to June 28, 2026

Today -	The 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
Wed., June 24 -	10:00 a.m. July-August Newsletter assembled (fellowship hall) 12:00 noon Loops of Love 5:30 p.m. Legacy Fund Committee (classroom)
Thurs., June 25 -	8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Quilting Circle
Fri., June 26 -	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
Sat., June 27 -	12:00 noon Memorial Service for Bruce Crane
Next Sun., June 28 -	The 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

July-August Newsletter Articles – All last minute newsletter articles for the COMBINED July-August newsletter are due in the church office on Monday, June 22nd. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, June 24th at 10 a.m.

Zion Fellowship Event – Next Sun., June 28 – Everyone is invited to the Zion Fellowship event to attend the Combined Christian Choir's Summer Concert next Sunday, June 28th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Washington. Meet at the back lot of Zion at 4:45 p.m. if you want to carpool to Miller's Grill in Washington for dinner at 5:15 p.m. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at Immanuel Church in Washington. Please see the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the lower commons if you would like to attend the dinner and concert.

Combined Christian Choir Summer Concert – Next Sun., June 28 – "American Jubilee" will be presented at 7 p.m. next Sunday June 28th at Immanuel Lutheran Church Washington. Come celebrate 250 years!

All Union Food Pantry Volunteers – Tues., June 23 – All current and former Union Food Pantry volunteers are invited for a picture to be taken to celebrate the Union Food Pantry's 35th Anniversary! Please come to the Food Pantry (113 W. Locust) on Tuesday, June 23 at 1:30 p.m.

A Request from the Quilters – Zion Quilters are asking if you or anyone you know has quilts that need to be quilted to please contact the church office or one of the quilters. Thank you! A sign up sheet is posted on the lower commons bulletin board.

Little Food Pantry – Thank you for the great support in keeping the Little Food Pantry going! A list of the most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the lower commons. Monetary donations can also be given – contact the church office.

Little Free Library – Just a reminder that Zion has a Little Free Library located close to the corner of Washington and Springfield Avenue. If you have any gently used adult/children's books please feel free to drop them in the free library or drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

CASA is looking for Volunteers – CASA of Mideast Missouri advocates for children in foster care in Franklin, Gasconade, and Osage Counties who have experienced abuse or neglect. Our trained Volunteer Advocates spend one-on-one time with these children, understanding their needs and concerns to advocate for them in court, ensuring their journey in foster care is safe and supported. There are children in our area who need a CASA! The next CASA volunteer training session will begin in July with an application deadline of July 1st. To APPLY, donate, or learn more about CASA please visit casamideastmo.org or call 636-583-4422.

Please note! Styrofoam collection at Biospan Technologies is temporarily paused. The company needs to catch up on processing its current collection before collecting more. Please note this pause will begin on April 1st and will last for several months. We will let you know when this collection resumes.

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