

Come and grow with us in the Word of God.

We invite you and your family to join us at Zion to learn from the Bible about sin and repentance, and also God's gifts of forgiveness, faith, and eternal life through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sin – "...all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

Repentance – "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8, 9)

Forgiveness – "In Him (Jesus Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

Faith – "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)

Eternal Life – "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)



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Out of Zion,
*the perfection
of beauty,*

God shines forth.



What kind of church is Zion?

Zion is a church that, first and foremost, clings to the Bible as God's Word. Everything the Bible says is true because it came directly from God. Our teachings do not change over time to "keep up with" science or society.

Zion is a *Lutheran* church in the sense that the teachings of Martin Luther, drawn from the Bible, are still taught and believed among us. These teachings can be summarized as "grace alone, faith alone, scripture alone."

This is what makes Zion an *evangelical* church. The word "evangelical" comes from the Greek New Testament. It means *gospel*, or "good news." We exist for the purpose of sharing the good news of sins forgiven through Jesus' cross. The Bible tells us:

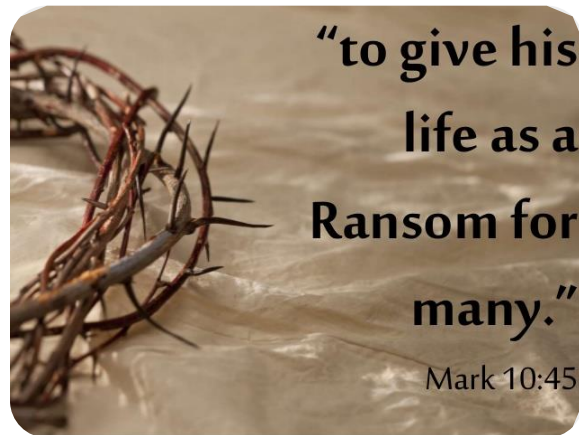
For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

This includes YOU!

What will you find at Zion?

At Zion, you will find:

- Like-minded Christians who share their faith in Jesus as their personal Savior.
- Preaching and teaching from God's Word alone, without mixing in social, political, or religious opinions.
- Opportunities for spiritual growth, including Sunday School, Bible studies, online services, fellowship groups, and Biblically-based counseling.
- A commitment to Christian education for the youth, so that they are truly prepared to be "in the world, but not of the world."
- A genuine desire to seek people in order to serve them with God's Word, so that they might live by faith in Jesus, "who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom many."



**"to give his
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many."**

Mark 10:45

How is Zion different than other Lutheran churches?

The distinction between Zion and most Lutheran churches is our commitment to and trust in the teachings of the Bible. Sadly, many Lutheran churches in our day have abandoned the Bible, to one extent or another, as the only source of Christian teaching. This means that they also have abandoned their true purpose for existence.

When Jesus established His Church, He did so that it might spread the Gospel of salvation throughout the world. Too many churches have altered their reason for existing, choosing instead to be nothing more than social clubs or political action groups. While such things have their place in the world, the primary purpose of the Christian Church is to proclaim salvation to sinners through faith in Jesus Christ.

This means, according to Jesus' Great Commission, that we are to call sinners to repentance. Without repentance in regards to sin, there can be no true faith in regard to Jesus. Sin is not a social construct that changes with the times. Sin is defined by God's Ten Commandments. Sin in our hearts and lives is what made the death of Jesus on the cross necessary.

The central message of the Bible is God's love for sinners. Yet, the Bible doesn't teach, as so many churches today say, that God loves us "just the way we are." God loves us despite the way we are. He loved us so much that He sent Jesus to take away our sin and to make the forgiveness of sins a reality through His suffering and death on a cross.

**Zion is honest about sin because
Zion is honest in our desire to share
the Gospel of sins forgiven through
Christ Jesus.**