



RINGING OF THE BELL

The candles on the altar are lit, reminding us of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION – ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “He’s Only a Prayer Away” – Johnny Lange and Harold L. Graham

*CALL TO WORSHIP by Janet Morley (*Christian Aid, England, 1989*)

For all the saints who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts, & touched us with Your fire,

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD.

For all the saints who live beside us, whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD.

For all the saints who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them,

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD.

Praise the Lord, all you saints!

Let us praise the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"For All the Saints"

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For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;

the King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
and singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy and Loving God, as angels and saints gather before Your throne singing to Your praise and glory, so Your Spirit gathers us to worship and adore You. Move us, Lord, to live as the saints who have gone before us, eager to seek Your presence, strong to live Your care for the outcast. At the end, bring us, with them, into the amazing joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reconciliation

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

... Believe the good news: in the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all!
And also with you.

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

***SONG OF LOVE**

Jesus Loves Me

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where

have they come from?"

I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12

(NRSV) When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(The Message) "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Pr. Sue: "You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom. "Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even! —for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds.

And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



WITNESS TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TOTENFEST - ROLL CALL OF THE SAINTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Nadine Elise Sophie Lafrenz	May 14, 1926	January 29, 2020
Welma G. Krueger	January 7, 1929	July 11, 2020
Marilyn Ann Klahn	August 14, 1940	August 24, 2020
Marlene Lavon Wiedenhoff	October 8, 1935	October 2, 2020

*SUNG RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun!

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"He Will Remember Me"

– E.M. Bartlett

*DOXOLOGY

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
we lay it before You; we kneel and adore You;
we bless Your holy name: glad praises we sing.

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION

Friends, God prepares a feast for you and all people; a feast of good things, a feast of peace. Come and taste. Eat and be filled. Drink deep and never thirst again. Come, rejoice in God's salvation!

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Come from the east and west, from north and south, and gather about Christ's table.

This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.



***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. We praise you for saints and martyrs, for the faithful in every age who have followed your Son and witnessed to his resurrection. From every race and tongue, from every people and nation, you have gathered them into your kingdom. You have shown them the path of life and filled them with the joy of your presence. How glorious is your heavenly realm where the multitude of your saints rejoice with Christ!

Therefore, we praise you for women, children, youth, and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses of your reign of love and justice. We offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with faithful saints of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

***SANCTUS** (*spoken by all*):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

(Congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. . . .

Number us among your saints, O God, and bring us with the faithful of every age, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 and ever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

You have given Yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves to others.

Your love has made us a new people.

Lead us in the path of the saints, to live in faith and good hope.

Send us into the world in the strength of Your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** HYMN**

O Savior, For the Saints

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For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove in you to live,
Who followed you without complaint, Our grateful hymn receive.

O Savior, for the saints, who strove in you to die,
Who loved and served without restraint, accept our thankful cry.

They all in life and death, with you, O Christ, in view,
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.

For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew
that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

BENEDICTION**SUNG RESPONSE** *(sung by all)*

The Lord bless and keep you,

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious, gracious.

The Lord bless and keep you,

The Lord lift His countenance on you and give peace, give you peace.

Shalom. Shalom.

***SENDING FORTH**

. . . Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. WE WILL!

*** POSTLUDE**

“I’ll Fly Away”

Albert E. Brumley

Accompanist: Sandra Horman
Liturgist: Kelly Nabb
Videographer: Julie Hoffmeier

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
LOWDEN, IOWA



Join us for worship at Zion this Sunday at 9:30 am.
TOTENFEST AND HOLY COMMUNION

COMING UP AT ZION
SATURDAY, OCT. 31 - ALL HALLOWS' EVE

SUNDAY, NOV. 1 - ALL SAINTS' DAY

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am – Set your clocks back!

Totenfest and Holy Communion

Worship at 9:30 am

Christian Education at 9:30 am (remain in the sanctuary for worship)

[View the Online Worship Bulletin for Nov. 1](#)

Video Camera and PowerPoint Training following worship

Transition Team Meeting at 11 am

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

Election Day - VOTE!

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

SHF Leaf Raking at 1 pm (weather permitting)

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

Prepare Mailing for North Cedar Christmas Bells at St. John's UCC, Clarence, at 9 am

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

Worship at 9:30 am

Christian Education at 9:30 am (begin in the sanctuary)

[VIEW THE ZION CALENDAR FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS](#)

Due to COVID-19, it is REQUIRED that face coverings be worn at all time inside the church building for worship services, meetings, and other church functions. Also, please practice social distancing throughout the church. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to prevent the spread of the virus.

Sunday worship is available in-person and online. Worship is livestreamed on **[FACEBOOK](#)** and posted to our **[YOUTUBE](#)** channel later in the day and later in the week on local cable channels. The livestream video begins about 9:20 am.

[FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM WORSHIP LINK](#)

[VIEW THE ONLINE WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR NOV. 1 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERVICE FROM HOME.](#)

NORTH CEDAR CHRISTMAS BELLS

The North Cedar Clergy's Christmas Bells program will again help make Christmas a little brighter for families in our community. Here are some important dates:

- **Thursday, Nov. 5:** Collate and prep for bulk mailing. Volunteers needed from each church to meet at St. John's UCC, Clarence, at 9 am.
- **Monday, Nov 16:** Deadline for community to turn-in gift requests or financial contributions.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 16:** Distribute food and gifts in each community at 9 am.

If you have questions about the Christmas Bells program or would like to learn more about volunteering, contact [Pastor Susan](#).

INTRODUCING OUR TRANSITION TEAM

We are excited to announce the formation of a Transition Team that will be tasked with the important work of discerning who we are as a church and who is God calling us to become. One of the most important tasks for this team will be to guide the congregation through a review of pastoral expectations in part-time vs. full-time ministry. The culminating work of this group will be the development of our local church profile to be shared with potential pastoral candidates. Serving on the transition team are:

Terry Lasack, Lonnie Luepker, Sue Monson, David Niermeyer and Jan Olsen. We thank these folks for making this commitment and hope you will engage with this group as they solicit your feedback. Look for further communication in the weekly Zion News e-mails and Sunday worship announcements.

USHERS ARE BACK IN ACTION

Since returning to worship this summer, the church council served as greeters and ushers. In October, we invited our scheduled ushers to again participate in the service in a modified role. We are asking those scheduled to usher to arrive around 9 am on Sundays. Adjusted duties include serving as greeters before worship begins (just inside the doors of the main entrance), carrying the offering plates up to the altar during the Doxology and ushering out at the conclusion of the service. Thank you for extending a warm greeting to our members and visitors. We appreciate your involvement in worship.



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

We remember the following sisters in Christ who have joined the Church Triumphant during this past year in a service of Totenfest this Sunday during worship. Family members are invited to light a candle and will receive a flower in memory of their loved one.

Nadine Elise Sophie Lafrenz

Born: 5/14/1926 | Died: 1/29/2020

Welma G. Krueger

Born: 1/07/1929 | Died: 7/11/2020

Marilyn Ann Klahn

Born: 8/14/1940 | Died: 8/24/2020

Marlene Lavon Wiedenhoff

Born: 10/8/1935 | Died: 10/2/2020

Thanks be to God for the hope and promise of the Gospel.

SHF MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Senior High Fellowship met Oct. 25. Here are highlights of the meeting:

- Members will meet Nov. 4 after school to rake leaves at the church and help a member with a few odd jobs.
- Thanksgiving Eve worship will be led by SHF. Look for a special "What I'm Thankful For" video featuring the members of Zion.

SHF will serve their annual all-church Christmas dinner Dec. 6 following worship as a carry-out and delivery only meal.

SEND YOUR MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

If you are the secretary or recorder of a church organization or committee, we encourage you to submit highlights of your meeting to be published in our Weekly Zion News Update and Herald newsletter. Having a brief discussion at the end of your meeting to select the top three or four takeaways is a good way to successfully wrap up your time together and keep the Zion community informed of the work of your organization or committee. Send your meeting highlights to news@zionucclouden.org and look for them in an upcoming edition of Zion News.



AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month during worship. If you have decided to worship with us from home during the pandemic or are home-bound and would like to receive communion, please contact the [church office](#) or [Pastor Susan](#). We would be happy to arrange a time for you to safely visit the church or schedule a time for in-home communion.

PRAYER MINISTRY

We are updating our Prayer Chain. This group is a way for prayer requests to be quickly shared with the Zion community throughout the week. If you would like to be part of our prayer ministry, contact the [church office](#) or [Pastor Susan](#).

SNOW REMOVAL NEEDED

The Building & Grounds Committee is looking for someone to remove snow at the church this winter. This includes sidewalks surrounding the church (excluding the parsonage area), steps and entrances. Areas need to be cleared as soon as possible after a snowfall and upon request. This position could be shared and may be in a volunteer or compensated capacity. Please submit a written proposal to the church office by **Nov. 11 at noon**. Contact the [church office](#) with questions.

"VIRTUAL" CROP WALK 2020

For many years Zion has participated in the CROP Hunger Walk to end hunger. And, in 2020, we will continue to fight against the new challenges of disease and disaster that leave people hungry. Join with us **virtually** in raising funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need this year. This year our walk will be virtual but you can still lace up your shoes and walk individually, as a family or in a small socially-distanced group at your leisure as you support those in need. Our area CROP Hunger Walk will support the work of the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland and the Referral Center in DeWitt. CROP Hunger Walks also support the global disaster response and development work of Church World Service, the walk's national sponsor. Together, we can help end hunger in our community and around the world. To participate virtually and make your pledge online, go to the local [CROP Hunger Walk](#) webpage.

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and
Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm
(or by appointment).

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and
Thursday from 8:30 am to Noon.

If you have church news or information to share in the weekly Zion News, please e-mail news@zionucclouden.org.