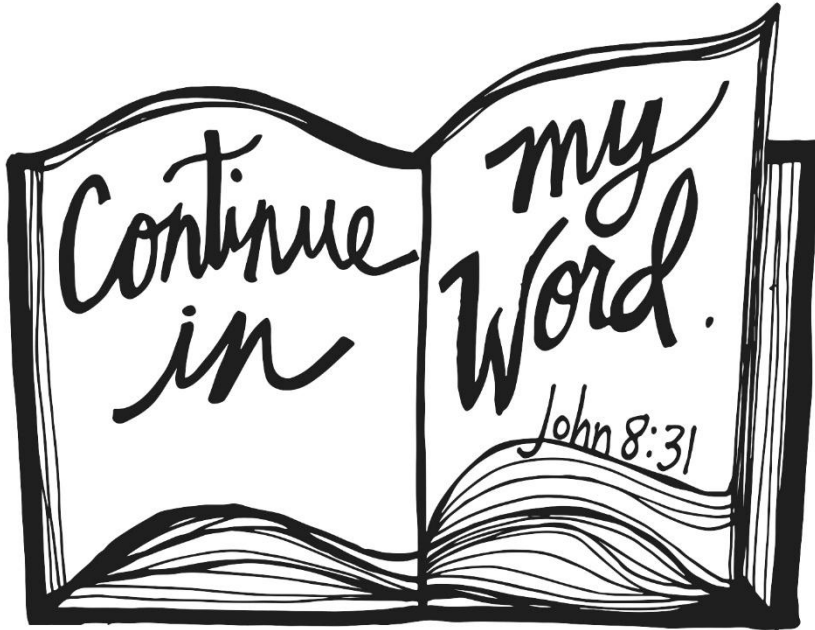


Zion Lutheran Church



***10 a.m. Combined Worship
Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025***

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

PRELUDE

Kirken den er et gammelt hus (Built on the Rock)

Kirk Denton, organ

– setting by Paul Manz

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

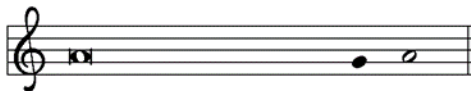
*GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (☩ And also with you.)

*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



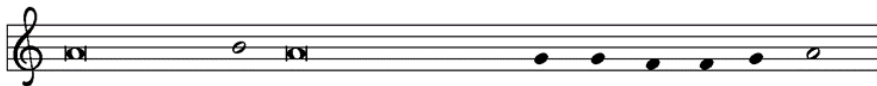
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

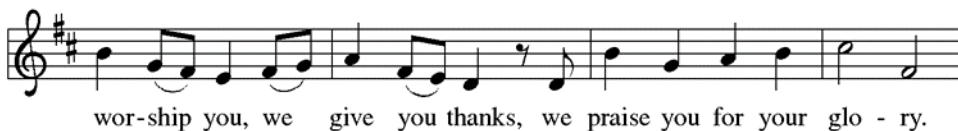


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (📖 Amen.)**

SPECIAL MUSIC

To God be the Glory

Children's Choir

FOOTPRINTS

FIRST READING (📖 Thanks be to God.)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

PSALMODY

Psalms 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***PEACE (📺 And also with you.)**

Please take a moment to look around at your sisters and brothers and offer a sign of peace through a wave, a smile, or a message.

OFFERING

Thank you all for the gifts of time, talent, and treasures you give to support the mission at Zion. We cannot do our work without your participation in all three areas. To give financially, please give either online or in the offering plate that the ushers will pass in between pews. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal.



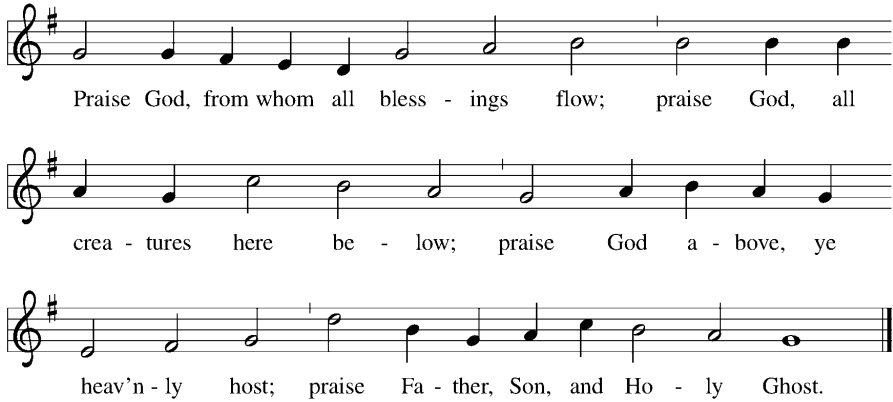
CHOIR ANTHEM

Only Faith
-Joseph Martin

Worship Choir

OFFERTORY CANTICLE

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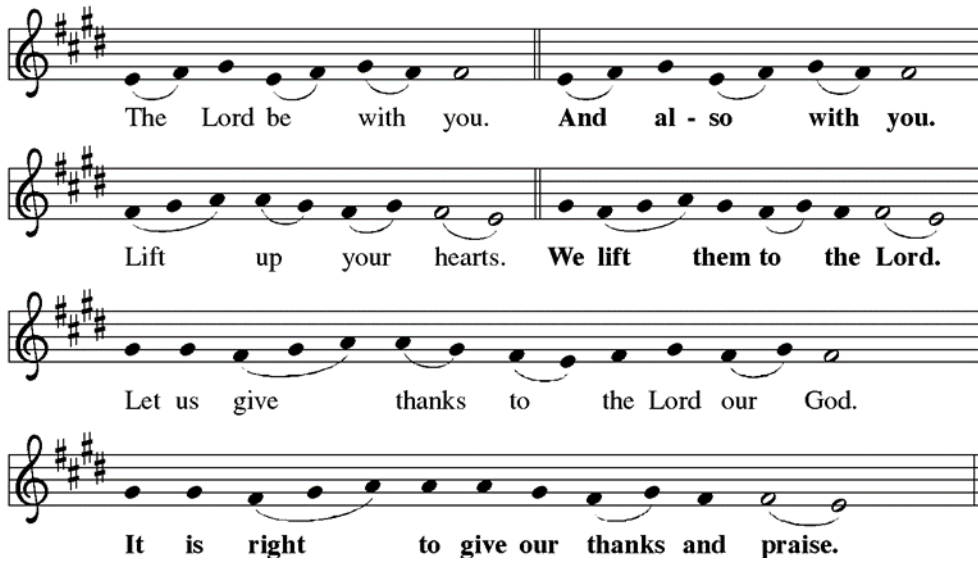
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (📺 Amen.)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*SURSUM CORDA



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

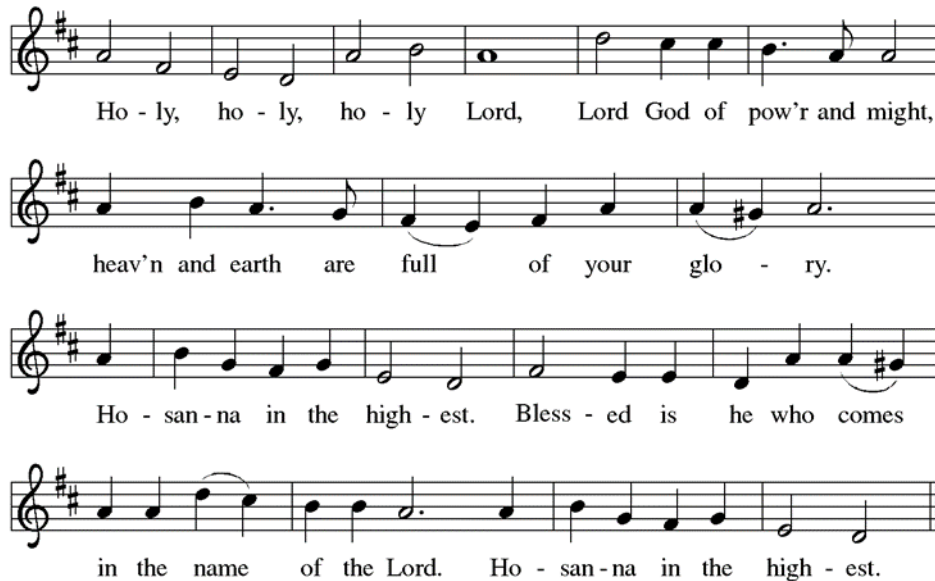
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***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 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.

***FRACTION SENTENCE**

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion this day. During communion distribution, an usher will invite your pew row to come forward. If you need the pastor to bring you communion, please let an usher know. There is a gluten free and grape juice option available if you need this. Return your empty glass to the baskets. Children and those not ready to receive communion this day may receive a blessing.

SPECIAL MUSIC O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig (Lamb of God, Innocent) Kirk Denton, organ
— J. S. Bach

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (℣ Amen.)**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (℣ Amen.)**

***BENEDICTION (℣ Amen.)**

***SENDING HYMN**

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

***DISMISSAL**

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. As we go out into the world, let us remember our mission.

As a people of God, we share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott (Now thank we all our God)

Kirk Denton, organ

– Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Servants in God's House

October 26, 2025

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship

Rosella Wilson (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Sharon Finley (Asst. Minister)
Linda Kinna-Engel (Lector)
Jim Huckleberry (Head Usher)
Bruce McIntosh (Sanctuary Usher)
Bre Bybel (Comm Asst)
Doug Davis (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

November 2, 2025

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Loretta Rapp (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Doug Davis (Asst. Minister)
Pat McIntosh (Lector)
Lee Ropp (Head Usher)
Bob Rockwell (Sanctuary Usher)
Linda Sanders (Comm Asst)
9 am (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

November 2, 2025

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Lois Ahalt (Greeter)
Sonja Harsch (Lector)
Ike Ahalt (Head Usher)
Bob Hetrick (Sanctuary Usher)
Lois Ahalt (Comm Asst)
Carolyn Milauskas (Sound System)
Rick Milauskas (Live Stream)

Our Mission

As a people of God,
we share Christ's love,
grow in faith, and
serve others



Our Vision

Zion aspires to be a
church where all are
welcomed and loved;
God's purpose for each of
us is found; and lives are
transformed.

2025 Ministry Priorities

Leadership

Called by the Spirit to be transformed as God's loving people, the Council will continue to discern where God is calling Zion in its defining of vision. We will be open to new ways and opportunities God is calling us to serve beyond our building in sharing Christ's love. We will support one another in our ministries as we share cherished traditions and try new things.

Communication

Celebrating new tools we have learned to communicate information, we will hone and plan strategies to more effectively use them to share what God is doing at Zion. We will use these tools and new avenues to share how God's love is nurturing and changing us.

Relationship Building

With Jesus as our example and guide, we will grow in building relationships with one another and those beyond our building through practicing welcome and invitation. We rejoice and celebrate our generational diversity. We will practice grace and understanding as we make mistakes. We will focus on serving one another in love, especially those in need and who are often forgotten.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Blaine's 93rd birthday on October 22, by Mary Shatzer and family.



Zion Prayer List 10-26-2025

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Dennis McGinnis, John Hughes, Linda Kinna-Engel, Dave Gouker, Pat McIntosh, Ron Moss, Richard Brandenburg, Ruth Brant, Vicki Ringwelski, Elsie Warnock, David Shupe, Meredith Kinna, George Engel, Jo Ahalt, Glenn Little, Sandy Bidle, Catherine Brown, Tristan Swiney, J. Richard Staples, All Government Workers, Pastor Diane Day, Beverly Smith, Dana Carmichael, Brenda Ward, The Gunsallus Family, Samn Huffer, Pat Hansen, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Gary, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.



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