

Zion Lutheran Church



***10 a.m. Combined Worship
Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026***

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 *Rise, O Son of Righteousness (Sonne der Gerechtigkeit)* Kirk Denton, organ
- Setting, Ernst Pepping

*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.

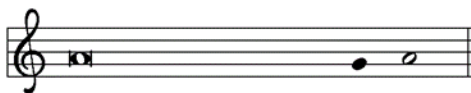
*GATHERING HYMN

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

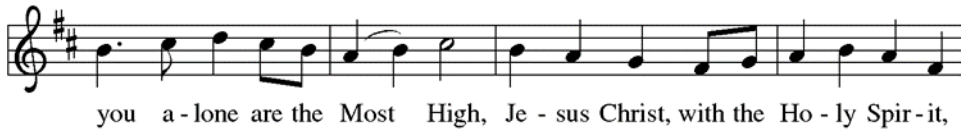
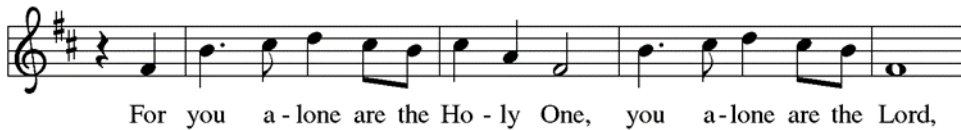
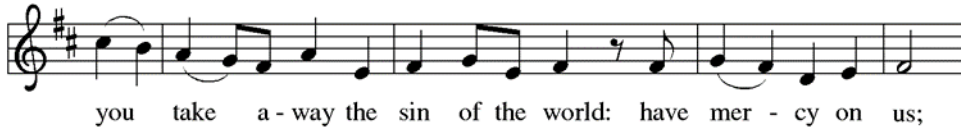
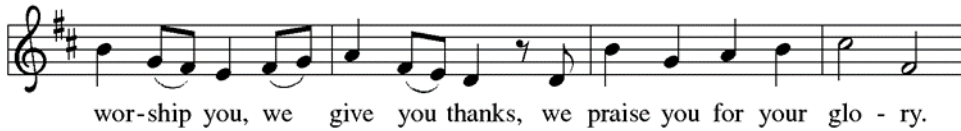


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



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



***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (📖 Amen.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

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.

²Therefore 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.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

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

***SECOND READING**

Romans 3:19-28

***GOSPEL VERSE**



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 8:31-36

(After the reading of the Gospel)

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW 645

***NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

In Christ Alone - Mark Hayes

Worship Choir

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

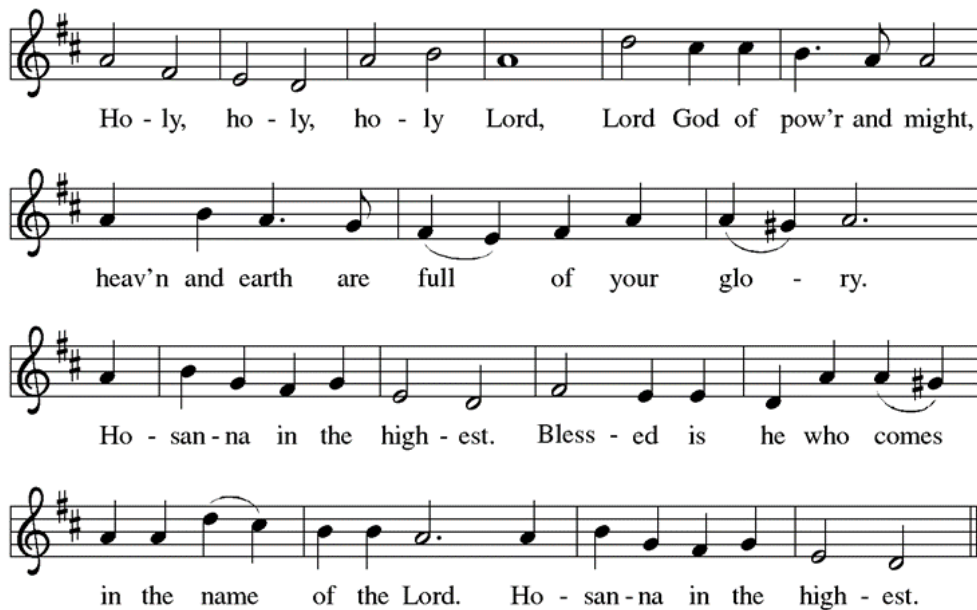
***SURSUM CORDA**

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

Movements from *Partita No. 3*,
BWV 1006 - J.S. Bach

Dr. Katelyn McClinton, violin

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

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (🕒 Amen.)**

***BENEDICTION (🕒 Amen.)**

***SENDING HYMN**

Built on a Rock

ELW 652

***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.

Servants in God's House

October 25, 2026

10 a.m. Combined Worship

Fiona Bybel, Sue Whitter (Greeters)
Sonja Harsh (Lector)
Terry Poffinberger (Head Usher)
Bruce McIntosh Sanctuary Usher)
Bre Bybel (Comm Asst)
Thomas Day (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

November 1, 2026

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

(Greeter)
(Acolyte)
(Asst. Minister)
(Lector)
(Head Usher)
(Sanctuary Usher)
(Comm Asst)
(Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

November 1, 2026

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship

(Greeter)
(Lector)
(Head Usher)
(Sanctuary Usher)
(Comm Asst)
(Sound System)
(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.

OUR VALUES

Zion is a Christian **community**, imperfect, but brought together by God's **love** to be strengthened through worship and study of the Bible in order to be sent out to **serve** with **integrity**.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Walter Gordon, loving husband, father, and son, by the Gordon Family



Zion Prayer List 10-25-2026

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

Addison Hopson, Jill Sagez, Jim Huckleberry, Richard Brandenburg, Jim Cartlidge, Christopher Gray, Pat and Jim McMorro, Jennifer Shankle, Tristan Swiney, Susan Dirndorfer, Mike Fath, Bill Blair, Karen Carpenter, Jake Straits, Linda Stottlemeyer, Sarah Routzahn, Jim Allen, Sarah Gladhill, Graham Haverfield, Karen Muscolino, Mackenzie Miessau, Pat McIntosh, Natalie, Margaret Guyton, Kim Buhrman, Harriett Hahn, Gary Fulmer, Carrie Basler, Robert Berkey, Brittany Mushuda, Benedict Phelps, Colin Sweigert, Shirley Hyssong, Samn Huffer, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Deb Kahihikolo
Military: Eric Saxton

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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