

Zion Lutheran Church



***10 a.m. Traditional Worship
Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024***

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

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **AMEN.**

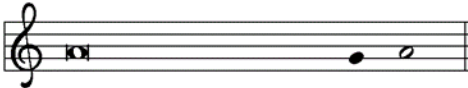
*GATHERING HYMN

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.



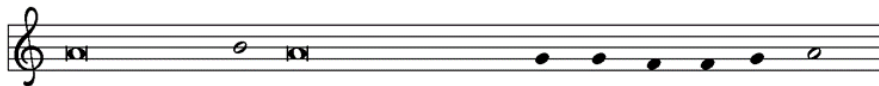
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.)**

FOOTPRINTS

FIRST READING (📖 Thanks be to God.)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

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. R**

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. R

***GOSPEL VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***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**

We Are Marching In the Light

ELW 866

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, 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

*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior
-Hohenfurt*

Worship Choir

OFFERTORY CANTICLE

ELW 885

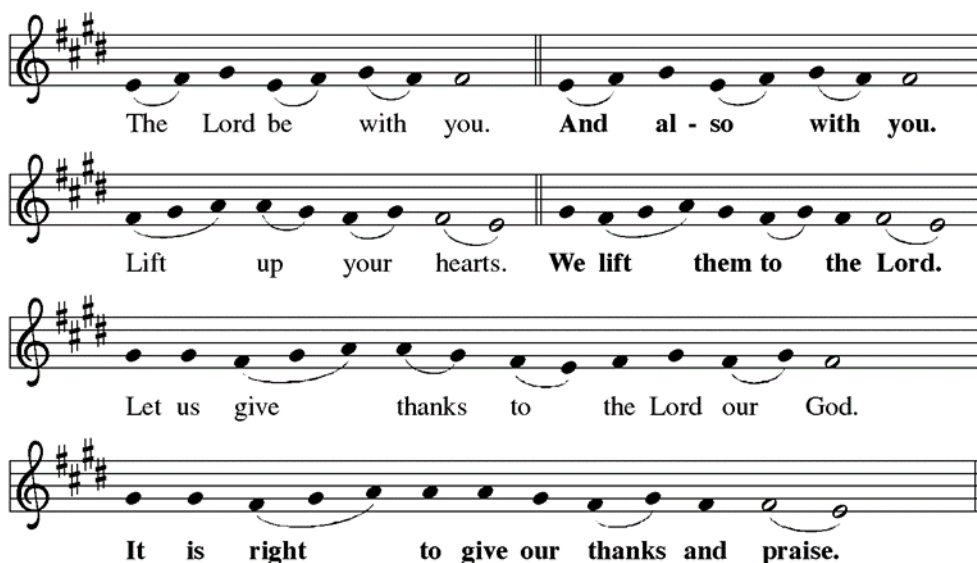
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Amen.)**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

***SURSUM CORDA**

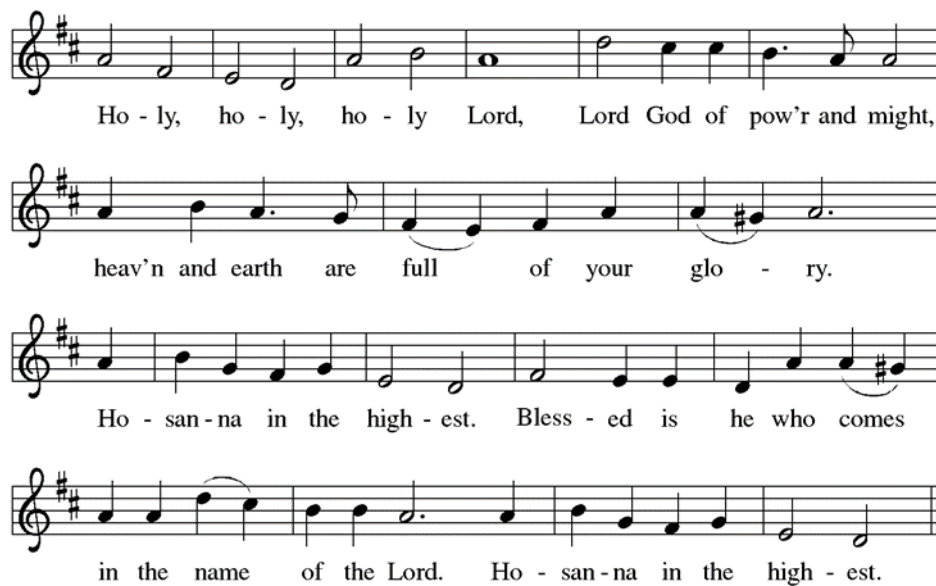


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***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.

***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. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Servants in God's House

October 27, 2024

10 a.m. Combined Worship

Bob Rockwell (Greeter)
Clinton Appleby (Acolyte)
Gene Appleby (Asst. Minister)
Bob Rockwell (Lector)
Lee Ropp (Head Usher)
Michael Ferguson (Sanctuary Usher)
Linda Sanders (Comm Asst)
Barry Poffinberger (Sound System)
Doug Davis (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

November 3, 2024

11 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sue Whitter (Greeter)
Bruce McIntosh (Acolyte)
Gene Appleby (Asst. Minister)
John Gruner (Lector)
Jim Huckleberry (Head Usher)
Leslie Lent-Santora (Sanctuary Usher)
John Gruner (Comm Asst)
Barry Poffinberger (Sound System)
Doug Davis (Live Stream)

Servants in God's House

November 3, 2024

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Lois Ahalt (Greeter)
Ike Ahalt (Lector)
Ike Ahalt (Head Usher)
Rosella Wilson (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

At Zion we strive to provide a sanctuary for prayerful and Joyous worship within a respectful and welcoming environment and to meet the spiritual needs of our intergenerational congregation and community, using Christian ideas and values.

2024 Ministry Priorities

Leadership

We will work on developing new and existing leaders to carry on the mission of the gospel and the congregation who effectively plan, execute, and communicate. In addition, discern the God-given mission and vision of Zion through, prayer, planning and future-thinking. We intend to develop and better utilize our committees and ministry teams to deal with the needs and challenges of the congregation so that council can focus on the mission and visionary work.

Communication

We will strengthen our communication strategies and techniques to make sure we keep the congregation and other vested parties informed of our work and plans. For example, the encouragement of timely two-way communication at all levels of congregational life.

Relationship Building

United around Jesus, we will strengthen relationships among ministry teams, committees, and individuals in the congregation to foster mutual care and support of one another such as aiding in conflict resolution when it arises.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Blaine's 92nd birthday on October 22, by Mary and Family



Zion Prayer List 10-27-2024

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

Family of Dennison Plumbing, Grace Blumenauer, Susie Wiggins, Peggy Zembower, Ruth Ann Derr, Barry B., Gail G., Lucretia Reaves, Katana Lewis, Evelyn Hawker, Debby Knipple, Larry DiGiulio, Ken Young, Carol O'Brien, Pat McIntosh, Junior Wiles, Mike Fath, Janice Wisner, Kris Marcantonio, Tim Quinn, John Lettiere, Jr., Mike Lingertot, Janet Rhinecker, Ruth Kuhn, Ursula Powell, Diane Elizabeth, Pat Hansen, Jane Nalborczyk, Eric Kinna, Ronnie Kinna, Linda Stottlemeyer, Anita, Gary, Kay Wachter, Michael Easton, Tristan Vail, Beth Smith, Lorene Huffer, Bruce Albright, Marty Appleby, Judith Smith, Jim Pearson, Jackie Bello, Trish Tollefson, Skippy Zimmerman, Sarah Gladhill, Ruby Pyles, Addison Hopson, Kevin Kinna, Deb Kahihikolo

Deaths: Bill Lantz, Pr. Ron Reaves

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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