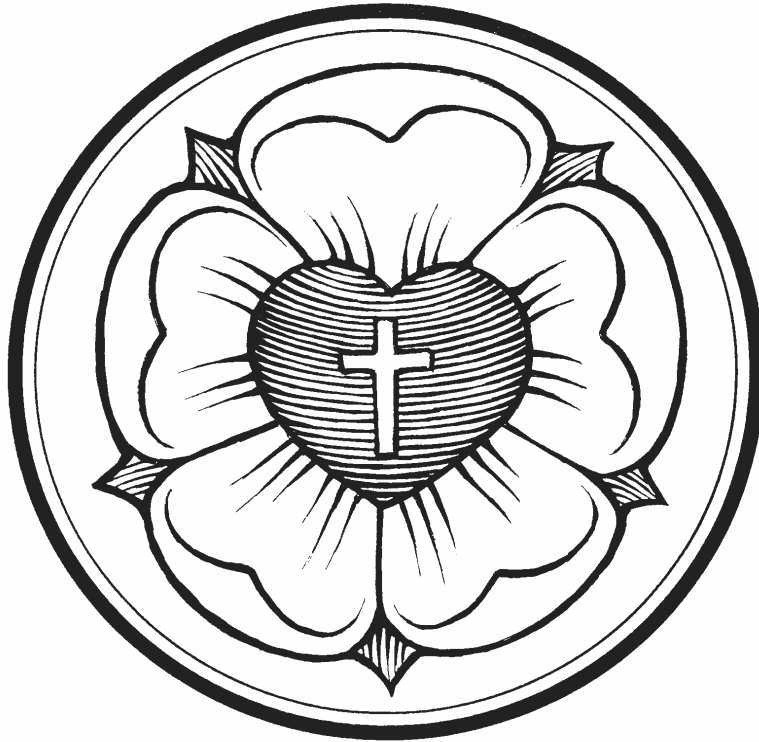


Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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A Prayer to Begin Worship

Ascended Lord, who as Word came to dwell among us, that we might know the love of the Father, lead us ever deeper into the Scriptures – under the blessed guidance of the Holy Spirit—that we learn again and again of the freedom from sin and the Law that Your Gospel has brought us, and that we increase more and more in the life lived to Your Glory through willing service to our fellowman; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever.

LSB Divine Service Setting IV With Communion (p. 203)

Confession and Absolution

Prelude

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

D. Buxtehude

Many Lutheran Churches use a Processional Cross to begin and end festival services. When a Processional Cross is carried in to lead a procession, the congregation stands.

Stand

Hymn

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

(Congregation will sing stanzas 1, 3, 5, & 6; Choir will sing stanzas 2 & 4)

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

Choir Only

- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!*

- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

Choir Only

- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!*

**5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

Stand

**6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 203

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Prayer for Forgiveness

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

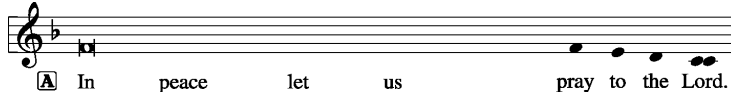
Ps. 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46

L I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
C and shall not be put to shame.
L I will bless the LORD at all times;
C His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
L My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
C let the humble hear and be glad.
L Come, O children, listen to me;
C I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
L The LORD redeems the life of His servants;

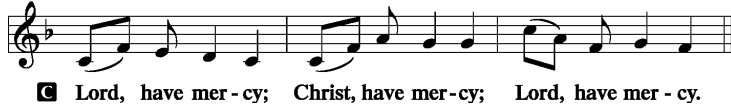
- C** none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- L** I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
- C** and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie

LSB 204

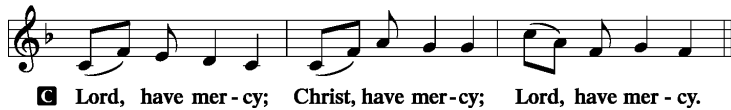


A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



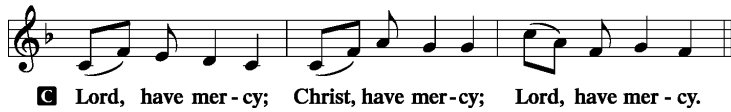
C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir

Here I Stand

Epistle

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the Son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

LSB 666

- 1 O little flock, fear not the foe Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow'r. And though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints Lasts but a little hour.
- 2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord. Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise, Uphold you and His Word.
- 3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor hell's satanic crew
Against us shall prevail. Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God—Our vict'ry cannot fail.
- 4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer; Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again! So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise Forevermore. Amen.

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Sermon

What Enslaves Us?

Offering

[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]

Special Offering Music

Stand

Offertory -- Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Prayer of the Church

- P** Since the beginning of time, O Lord, You have spoken to humanity.
- C** Even though people have sought to silence Your voice, You have pierced the vale of silence with Your powerful Word.
- P** Through Moses and the prophets You made Your will known among us.
- C** When Your messages were ignored, You miraculously embodied Your Word in the person of Jesus Christ.
- P** Again some tried to still Your voice by nailing Your Word to a cross,
- C** but You could not be silenced.
- P** You raised Your “Word made flesh” from the dead so that many have heard the message.
- C** We thank You, Lord, that we have heard the message through Christ.
- P** Many have been the heroes and saints who have, at great personal sacrifice, handed the Gospel on to us today.
- C** Many sacrificed their lives in the defense of Your truth and the Gospel.
- P** In spite of their efforts, however, human barriers have often curtailed the free distribution, teaching, and preaching of Your Word.
- C** Many times Your Word has been buried under the rubble of man-made laws and traditions.
- P** But You have always brought forth one of Your chosen servants to restore Your Word.
- C** For giving us such men to lead us out of spiritual darkness into the marvelous light of the Gospel, we give You thanks.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- † Joyce Trout, Helen Sauerhage, Ramona Witte, Glenda Pike, Sharon Weier, Ahren Kneschke, and Max Lara, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- † Luis Diaz, recent graduate of Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic.
- † All officers, board members, and committee members of Zion.
- † Faithfulness in reception of Word and Sacraments.

- P** Be with the lonely, comfort the sick, and bring the assurance of Your forgiveness to the penitent.
- C** We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

During the Distribution, the camera will be focused on the cross at the front of Zion to allow for privacy for those who commune.

Zion Lutheran practices the policy of close communion, communing only those who share our common Biblical view of the Lord's Supper. If you are not a confirmed LCMS Lutheran, please confer with the pastor before communing.

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Hymn

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won. What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me.

- 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine, And where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin, And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'n'ly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy; This final word I leave you."

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Hymn

What Is This Bread

LSB 629

- 1 What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead: This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
- 2 What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see—the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see—the Lord is free.
- 4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear, In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see—the Lord is real.
- 5 Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood. O taste and see—the Lord is good.

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.
- 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need Another arm but Thine to lean upon.
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Remain Standing

When a service begins with a procession led by a Processional Cross, it will usually end with a recessional also led by the Processional Cross. Again, the congregation stands for the recessional.

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won; The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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Sit

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. John Leavitt

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



USE OF PROCESSIONAL CROSS TODAY

The processional cross, which was donated by Pastor Don and Emily Stein, will be used for a processional and recessional today in honor of Reformation Day. It is customary for churches--including Lutheran churches--to begin and end Festival services with a processional and recessional, led by the cross. This reminds us of the victory that Jesus won for us by His death on the cross, and that we live as He has called us to "take up our cross and follow Him." Zion's new processional cross was used in that way for Pastor Stein's Ordination and will be used both Reformation Sunday and All Saints Sunday, as well as for upcoming Festival Services such as Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity Sundays. "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His saving name!"

THANK YOU, BRASS PLAYERS

A big thank you to our brass players for today. Josh and Leif Peterson, trumpets; Bob Eldridge, Luke Lara, and Jon Robinson, trombones; and Johnathan Clayton, tuba.

REFORMATION SERVICE TODAY

We hope to see you at A Service of Sacred Music for Reformation at 3 p.m. today, Oct. 29! Join us in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus on the campus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105. The service will feature two Seminary choirs, *Laudamus* and the St. Louis Lutheran Chorale, as well as *Schola Cantorum* from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, Mo. Rev. Todd Wilken, host of the Lutheran radio program, "Issues, Etc." and assistant pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt, Ill., will serve as preacher. Bring your friends and family and join us as we celebrate the Reformation! The service also will be livestreamed at csl.edu/live.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Next Sunday, November 5th will be the day that Zion commemorates All Saints Sunday, when we give thanks for the wonderful, loving, faithful witness of those who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest with the Lord. If you have a loved one who has entered eternal rest this past year since last November 1, please pass that information on to the church office so we can include your loved one's name in the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

FAMILY MOVIE – THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

The Men's Club will present C.S. Lewis' timeless and beloved adventure, *Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* for kids of all ages on Saturday, November 4th at 2:30 p.m. Experience the exploits of Lucy, Edmund, Susan, and Peter, four siblings who find the world of Narnia through a magical wardrobe while playing "hide and seek" at the country estate of a mysterious professor. There the children discover a charming, once peaceful land inhabited by talking beasts, dwarfs, fauns, centaurs, and giants that has been turned into a world of eternal winter by the evil White Witch, Jadis. Aided by the wise, magnificent lion Aslan, the children lead Narnia into a spectacular, climactic battle to be free of the Witch's glacial powers forever. Join us in the church basement for a free movie, soda, candy, and popcorn.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE SEMINARIAN KYLE AND FIANCÉE KAYLA ON SUNDAY, NOV. 5th

Kyle and Kayla are getting married at the end of December, and we would like to celebrate with a “potluck wedding shower” after church on November 5th. Fried chicken will be furnished; side dishes are appreciated. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please plan to join us in wishing blessings on their upcoming marriage. (NOTE: Kyle has said that he and Kayla wanted to tell everyone at Zion that they shouldn't feel obligated to bring gifts; simply coming to the potluck is much appreciated. If anyone really wants to get something, gift cards to Amazon or Kohl's are always welcome.)

SANCTUS WINDS--A SACRED BAND CONCERT--NOV. 5th

The inaugural concert of the Sanctus Winds, a community band performing sacred and traditional repertoire, will be at 4:00 pm on November 5 at Peace Lutheran Church, located at 737 Barracksview Rd in St. Louis. Several people from Zion, Mascoutah are participating in this band, including Pastor Clayton, Johnathan Clayton, Goldie Derezotes, Cary Robinson, Josh Peterson, and Leif Peterson! The theme for the concert is "Life Eternal," giving thanks for the saints who have gone before us and anticipating the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Admission is free, and no tickets are required.

18th ANNUAL ZION YOUTH GROUP PUZZLE RACE FUNDRAISER

Looking for a way to support a mission of our church? How about supporting the youth of the church by donating to the 18th Annual Zion Youth Group Puzzle Race Fundraiser? Our youth are in need of the following:

- \$300 to cover the cost of the puzzles.
- 1 attractive item (or basket) for the main raffle.
- 1 person to run the food sales the night of the event.
- Gift card donations for event winners in the following quantity and amounts:
 - 4 - \$40 gift cards
 - 4 - \$20 gift cards
 - 4 - \$10 gift cards

Note: Amazon, Walmart, or restaurant gift cards work well.

As always, our youth appreciate all the support and encouragement provided by our members. Please see Jen Lara if you would like to donate or have any questions.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD-THE SHOEBOX PROJECT

Operation Christmas Child is a wonderful opportunity to help spread the gospel to children around the world. Last year Zion did over 100 boxes, how many do you think we can fill this year? There will be a table in the narthex that will have all that you need to start your shoe box mission! For each shoebox you pick up, be sure to grab a pamphlet that contains information and the label where you can mark if the shoebox is for a girl or boy and the appropriate age. Filled shoeboxes with the labels affixed on the outside can be returned to Zion at any time prior to Tuesday, November 14, 2023. Don't forget to pray over your boxes! If you do have time to donate a box, each box costs \$10 to ship. Please feel free to donate the shipping costs so we may send as many shoeboxes as possible. If you have any questions, please reach out to Konya Bloomquist, this year's project leader: konyatraveler@yahoo.com or call or text 618-954-9483. Texting is the best way to contact Konya.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD INFO

Dear Zion family, here is a little information you might not know about the recipients of the Christmas shoe box. Older Boys: many shoe-box packers find it tricky to buy for older boys, they find it easier to buy for girls with so many cutesy things, hair bows, frilly socks, girly trinkets etc. so readily available... so maybe pray about sending a box to an older boy. For many orphanages around the world children “age out” at 15, so for many of the older boys, the box you are packing may be their “LAST CHANCE” for OCC to reach them with the gospel message. We hope more will hear this especially as they grow up to become the leaders of their own households one day.

GAS CARDS FOR CONCERNED CHRISTIANS - DONATIONS NEEDED

The Food Pantry/Concerned Christians of Mascoutah would like to give \$50 gas gift cards to families from the food pantry. This would be given before Christmas. As members of Zion, we'd like to ask for donations toward these gas cards. Collections would be taken until November 15th. At that time, the money collected would

purchase the gas gift cards. Our goal is set at \$3,000. The members of the Concerned Christians committee have been most appreciative of Zion's efforts in the past to help with this mission. If you feel you wish to donate, please place your donation into the glass jars in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask us. Ken and Gail Frey

73rd ANNUAL SAUSAGE SUPPER - TODAY

Please join us for our 73rd Annual Sausage Supper today, October 29th from Noon – 6 PM at Trinity Lutheran Parish Hall, 219 McGaughy St., Worden, IL. Carry-out style, \$13. Self-serve dining area available. Link, liver, and blood sausage will be sold at the Parish Hall on Sunday beginning at noon.

65th ANNUAL WURSTMARKT

The Ferrin Men's Club is holding their 65th Annual Wurstmart on Sunday, November 5th, from 12 PM to 5 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ferrin, IL. They will also have sausage for sale. Dinners are \$15 and will be served via curbside pickup only. Please follow road signs for pickup.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS PRESENTED BY ZION BETHALTO

“Surviving the Holidays,” a special free event for those grieving the loss of loved ones, will take place at Zion Lutheran Church, Bethalto, on Sunday, November 12, 2023, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Adults and teens are invited to hear a presentation about resources, strategies, and tools for coping with grief during the holiday season. For more information, call the church office at 618-377-8314 or email churchoffice@zionbethalto.org

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PATHS TO LUTHERANISM SERIES...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism.

LUTHERAN COLLEGE FAIR

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
OPEN HOUSE 10AM-2PM**

Meet reps from the Concordia universities and seminaries, learn top tips from experts about funding and financial aid, and enter to win prizes throughout the day!

CHICK-FIL-A PROVIDED

**JOIN US AT SIECK HALL ON THE CONCORDIA
SEMINARY CAMPUS IN ST. LOUIS**



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**18TH ANNUAL
ZION YOUTH GROUP
PUZZLE RACE FUNDRAISER**



<https://tinyurl.com/puzzlerace2023>

WHEN?

Sat., November 11th
5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Race Starts at 6 p.m.

WHERE?

Zion Lutheran Church Gym
101 South Railway
Mascoutah, IL 62258

WHAT?

Your team of 4 will race against other teams to be the first to assemble a 750-piece puzzle. All puzzles are identical.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place *and* attendance prizes!

Lita's Specialty Dinner and Chick-fil-A sandwiches available for pre-order (use registration QR code or link).

Bring your own snacks and drinks but please *no alcohol*.
Bring a little extra cash for snacks/drinks & our special raffle!

HOW MUCH?

~ \$60 per team ~

Teams must pre-register using the registration QR code and pre-pay.

WHY?

Proceeds benefit the Youth Group of Zion Lutheran Church.

WHO?

All ages capable of assembling a 750-piece puzzle.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Jennifer Lara at 618.530.8827

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by the Kemezys family, in celebration of Katie Crismon's birthday.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird
Liturgist: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Blake Twenhafel
Acolytes: Brady Twenhafel, Max Lara, & Waylon Neumann (crucifer)
Altar Guild: Becky Wachtman & Lita Timmerman
Elder of the Month: Tom Sax

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 5

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Sem. Rob Laird
Liturgist: Sem. Kyle Moellenhoff
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey
Acolytes: Ryan Hinton, Leif Peterson, & Isaiah Clayton (crucifer)
Altar Guild: Karen Eldridge
Elder of the Month: Geoff Phillips

THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	<i>Reformation Sunday</i>	
	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS IV w/communion	10:00 AM
Mon.	LifeLight	7:00 PM
Wed.	Zion Service @ Brightly	1:30 PM
	New Member Class	6:00 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
	Hand Chime Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Thurs.	Church Council	7:00 PM
Fri.	Zion Preschool Parent's Morning Out	9:00 – 11:30 AM
	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sat.	Men's Club Sponsored Family Movie	2:30 PM
Sun.	<i>All Saints' Day</i>	
	Confirmation Class	8:30 AM
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS I w/communion	10:00 AM
	Men's Club	6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 22: Sunday: 155

Adult Bible Class: 28 High School: 6 Sunday School: 44