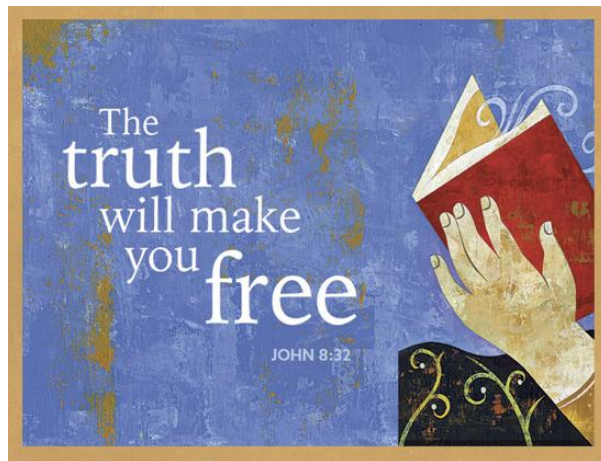




Reformation Sunday After Pentecost, Oct. 26, 2025
10 a.m. *Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church*

Welcome Friends and Guests: Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Serving this Sunday:

Worship – Pastor Lisa Rygiel, Jo Moss & Coralie Lashbrook

Musicians – Connie Pallone & Cristy Street

Ushers – T. M. Garner & Terri Watson

Communion – John & Lisa Rygiel

Worship: In boundless diversity, we all are made in God's image! If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please sign our guest book and feel free to learn more about us. *Come back and worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.*

Communion: We celebrate open communion. This is Christ's table, all are welcome. You may come forward for the sacraments or cross your arms across your chest for a blessing. Our bread is gluten free and both wine and white grape juice (center of communion tray) are available.

Fellowship: Please join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship, as we honor our clergy. All are welcome.

Other Information: Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall adjoining the sanctuary; our ushers can direct you. For pastoral care, call Pastor Lisa at 719-846-7785 or send an email: zionsluth@gmail.com. Additional information about Zion's can be found on our website at: zionsluth.org.



Zion's Lutheran is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community.

~Gathering~
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering of Prayers & Call to Worship

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know...

we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Creator God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also, with you.

Gathering Hymn: #720 We are Called

Confession & Forgiveness

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin...through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Refrain



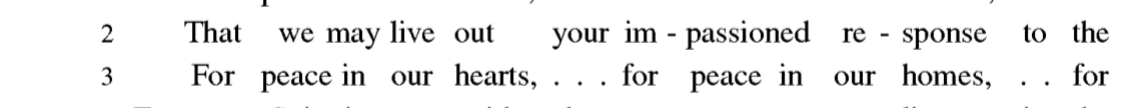
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev'-ry day.



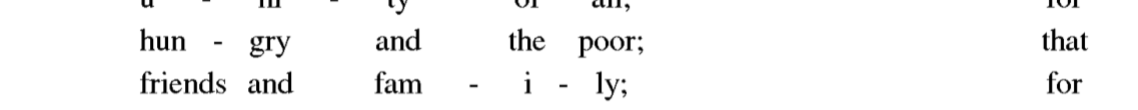
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the



2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the



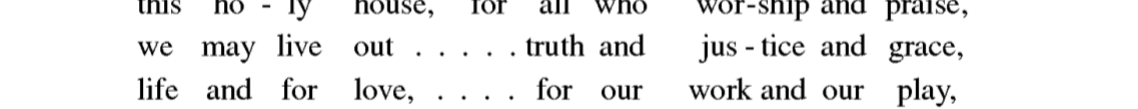
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for



4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for



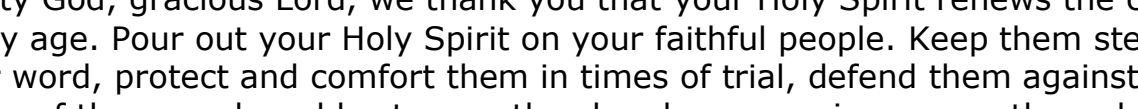
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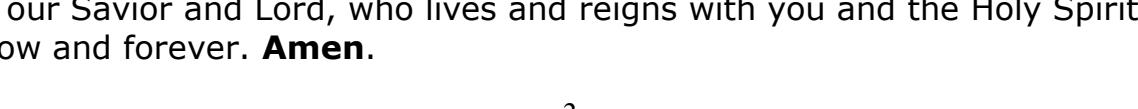
friends and fam-i-ly; for



wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,



we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,



life and for love, for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

~Word~

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The word of God, the word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 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.

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

¹⁹Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John chapter 18.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message: Mary McKenna

Sermon: Pastor Lisa Rygiel

Hymn of the Day: #1097 Ten Thousand Reasons

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 the People

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill and protect those who are not here with us today...Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Support clergy everywhere who advocate for mercy, justice and inclusion. Today, we lift the clergy here at Zion's. Thank You for their gifts of leadership and grace -- Pastor Lisa, as well as Pastors Becky McNeil, Jan Everhart, Robert Hoenike, and John & Charlotte Strecker-Baseler. We ask that You grant them a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit, filling them with wisdom, discernment, and a deep reverence for Your Word. We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The spirit-filled peace of Christ be with you always! **And, also with you.**

~Meal~

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

*An offering is gathered for missions of the church. You can give using check or cash
(mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at:*

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/1334741

Offertory: #840 Now Thank We All Our God, vs. 3

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

Great Prayer of 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

O God before time, O God at the end, we delight in the splendor of your universe. Daily we laud your continuing creation, and we give thanks for all of your Reformation people. We glorify you, now and forever.

We glorify you, now and forever.

O God of the covenant, O God of the church, we hear you speaking to centuries of your people. We come as your children to this table, and we give thanks for your presence among Lutheran congregations around the world. We praise you, now and forever.

We praise you, now and forever.

You came as Jesus, our wisdom, our guide, *embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free*, dying for sin, and alive for the life of the world. We worship you, now and forever.

We worship you, now and forever.

In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and make here the body of Christ.... By your Spirit, preserve what is faithful; reform what we treasure; create in us what is vital and new. We honor you, now and forever.

We honor you, now and forever.

O God before time, O God at the end, Creator God, Son, and Spirit, we laud you, *Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of truth*. Glory and praise, blessing and worship, honor and power and might be to you, our God, forever and ever.

Amen.

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.

Invitation to Communion

God's love is wide. God's table is big. No one is excluded.

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Our bread is gluten free & both wine and white grape juice are available.

God comes to us in worship and song. God also comes to us in silence and stillness.

Please use the time before and after you commune for silent contemplation.

Communion Hymn: #492 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Communion Hymn: #512 Lord, Let my Heart be Good Soil

Song of Thanksgiving



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~Sending~

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements & Special Blessings

Benediction

For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us, **Thanks be to God!**

For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us, **Thanks be to God!**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us, **Thanks be to God!**

The blessing of Creator God, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and on your way together, ☩ now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #815 I Want to Walk as Child of the Light

Dismissal

Go in peace, Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

~Announcements~

- **Fellowship:** Join us after worship today for food and fellowship as we honor our clergy.
- **Next Sunday:** Remember to set your clocks back Saturday night as Daylight Saving Time ends, then join us for worship and the First Sunday Potluck, as well as a specially called congregational meeting (details below).
- **The Way Ministry:** At 1 p.m. each Sunday, Zion's welcomes the Way ministry to our fenced lower yard as they offer food and worship to the unhoused and others in need.
- **Children's Choir:** Children's Choir is at 3 p.m. each Sunday, through Nov. 30, in the Fellowship Hall. (Please note that this is an hour later than originally announced.)
- **Yoga:** At 5:30 p.m. each Friday, join Cora Gardiner for yoga in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Weekly Christian Education Studies:** Our next study sessions are at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30, (repeated at 12:30 on Saturday, Nov. 1), Pastor Lisa is leading a Study entitled *By What Authority: Rethinking Early Christian History*.
- **5-Loaves:** We are grateful to everyone who helped with October 5-Loaves deliveries.
- **Thanksgiving:** Zion's will serve its traditional community dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall to help with preparations, food, and Thanksgiving Day tasks.
- **All Saints Sunday:** Nov. 2 is All Saints Sunday, and we will have a special blessing for people important in our lives who have died. You are invited to bring a photo or memento of those individuals for the blessing.
- **Congregational Meeting Announcement:** A special congregational meeting is called for Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, to approve the Church Council request to withdraw additional funds from Zion's Lutheran's trust fund. This is needed to cover expenses for November, December, and January. It also will help to cover capital improvements such as the new handrails as well as mitigation and safety upgrades that our insurance company is requiring be completed by the end of the year. In addition, Zion's monthly expenses have risen substantially this year, in particular utilities and our church insurance premiums.

The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. During discussion, all points of view, whether for, against or neutral, will be provided an opportunity to be heard. As defined in our constitution (Chapter 8), voting members are confirmed members of Zion's who, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have a contribution of record.

If you wish to attend the meeting via Zoom the link follows:

Topic: Congregational Meeting

Time: Nov 2, 2025, 11:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85653526926?pwd=OXqTwOGea6L0STPlpaKg4huwUnSy.1>

Meeting ID: 856 5352 6926 -Passcode: 795951

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