



Reformation Sunday – October 25, 2026
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, Steve Hanson & Crystal Hulet

Musicians – Connie Pallone & Charlotte Strecker-Baseler

Ushers – T.M. Garner & Terri Watson

Communion – Cherie Holder & Mary McKenna



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Worship & Music: 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 come back and worship each Sunday at 10 a.m.

We use both the cranberry Lutheran Book of Worship and the purple *All Creation Sings* hymnals as indicated in the bulletin.

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 tray) are available.

Other: Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall; our ushers can direct you.

Fellowship: Please join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate the clergy members who support Zion's and each of us.

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

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. **My Lord, fill it.**

I am weak in faith; Strengthen thou me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, **that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether. **O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in thee.**

In thee I have sealed the treasures of all I have. I am poor; Thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor. **I am a sinner; Thou art upright.**

With me there is an abundance of sin; in thee is the fullness of righteousness. **Therefore, I will remain with thee of who I can receive but to whom I may not give. Amen.**

Confession & Forgiveness

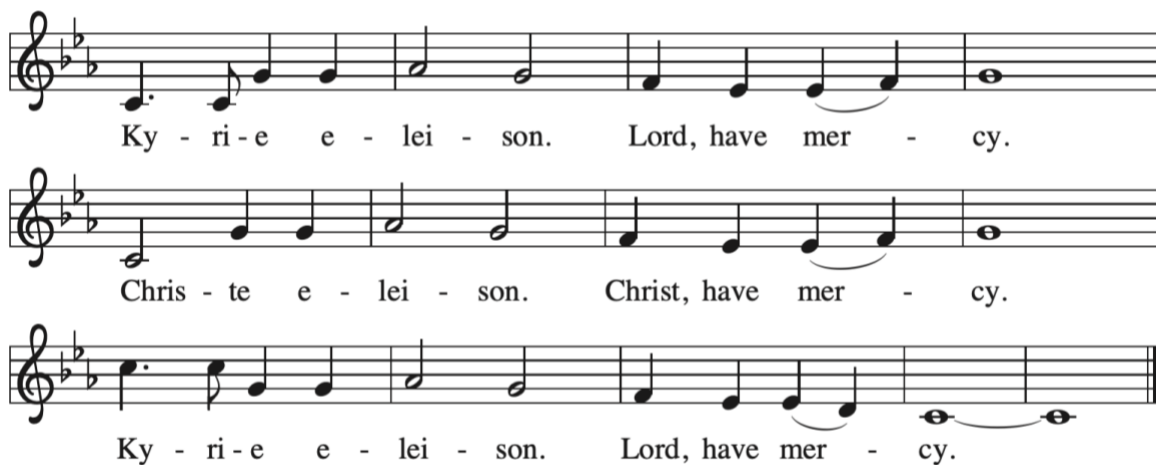
Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart, give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child...through Jesus Christ. ✠ Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love. **Blessed be God forever.**

Gathering Hymn: #665 (cranberry hymnal) Rise Shine You People!

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It 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. ³³ But 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. ³⁴ No 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.

God’s Word invites us into life. **Thanks be to God!**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 46

¹ God 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;**

³ though 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.**

⁵ God 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.**

⁷ The 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;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, 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.”**

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

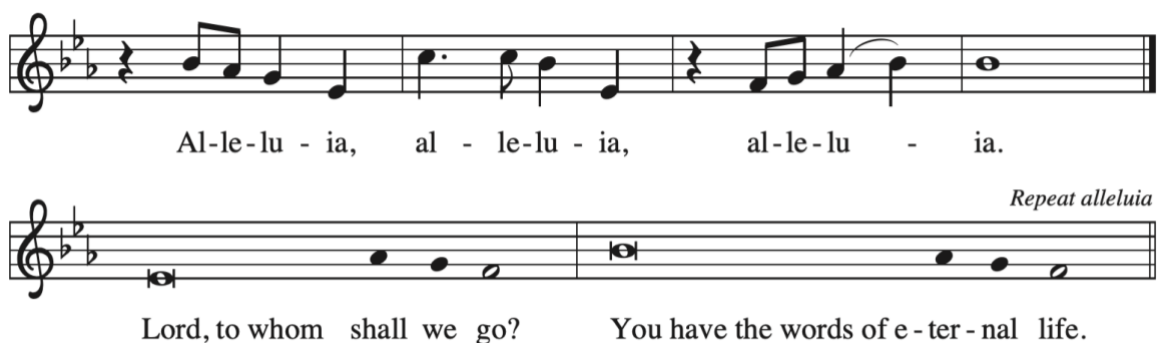
Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now 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. ²⁰ For 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.

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Gospel Acclamation



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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

Gospel: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John chapter 8. **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.**

Sermon: Pastor Lisa Rygiel

Hymn of the Day: #504 (cranberry hymnal) A Mighty Fortress is Our God

The 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 the People

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Protect those who advocate on their behalf.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for our clergy, pastors, bishops and other church leaders. We also are grateful for those pastors, who even in their retirement, are willing to serve as needed. Grant them wisdom in their leadership, strength in their weariness, comfort in their loneliness, and deep joy in their calling and renew their spirits as they serve your people.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering. Receive our prayers of gratitude, especially today we pray for:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~Meal~

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

An offering is gathered for missions of the church.

You can give by check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at:

<https://www.zionsluth.org/give>

Offertory: #1056 (purple hymnal) *God Bless to Us Our Bread*

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth...through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

We praise you, all-holy God...And so, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit..., your breath, your fire, your wisdom...today, tomorrow, and forever. **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.

The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

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.

Communion Song: Lamb of God

Communion Hymn: #477 (cranberry hymnal) I Received the Living God

Communion Hymn: #472 (cranberry hymnal) *Eat This Bread: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

Communion Song: Thank the Lord & Sing His Praise



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



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice 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 thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.

~Sending~

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

Announcements & Special Recognition

Celebration of Our Clergy

Holy God, we thank you for these pastors...We thank you for them and pray for your blessings and protection for all. **Amen.**

Benediction

Go forth as people of the Word, anchored in grace and open to the wind of the Spirit. May God keep you steadfast, Christ empower you to love, and the Holy Spirit continually reform your hearts and our world. ✚ Go in peace to serve and to love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #613 (cranberry hymnal) They Holy Wings

Dismissal

Go in peace. Fight the good fight, run the race and keep the faith.
Thanks be to God.

~Announcements~

- + **Fellowship:** Join us after worship today for coffee & conversation in the Fellowship Hall as we honor the clergy members who support this congregation. Also, join us next Sunday, Nov. 1, for our First Sunday Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.
- + **Dinner & A Movie:** Next Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 5:30 p.m., Zion's has a special event planned. We will screen the movie *The Shack*. We will also have dinner and discussion. Dinner will be sandwiches, salads, and desserts (and, of course, popcorn for the movie). We look forward to seeing you there, and if you can bring a food item for dinner, please let Pr. Lisa or Jo Moss know.
- + **Zion's Book Club:** Our Adult Study continues at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Our next study is on Tuesday, Oct. 27 in the Fellowship Hall as we continue our discussion of the book, "What if Jesus was Serious about Prayer".
- + **Time to "Fall Back":** Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday morning, Nov. 1, be sure to set your clocks back and we'll see you at 10 a.m. (MST) for worship.
- + **All Saints Sunday:** Nov. 1 is All Saints Sunday, and we will offer blessings for people who have died and for those who are important in our lives. You are invited to bring a photo or memento of those individuals for our blessing.
- + **We're Getting Ready for Thanksgiving:** Plans are underway to support the many tasks that are needed for our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. This year, we will contract the cooking and carving of turkey and ham but need help with many other food items. We need people to help prepare potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans and pies. We need people to help on Thanksgiving Day with serving food, delivering meals, serving and clearing tables for people dining in, and cleaning up, among other tasks. If you can help, please contact Norine Hazen or Pr. Lisa. They can direct you to the people who are heading each task. If you know someone who needs meals delivered, please share that information with Jo Moss.
- + **We're Here for You:** For pastoral care, Pr. Lisa has office hours from 9 – 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and by appointment. Call Zion's at 719-846-7785 or send an email to zionsluth@gmail.com. While she is out of town, call any council member for assistance.

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Call to Worship: Martin Luther's Prayer.

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