

Reformation Sunday



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

First Sunday of End Time - Reformation

Oct. 30 & Nov. 3, 2024

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: At the festival of the Reformation, we give thanks that by God's grace alone and through his Word alone we have been rescued from the false ways of salvation that could only lead us to ruin and doom. At the same time, we remember that, apart from unqualified commitment to his Word, grace can be lost and with it the saving faith in the one and only Christ, our one and only Savior. Therefore, let us hear the Word of the Lord! Prompted by his grace let us recommit ourselves to purity of doctrine that comes alone from the Word, and to a life that reflects our devotion to the Savior who gives himself for us and then to us in his pure Word.

This is the first Sunday in the season of End Time. During these four Sundays, the Church focuses on the fulfillment of Christ's promises and encouragement for the Church. We live in the last days and in this season, Jesus wants us to remember his promise, "behold, I am coming soon!" The red paraments for the first two Sundays of the season of End Time are used to remind us of the color of martyrdom and the victorious truth of Christian teaching based on the blood of Christ. The cross on the paraments reminds us of the reason we worship and are able to look forward to the Last Day with longing, instead of dread.

LITURGY: Common Service

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS While we are in the construction phase, the bathrooms that are functional are located in the East Foyer or down in the school hallway. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

For most of you, putting on perfume, cologne, or aftershave before coming to church is just routine. But for a growing number of us in the congregation, those smells will lead to nausea, headaches, shortness of breath, and migraines. We are asking if you could please re-evaluate your use of fragrances before you come to church, especially during the winter months when the enclosed heated space will magnify the effects of the fragrances. If you could wait until you get home from church to spritz on the smells, it would be greatly appreciated!

PRELUDE MUSIC: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Thy Strong Word
Built on a Rock

David Johnson
Lani Smith
Gilbert Martin

OPENING HYMN: CW 201

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Today's hymn, Martin Luther's paraphrase of Psalm 46, reminds us that when Satan and his followers attack, there is only one safe refuge, only one safe place to put our faith.

REFORMATION

201

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y



shield and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry
 loss ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant
 to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no
 thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the



need That has us now o'er - tak - en. The
 one Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You
 ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This
 plain With his good gifts and Spir - it. And



old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 do what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in
 The al - mighty Lord. And there's no oth - er
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is



fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
 God; He holds the field for - ev - er.
 done! One lit - tle word can fell him.
 won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

Excerpts taken from the writings of Dr. M. Luther

P: If you want to engage profitably in the study of theology and Holy Scripture and do not want to run head-long into a Scripture closed and sealed, then learn, above all things, to understand sin aright.

C: We are not sinners because we commit sin – now this one, now that one – but we commit these acts because we are sinners before we do so. That is, a bad tree and bad seed produce bad fruit, and from an evil root nothing but an evil tree can grow.

P: Today nothing is so common as turning right into wrong and wrong into right by employing all sorts of clever expedients and strange tricks.

C: The worst enemies we have are lodged in our own heart and in our very flesh and blood. They wake, sleep, and live with us, as an evil guest whom we have invited into our house and now cannot get rid of.

P: We are utterly lost; from head to foot there is nothing good in us; we must absolutely become new and different people.

C: God looks to this natural sin alone. You cannot drive it out with any law, with any punishment, though there were a thousand hells; God's grace alone, which cleanses and renews human nature, will have to sweep it away.

P: If God's wrath is to be taken from me and I am to attain grace and forgiveness, this blessing must be earned from Him by someone.

C: For God cannot be kind and gracious to sin, and cannot remove punishment and wrath, unless sin has been paid for and satisfaction has been rendered.

P: Now no one, not even an angel in heaven, was able to do away with the eternal, irreparable damage and the eternal wrath of God, which we had earned by our sins, except the eternal Person of God's Son Himself. And this he did by stepping into our place, taking our sins upon Himself, and answering for them as if He were guilty of them Himself.

C: The Law lays my sins on me, but God takes them from me and lays them on this Lamb. There they lie well, better than on me.

P: And God means to say: 'I see that sin weighs heavily on you and that you would have to break down under the heavenly burden; but I will relieve you of it, take the sin from off your back, and out of pure grace lay it on the shoulders of this Lamb.' Let this picture be precious to you: It makes Christ a Servant of sins, yea, a Bearer of sins, the lowliest, the most despised of men, who Himself destroys all sin and says: 'I am come to serve others, not to let Myself be served.'

C: God says: 'I forgive you your sins for nothing, without any merit of your own – not because of your sorrow or because of your work.' For sin cannot be removed by us. Or, to put it this way, satisfaction for sin cannot come through our efforts; it comes through the efforts of the Son of God.

P: Therefore as a called servant of this Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son (✠), and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The musical score is written on ten staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below each staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy; you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.'

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

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are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

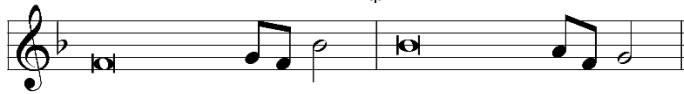
18 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Get up, and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will reveal my words to you.” ³So I went down to the potter’s house, and he was making something on the wheel. ⁴But the pot he was forming out of the clay was ruined as he shaped it with his hands, so the potter formed it into a different pot, whatever he saw fit to make. ⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me. ⁶House of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does? declares the LORD. See, like clay in the potter’s hands, that is what you are in my hands, house of Israel. ⁷One time I may say that a nation or a kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, ⁸but if that nation I spoke about repents of its evil, then I will relent and not bring the disaster I had planned to bring against it. ⁹Another time I may say that a nation or a kingdom is to be built and planted, ¹⁰but if they do what is evil in my sight by not listening to my voice, then I will not bring about the good I said I would do for them. ¹¹Now therefore say this to the men of Judah and to those who live in Jerusalem. This is what the LORD says. Look! I am forming a disaster against you. I am devising a plan against you. Turn from your evil ways, each of you, and reform your ways and your actions. (EHV)

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



God is our refuge and strength,*
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way*
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam*
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;*
God will help her at break of day.

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

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.

Refrain

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. ⁷He said with a loud voice: Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31,32 cf. RSV)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Mark 13:5-11

⁵Jesus began by telling them, “Be careful that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷“Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. ⁸In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit. (EHV)



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word



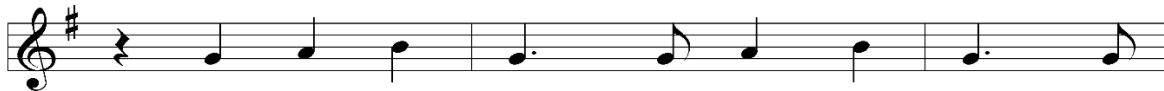
1 O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long a
 2 Sal - va - tion true By faith in you— That is your
 3 Lord, you a - lone This work have done By your free
 4 Since you are mine, My Lord di - vine, Death holds no



hid - den trea - sure Till to its place It
 gos - pel's preach - ing, The heart and core Of
 grace and fa - vor. All who be - lieve Will
 dread - ful ter - rors; Your pre - cious blood, My



was by grace Re - stored in full - est mea - sure.
 Bi - ble lore In all its sa - cred teach - ing.
 grace re - ceive Through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior.
 high - est good, Has blot - ted out my er - rors.



For this to - day Our thanks we say And
 In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not
 And though the foe Would o - ver - throw Your
 My thanks to you— Your Word is true! Ful -



glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy show And
 in our deeds or la - bor; With con - science pure And
 Word with grim en - deav - or, All he has wrought Must
 fill your prom - ise ev - er, And mer - cy give While



grace be - stow On all who still de - ny you.
 heart se - cure Love you, Lord, and our neigh - bor.
 come to naught— Your Word will stand for - ev - er!
 here I live And heav'n - ly bliss for - ev - er.

Text: *Enchiridion . . . zum Schwartzten Horn*, Erfurt, 1527, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
 Tune: O HERRE GOTT, DEIN GÖTTLICH WORT (447 447 D Iambic) *Enchiridion . . . zum Schwartzten Horn*,
 Erfurt, 1527.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME: Mark 13:5-11

We Need a New Reformation!

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING: (Sunday only) *The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Charles Callahan

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray as our Savior taught us:

C: Our Father in heaven.

P: Our Father, almighty Ruler over all things, we, your children by faith in Christ Jesus, pray to you with confidence and joy.

C: Hallowed be your name.

P: Keep us from dishonoring you by false teaching and ungodly living; help us to cling to your pure and precious Word and to lead a life which is pleasing to you.

C: Your kingdom come.

P: Keep us in faith by your grace that we may remain members of your kingdom, the holy Christian Church. Fill our hearts with a concern for souls and bless the work of all who preach and spread your saving Word, that your kingdom may grow and prosper.

C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

P: Destroy the plans of the devil and all the enemies who seek to rob us of our life with you. In all things help us to obey you as gladly as do the angels in heaven. When you lead us in ways which seem dark and mysterious, grant that we may surrender our will to yours.

C: Give us today our daily bread.

P: Provide for us each day with what we need for our lives and make us truly content and grateful for what you give us. Move us to cast all our care on you, because you care for us.

C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

P: For the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus, put away our sins and make us clean by his blood and death. Move us by your great love to forgive those who wrong or grieve us.

C: Lead us not into temptation.

P: Suppress Satan's power when he tries to tempt us. If at first we listen to his voice, give us wisdom to detect his trickery and strength to overcome him.

C: But deliver us from evil.

P: Shield us from harm. When we do face adversity and endure trouble, help us to carry our burdens with patience and trust, knowing that you work out all things for our good. Finally, when our last hour comes, take us to our home in heaven.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: You alone, O Father, are the eternal King from whom we seek help. You alone have the power to grant our desires. You alone have the glory now and in eternity for all you have done. With confidence and trust we say:

C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

In today's service, we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This meal is also known as the Holy Communion because Jesus' body and blood are really present and have a common-union with the bread and wine, and it is a gift from God to you for the forgiveness of your sins. Everyone who eats and drinks this is also united to God and each other. This is truly a wonderful thing! Yet God tells us that this meal (like a doctor's prescription) is not for everyone: If taken incorrectly or in an "unworthy manner" (1 Corinthians 11:27) it can actually do harm! God wants those who participate to have a thorough understanding of what communion is.

Therefore, in Christian love, at Zion Lutheran Church we ask that only members and those individuals who have shared with the pastor their intention of receiving the Lord's Supper today come forward when the sacrament is distributed. Thank you for respecting our beliefs.

Since God wants Christians to "examine themselves" (1 Cor. 11:28) before receiving this Sacrament, a guide for personal preparation can be found on page 156 in your pew hymnals.

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: CW 390
CW 541

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"
"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace
 2 What God does in his law de - mand And none to him
 3 It is a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God his law
 4 Yet as the law must be ful - filled Or we must die
 5 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us



and fa - vor. Good works can - not a - vert our doom;
 can ren - der Brings wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand
 has giv - en That sin - ners can them - selves re - deem
 de - spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled,
 sal - va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad



They help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to
 For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has
 And by their works gain heav - en. The law is
 Our hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for
 And build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a -



Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 us the law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
 lone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is the one Re - deem - er.
 law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 venge - ance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 life in - deed, For you have paid my ran - som.

6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by his grace—
 All glory to his merit!
 O Triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed your saving love;
 Your blessed name be hallowed!

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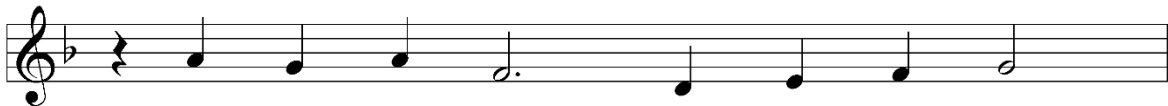
Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide,
 2 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound!
 3 In these last days of sore dis - tress
 4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold,
 5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;



For round us falls the e - ven - tide,
 Through - out the earth no rest is found,
 Grant us, dear Lord, true stead - fast - ness
 For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold.
 The guile and rage of Sa - tan stay!



Nor let your Word, that heav'n - ly light,
 And false - hood's spir - it wide has spread,
 That pure we keep, till life is spent,
 Oh, pros - per well your Word of grace,
 Oh, may your mer - cy nev - er cease!



For us be ev - er veiled in night.
 And er - ror bold - ly rears its head.
 Your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.
 And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.
 Give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.

6 The cause is yours, the glory, too.
 So hear us, Lord, and keep us true,
 Your Word alone is our defense,
 The Church's glorious confidence.

7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word
 We here may live and die, dear Lord,
 And when our journey's ending here,
 Receive us into glory there.

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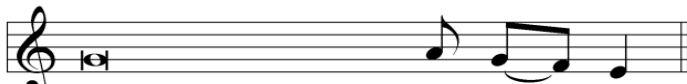
SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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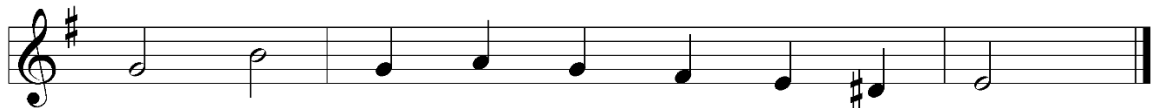
203 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.
we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittemberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

Postlude Music: A Mighty Fortress

James Denton

Officiants

Accompanist: Dottie Bober

Liturgist (Sunday): Pastor Kenneth Jahnke

Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL UPDATE—The Members of Zion and St. Paul had a pre-call meeting on Monday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m. It was a good meeting and now the next step in the process is to have a call meeting. The date for the call meeting is **Sunday, November 10th at 1:00 p.m. @ Zion.**

Reformation Service with Brunch: Zion is planning a joint Reformation Worship Service with St. Paul's. The service will be held at Zion on **Sunday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m.** There will be no Sunday School, Youth Group or Adult Bible Class. Zion will be hosting a Brunch potluck immediately after the service in the Zion gymnasium. There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer for how many of your family is able to attend and what dish you will bring to pass.

Poinsettia Sales: We know it is early and the seasons are changing quickly but we have to start planning for the holidays. The order forms for purchasing poinsettia plants are located in both foyers. We are able to keep the cost the same as last year which is \$11 per plant. Please place orders on the office desk. All orders will have to be collected no later than **Sunday, November 24th.**

BAKE SALE: November 24th—Friends in Faith is having a Bake Sale after the church service on Sunday, November 24th. All proceeds are going to help purchase artificial lilies to beautify the sanctuary for Easter.

WOMEN'S ADVENT TEA: Save the Date- **December 1st, 2024.** Our annual Advent Tea is fast approaching! All women are invited to come and enjoy an evening of Christian Fellowship and Music of the Season. There is a luncheon with tea. There is a sign-up in the West foyer. Hostesses are needed! Please call Brenda Chandonnet at 734-915-5477 if you have any questions or would like to host.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: In the East foyer Friends in Faith is now selling greeting cards for \$1.00 each. There are different occasion cards available. The money raised from the sales is going towards future Friends in Faith projects, such as the Kleenex box ministry project and other shut in projects they do throughout the year.

Thrivent Seminar: Zion will be hosting a budgeting seminar on Sunday November 17th led by Thrivent financial advisor Jeff Sitzman. There will be two sessions: The first will focus on budgeting basics. The second will focus on long-term financial goals. Thrivent will provide lunch for attendees between the two sessions.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
	NO Adult Bible Class, Youth Group and Sunday School
	10:15 a.m. Brunch Potluck with St. Paul's Congregation
	6:00 p.m. Friends in Faith Christian Book Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
	5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Reformation Worship Service
	1:00 p.m. Joint Call Meeting

November Volunteers

	Oct. 30 & Nov. 3	Nov. 6 & 10	Nov. 13 & 17	Nov. 20 & 24	Nov. 28 & Dec.1
Altar Guild		Deb Sachs	& Ana Liparoto		
Live Stream Helpers	Steve Sordahl	Ryan Roth	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Nov. 28 – Rob Krueger Dec. 1 – Ryan Roth
Ushers	<p><u>Oct. 30</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p><u>Nov. 3</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>Nov. 6</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p> <p><u>Nov. 10</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p>	<p><u>Nov. 13</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p> <p><u>Nov. 17</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p>	<p><u>Nov. 20</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p> <p><u>Nov. 24</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p>	<p><u>Nov. 28</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p> <p><u>Dec. 1</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>
Communion Helpers	<p><u>Oct. 30</u> Alan Bober</p> <p><u>Nov. 3</u> Ron Krueger Mark Kipf</p>		<p><u>Nov. 13</u> Ken Vagt</p> <p><u>Nov. 17</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson</p>		<p><u>Dec. 1</u> Jake Burke Mark Kipf</p>