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Reformation Sunday

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Reformation Sunday

Oct. 29 & Nov. 2, 2025

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: What a gift God gave to his Church through the Lutheran Reformation! The bright light of God's "new covenant," his saving grace in Jesus Christ, pierced through the darkness of law-oppressed religion. As sons and daughters of the Lutheran reformation, we both preserve this truth and share it with the world.

This is the First Sunday in the season of End Time. Throughout this season, 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.

Liturgy: Common Service

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES – We request that you please turn off all devices during the church service. You may keep it on if you are emergency response personnel or if you have an emergency call you are anticipating. Thank you for your cooperation.

BATHROOMS – Bathrooms are located in the East foyer and in the school hallway off the west foyer. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

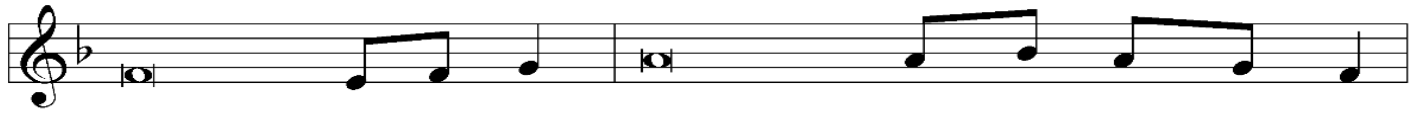
HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



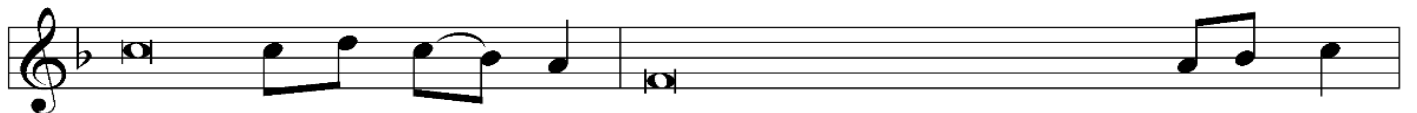
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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



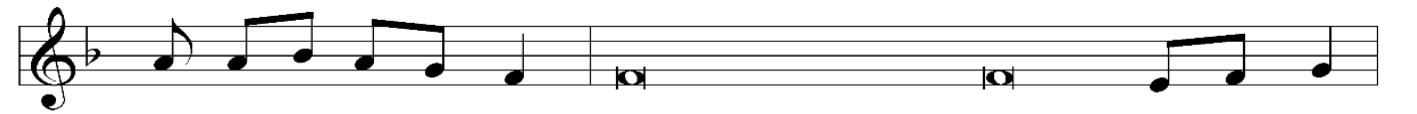
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

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 31:31-34

³¹ Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.

³³ But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD, for I will forgive their guilt, and I will remember their sins no more. (EHV)

PSALM 46

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God upholds the Church throughout his holy Word. He “is within her.” His name will be exalted throughout the world. (This Psalm inspired Luther to hold to God’s truth even though the authorities around him so bitterly opposed him.)

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

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Second Lesson

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God's judgment. ²⁰ For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin. ²¹ But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe. In fact, there is no difference, ²³ because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. ²⁶ He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. ²⁸ For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law. (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)

GOSPEL



John 8:31-36

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. ³² You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ "We are Abraham's descendants," they answered, "and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, 'You will be set free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free. (EHV)



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.

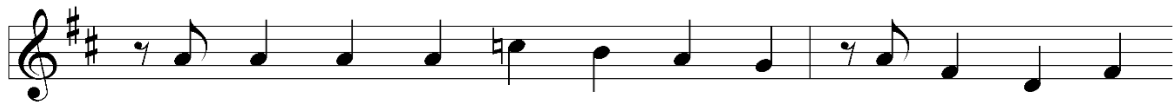
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: *CW 390*

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

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!

I Am Forgiven and Free in Christ

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.

Prayers

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

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 541*
CW 514

“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”
“Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

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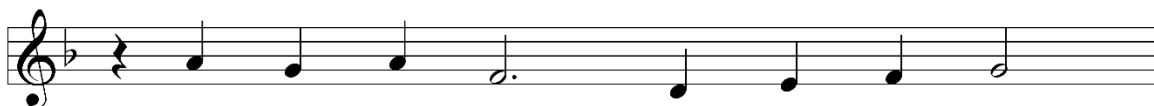
Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



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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Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -
 2 Help us your ho - ly law to learn, To mourn our
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed
 4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and



chism's doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the
 sin and from it turn In faith to you and
 help from day to day That as your chil - dren
 lift us up, we pray; And through the sac - ra -



Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.
 to your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
 we may live, Whom you in bap - tism did re - ceive.
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) As *hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

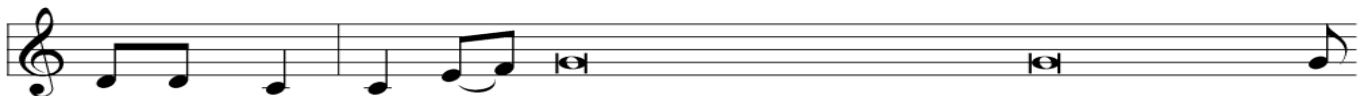
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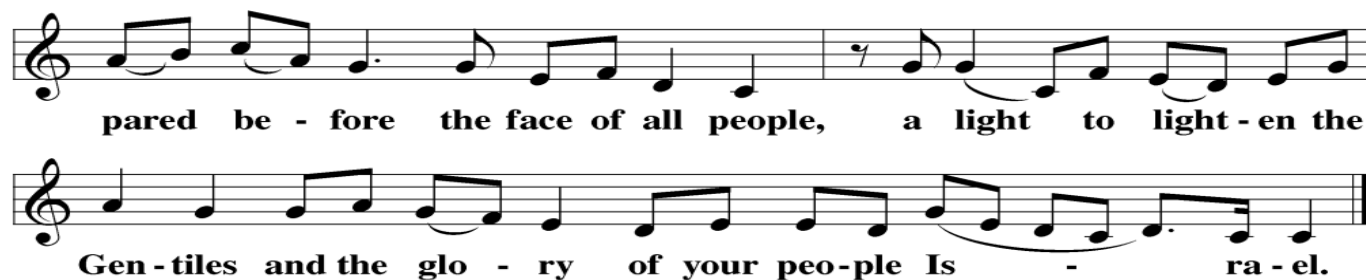
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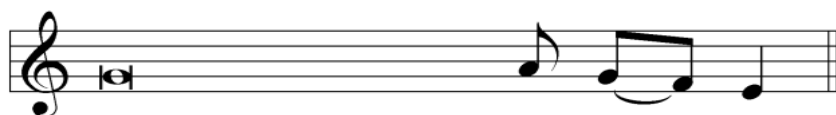
C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-



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.

Closing Hymn: CW 203

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

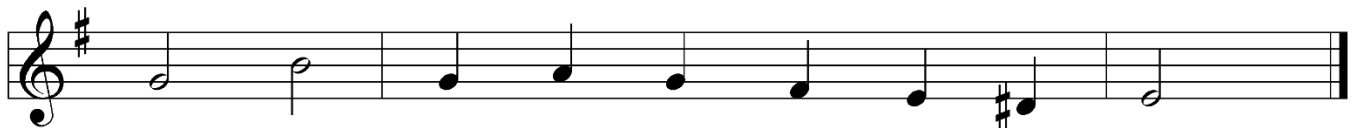
203 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



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.

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CALL MEETINGS: On Sunday, October 19th there was a call meeting for 6-8 grade Teacher/Principal. This call was extended to Ryan Roth. There was an additional call meeting for Preschool Teacher/Director. This call was extended to Sharon Dorow. Finally, there was a call meeting for a joint Pastor. This call was extended to Rev. Matthew Guse. Please keep all three calls in your prayers as they deliberate where they can serve the Lord best.

NEEDY FUND: We wanted to inform the congregation that the line item in our budget for needy fund no longer exists. Please write your donation to the general fund with a note that you want the money designated for outreach for the needy.

SPECIAL OPEN FORUM: On **Sunday, November 19th** at 10:15 a.m. there will be an Open Forum to discuss how to best fund Zion's ministry plan.

POINSETTIAS: Halloween is a thing of the past now onto Thanksgiving then Christmas. So you guessed it – time to order Poinsettias. Envelopes will be available on the back table. The poinsettias cost \$12. Orders are due **NO LATER** than **Sunday, Nov. 23rd**. Thank you for helping beautify our sanctuary for the holiday season.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: Zion is updating our pew Bibles. If you would like to sponsor one, please fill out the envelope on the back table and return it to the church office. New Bibles will be dedicated on Epiphany Sunday, January 4, 2026. If you have any questions, please reach out to Barbra Krueger (734) 755-4317.

ADVENT TEA: Save the date – Sunday, November 30th! Friends in Faith is planning on holding the annual Advent Tea on Nov. 30th. Hostesses are needed so, if you would like to host a table or attend the tea please contact Brenda Chandonnet at 734-915-5477.

WELS Detroit Pistons Night: Once again this year the WELS will have a designated night that you can purchase discounted tickets to a Detroit Pistons Game. The game is on December 6 at 7:30p.m. verses the Milwaukee Bucks. See the back table for more information.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC)
 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Class

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

November Volunteers

	Oct. 29 & Nov. 2	Nov. 5 & 9	Nov. 12 & 16	Nov. 19 & 23	Nov. 26 & 30
Altar Guild			Nancy Chalupka		
Live Stream Helpers	Steve Sordahl	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	William Robinson
Ushers	<u>Oct. 29</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier <u>Nov. 2</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier	<u>Nov. 5</u> Casey Holck Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling <u>Nov. 9</u> Casey Holck Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling	<u>Nov. 12</u> Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Nov. 16</u> Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Nov. 19</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz <u>Nov. 23</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz	<u>Nov. 26</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick <u>Nov. 27</u> <u>NO SERVICE</u> <u>Nov. 30</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick
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A Reminder for Reformation on the Lutheran Seal:

Luther's interpretation of his seal

Luther's Seal from a church in Cobstädt, [Thuringia](#), Germany

In an 8 July 1530 letter to [Lazarus Spengler](#), Luther interprets his seal:

Grace and peace from the Lord. As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark, I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is a symbol of my theology. The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. "For one who believes from the heart will be justified" ([Romans 10:10](#)). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural colour. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" ([Romans 1:17](#)) but by faith in the crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives ([John 14:27](#)). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (cf. [Matthew 28:3](#); [John 20:12](#)). Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolising that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolising that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal. This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology]. I have wanted to show it to you in good friendship, hoping for your appreciation. May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your spirit until the life hereafter. Amen.

November Update

In partnership with families and Association churches, HCA exists to provide each student with a quality Christ-centered education preparing them for lives of service now and for eternity.



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*Innovative education.
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Video Update - To check out our fall video update, go to our website, hopehawks.org, and navigate to the "Fall Video Update". In this video, you will accompany two of our students through the halls of HCA as they shared some highlights of student life.

HCA Giving Tuesday, December 2

All friends and supporters of Christian education are invited to participate in a special day of giving! Our goal is to raise \$50,000 in this campaign to support the ongoing ministry at HCA of "Preparing Students for Life". To participate in this special event, go to our website between now and December 06, at www.HopeHawks.org and click on the "Supporters" link to donate through our online platform, or drop-off or mail a check to the office with "Giving Tuesday" in the memo line. Thank you for all your support!

HCA Fall Pre-Holiday Concert - Nov 23 (3pm)

Join us in the HCA gym for band and choral selections from the high school and middle school band and middle school choir.

HCA Craft & Vendor Show, December 6

Come and get all your Christmas shopping done at our 17th Annual Holiday Expo. Enjoy festive music while shopping from many different crafters and vendors. All proceeds from admissions and the bake sale go directly to helping the students at HCA. Check out our website for more information.