

WELCOME TO ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Reformation Sunday                      October 27, 2024

Pastor Caitlin M. Kurtz  
Every Week at Zions: @ 10:30 Worship, 9:15 Sunday School  
Wednesday night activities 5:30 meal, 6:15 Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study

*Zion's worship services are live-streamed and archived on YouTube. While the focus is always on the worship leaders and the sanctuary at large, your voice and image may be included as part of the recording. If you do not wish to appear on film, please sit in, or under, the balcony and ask an usher for communion to be brought to your seat. If you have any other questions, please speak with Pastor Caitlin. Thank you for your understanding and support in spreading the Gospel message!*

\*(Congregation please stand as able)

Welcome and Announcements and Prelude

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **C: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*You are invited to face the rear of the sanctuary and turn towards the cross as it passes.*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who  
to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.      The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed.      You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us.      Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it.      Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe!      With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he!      Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage!      His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,      though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight.      On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored.      He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail!      One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day.      The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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**\* APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**C:** And also with you.

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther: We wor - ship you,  
 we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Eternal light, shine in our hearts, Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 31:7-9 (*pg. 641 in pew Bible*)

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

*After the Reading:* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 46 (*pg. 450 in pew Bible, next*) (*read responsively*)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Congregation: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

L: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**C: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**C: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

L: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**C: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

L: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**C: 'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'**

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C: the God of Jacob is our refuge**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 3:19-28 (*pg. 915 in pew Bible*)

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. For 'no human being will be justified in his sight' by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

*After the Reading:* **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

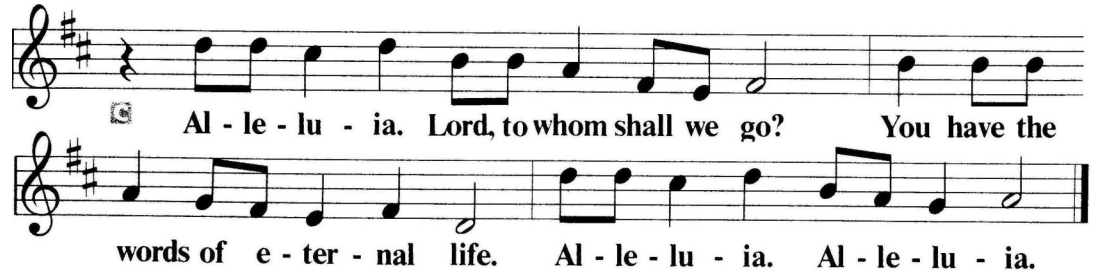
**CHILDREN'S SERMON** *as the children come forward, please join in singing:*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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**CHILDREN'S BIBLE PRESENTATION:**

**C:** May you find God in these scriptures, the Holy story of God's love for us, and may it open your eyes to see God in the world around you. Amen.

**\*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.

**\*GOSPEL:** Mark 10:46-52 (*pg. 823 in pew Bible*)

*Before reading:* P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 10th Chapter. **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

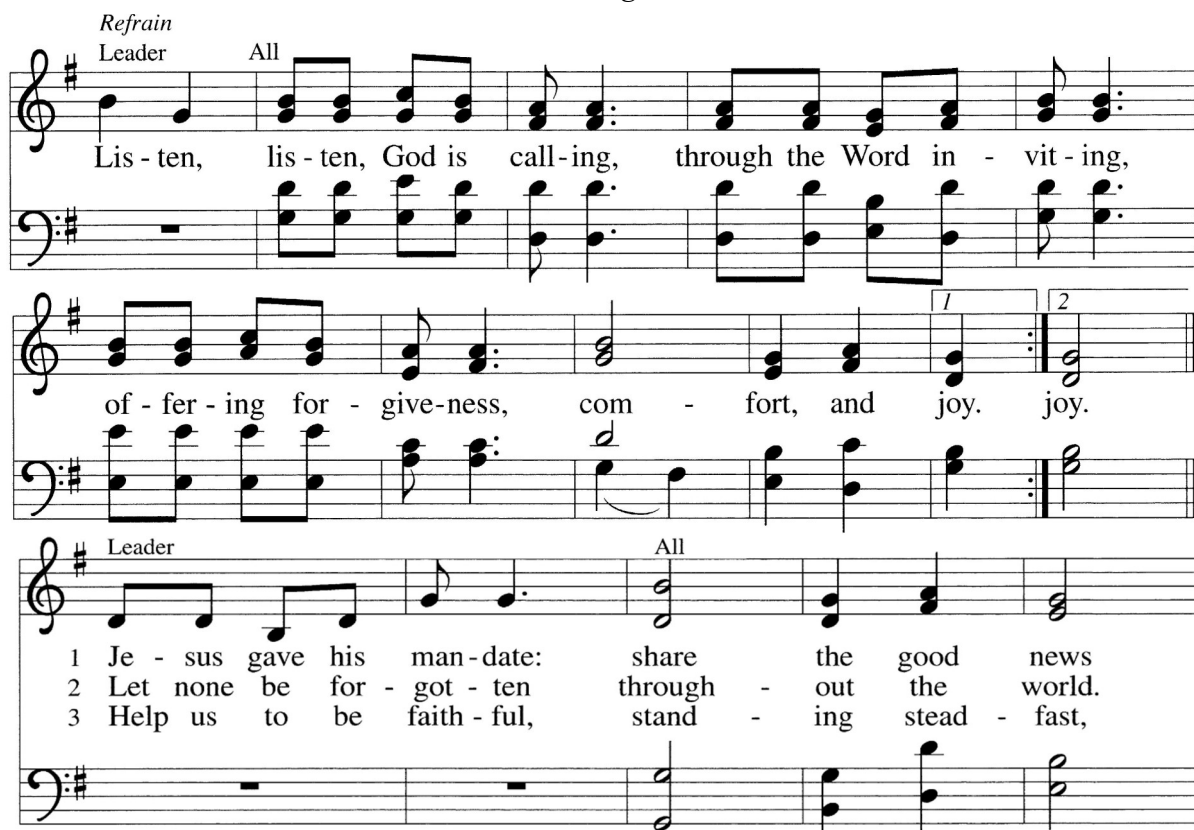
They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*After the reading:* P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

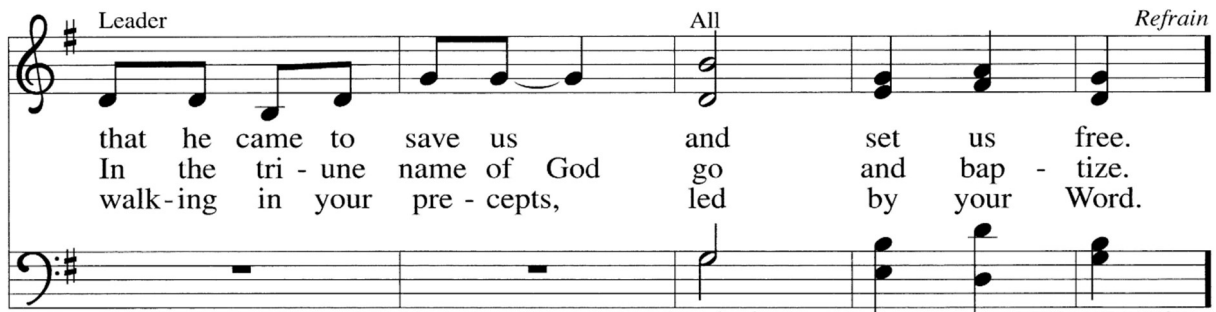
**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 513 *Listen, God Is Calling*



*Refrain*  
Leader All  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain



that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

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## OUR OFFERINGS: OUR TRUST, PRAYERS & GIFTS

### \*APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

*Note: the word "catholic" here means the church around the world.*

### \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(after hearing, "Lord in you mercy," respond: **Hear our Prayer**)

(after hearing the final petition, "Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever." **C:Amen**)

### \*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

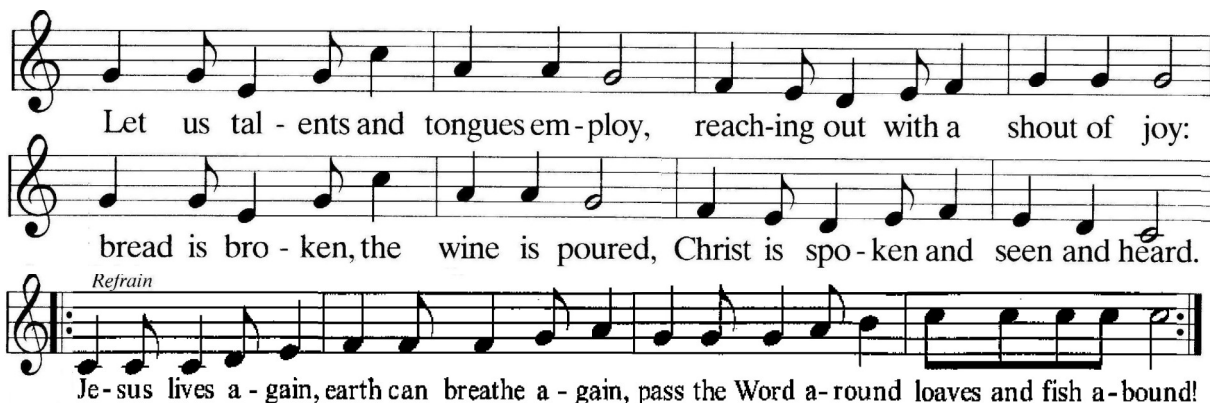
### CHOIR ANTHEM

### OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

During this portion of the worship service, we offer to God a portion of what God has first given us, trusting that God will use these gifts to do God's work in the world. We offer thanks to God with financial gifts, song, and prayer. Or you can scan this QR code to go to our electronic giving website: <http://www.zionsjonestown.com/giving/>, where you can choose to give either through PayPal, or Simply Giving, which is our regular electronic offering service, offering both one-time, and regular, automatic options.



### \*OFFERTORY HYMN



Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.

*Refrain*  
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round loaves and fish a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929 Music: Jamaican folk tune, adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980 © 1975 Hope Publishing Co. LINSTEAD L M and refrain

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Holy God, giver of all good things, receive the gifts we bring, fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world. C: **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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. 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 in the high-est.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. C: **Amen**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

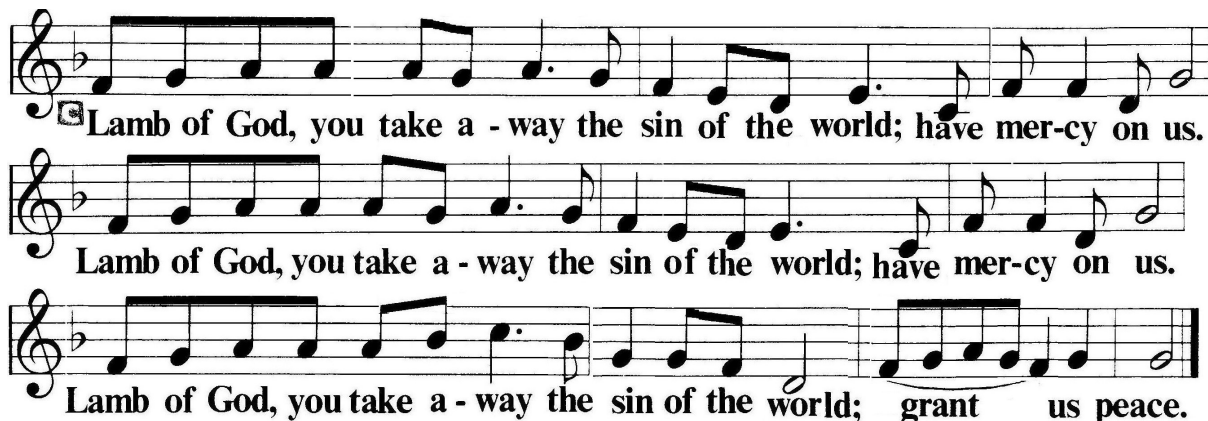
P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*This is the Lord's table where all are welcome. At the ushers instruction, you are invited to come forward, pick up either a pre-filled grape juice cup, or empty communion cup, and kneel or stand at the communion railing. (gluten free wafers are available for those who need that, please let Pastor know when you are communing) Here, you will first receive the bread, and then either a blessing of your grape juice, or the wine poured into your glass. After consuming both elements, return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your empty glass in the tray.*

*Those who are worshipping at home this morning are invited to **pray this prayer**, trusting that Christ's spiritual presence is with you at all times and places. If you would like Pastor Caitlin to bring communion to your home, call her at 717 865 3652 and she will be glad to do so.*

“Loving Jesus, since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine according to your promise in the sacrament of Holy Communion, I ask you to come to me in Spirit. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Your sacred Body and Blood. Deliver me from all sin and make me always obedient to Your commands. Let me never be separated from You, my Savior, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God forever and ever. Amen.”

**LAMB OF GOD** (Based on Gospel of John 1:29)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

- DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** #369 *The Church's One Foundation*  
 (LBW - green book) #230 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*  
 #241 *We Praise You, O God*

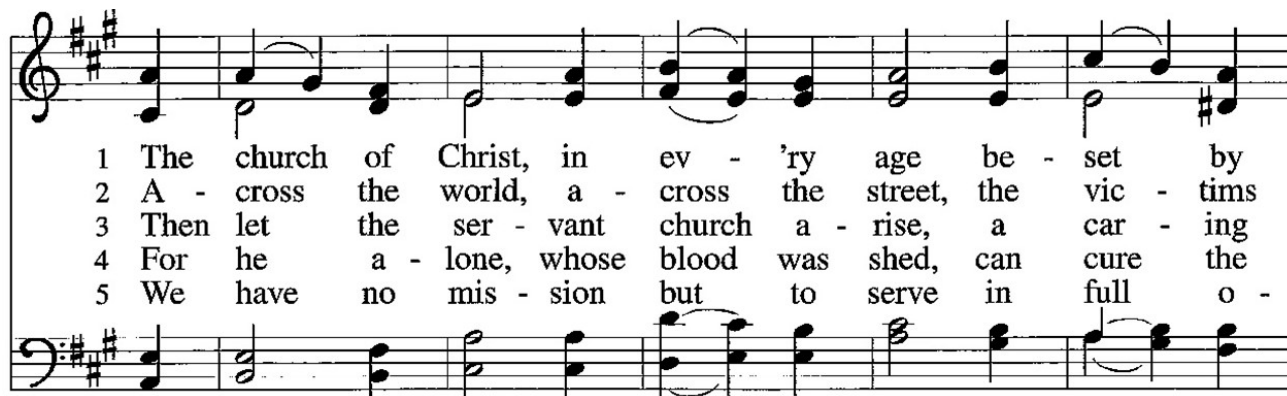
**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others. **Amen.**

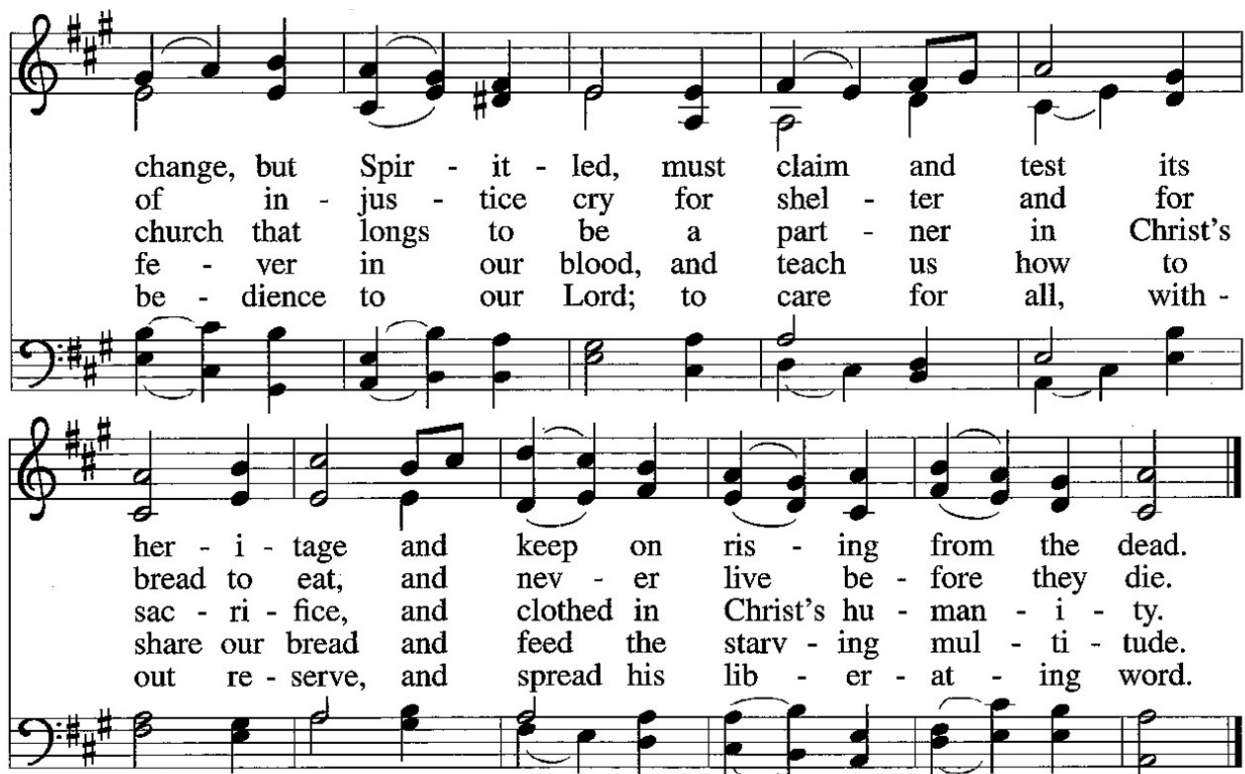
**\*BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN:** ELW 729 *The Church of Christ, In Every Age* As the cross is recessed, you are invited to turn your body towards the rear, symbolic of our desire to follow Christ out into the world.



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -  
her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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**\*DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world! C: Thanks be to God.

**We're glad you're here!** Whether today is your first day at Zion's, or your thousandth, we're glad you're here, and we look forward to worshipping with you. If you're new, or it's been a while, we invite you to fill out one of the "We're glad you're here" white envelopes located in the pew back to ensure our records are correct, and so we can connect with you further. Completed cards can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you, and welcome!

**This week we especially remember in our prayers:** Kelly, Stephen, Miriam, Dean, Jeff, Peggy, Val, Brooke, Chris, Jeanne, Randy, Andy Bomberger, Nancy Winklebleck, Pastor Ted Hummel, Jean Fowler, hurricane victims and all victims of violence.

**Today is Reformation Sunday!** This festival day honors the work and discoveries of Martin Luther, particularly with regard to God's grace, the need for the Bible to be in the common language of the people, and the conviction that we are all, at all times, both 'saint' and 'sinner'. We invite you to consider what these truths mean today and give thanks for the Spirit's continued work in our lives and the church.

**Today is ALSO Generosity Sunday,** an opportunity for us to respond to God's gracious gifts with intentional giving that supports God's work in and through Zion's. You should have already received a Generosity Card in the mail, which we invite you to thoughtfully complete and return next Sunday. Extra copies of the card will also be available next Sunday, or can be completed online using this QR code. THANK YOU for your partnership in ministry as we seek to serve Christ together.



**This Week at Zions:**

- Oct. 28, Monday @ 6:30 pm Mission Ministry meeting
- Oct. 29, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting \*\*\* NOTE CHANGE TO TUESDAYS \*\*\*
- Oct. 30, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal

**Next Week at Zions:**

- Nov. 3, Sunday @ noon Council Retreat
- Nov. 5, Tuesday @ 9:00 am Quilting \*\* NOTE CHANGE TO TUESDAYS \*\*
- Nov. 6, Wednesday @ 5:30 community meal, 6:15 pm Rejoicing Spirits worship, 6:50 Bible Study, 7:30 adult choir rehearsal



**In addition to the "Prayer List"** which is printed in the weekly bulletin and read aloud as part of the Prayers of Intercession, Zion's also has a "Prayer Chain" which operates via email. Prayer Chain emails are sent out as requested and includes prayer requests for members of our community and their immediate family members. If you would like to be added to the list of people who receive these email updates occasionally OR have someone you'd like to request prayers for via the Prayer Chain, please email Maryann Guldin ([ma.guldin@gmail.com](mailto:ma.guldin@gmail.com)). If you'd like someone's name included as part of the Prayer List on Sunday morning, please email Bonny ([zions@comcast.net](mailto:zions@comcast.net))

**Thrivent Action Team reminder:** If you are a Thrivent member with access to Action Team cards, please remember that they have a "use it or lose it" policy--2024 Action Team cards need to be applied for by December 31, and you can only apply for one at a time (most eligible members have access to two cards per year). These cards can be used for a wide variety of projects that serve the community, and can be a great way to respond to the many needs you hear of this time of year. If you have cards and need help coming up with a project, please talk with Pastor Caitlin or Jim Gill!

**Our "Loaves and Fishes" campaign** has reached \$2,574 of our \$3000.00 goal to fund six fish farms (\$250/each) and thirty home gardens (\$50/each including seeds, tools, and agricultural training). You can give through Simply Giving, PayPal, or the yellow envelopes in your pews. THANK YOU for your generosity!

**Newsletter from our Young Adult in Global Mission** Most year's Zion's sponsors a Young Adult in Global Mission, through the ELCA. Carolina is serving in Cambodia. You can read her latest newsletter on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**The NL Clothing Closet could use your time!** We are open seven days a week, and in particular need for volunteers on Thursday evenings (3:30 - 7 PM) and Saturday morning (9:30-1 PM) Volunteers help process and sort, stock new clothing, maintain shelves and racks in shopping areas, launder donations, perform shopper intake, assist shoppers *and best of all: meet new friends as you serve our neighbors!* If you are interested in learning more, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Joan Lehman 717-450-6767 or [lehman.joan51@gmail.com](mailto:lehman.joan51@gmail.com)

**Weekly Sunday School** is in session! Classes begin at 9:15 AM each Sunday morning, for children as young as three, up through adults. See Pastor Caitlin for more information about the different classes.

**Youth choir** will meet after church in the sanctuary on for practice. There are no age restrictions to participate, and we can't wait to have you help us make a joyful noise and help to lead worship this year! Contact Joanna Guldin ([joanna.guldin@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.guldin@gmail.com) or 717-228-9846) for information.

**Need a study Bible?** We have multiple, brand new paper back copies of the Lutheran Study Bible, and we'd love to give you one! We used to give these to our Confirmation students but have found that they don't always hold up to their use, so now we give them hardback versions. In addition to scripture, these Bibles are full of informational tidbits and devotional questions. Pick up one today in the Gathering Area!

**September Council Highlights** are available. You can pick up a copy from the large bulletin board in the gathering area.

**Check out "October's Member to Remember"** on the bulletin board. Nancy Winklebleck is this month's star! You can read about her faith and experiences at Zion's in the weekly e-mail or on the bulletin board by the church office.

**Free Piano** We have an extra piano in the Social Hall that we no longer need. If you, or someone you know, could put it to good use, we'd love to give it to you. Please see Pastor Caitlin if you're interested.

**LARGE PRINT bulletins** are now available with the elevelte bulletins and the ushers.

Serving at Zion's	Today	Next Sunday
Lector	Noel Strattan	Michelle Bucks
Prayer	John Noll	Deb Reiner
Children's sermon	Pastor Caitlin	Pastor Caitlin
Comm. Assts.	Ed & Elaine Ludwig	Linda Wenrich Kelly Rittle
Greeter	Elaine Ludwig	Stephanie Livingston
Acolyte	Izaak McQuaide Nolan Anspach	
Crucifer	Logan Livingston	Xander McQuaide
Altar Guild	Strattan/ Wenrich	Bucks family
Elevette	Steve Bucks	Noel Strattan
Ushers	Oct: Rob & Xander McQuaide, Rick Herr, Georgetta Wolfe	

MUSICIAN: Maryann Guldin  
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Everyday, Zion's ministries impact the lives of people near and far -- embodying God's love and hope in a weary world. What follows is a testimony about the difference God is making through our congregation. **We are grateful for your support that makes these ministries possible**, and we look forward to worshiping, learning, & serving with you!

*“My favorite part of the Sunday worship service is Holy Communion...”*

I grew up as a member of the Church of England, and when I moved to the United States, I hoped to attend a church that had a similar liturgy. The first time I entered Zion's sanctuary, I remember feeling anxious...not sure of what to do or where to sit. I was approached by one couple in particular who shared a warm welcome with me and helped me find my way. **I will never forget their kindness, and we have remained friends these many years.**



I knew from that first visit that this was going to be my home church. The prayers, and the hymns, many of which were European and were familiar to me, made me feel comfortable. I knew nothing of Lutheran tradition, I just felt content and wanted to become a long-term part of the congregation. Yet before I became a member of Zion's I needed to learn more about Martin Luther and the church that took his name. The more I read about this German monk, the more I admired that he persisted in the face of powerful opposition, bringing about a reformation within the church.

My favorite part of the Sunday worship service is Holy Communion, and I'm glad that Zion's offers the sacrament every week. As I watch the line of people going to the altar rail, I see elderly members, together with teenagers, and parents with young children -- even babes in arms. It makes me smile to know that the future of Zion's is in good hands.

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