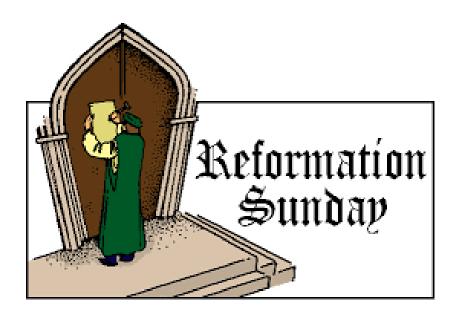
# Sunday Worship October 26, 2025 Reformation Sunday



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## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a "prayer request" or a "praise report", please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

#### INTRODUCTION

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.

# **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE Reformation Morning Arr. Susie Gray

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of

the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# **HYMN Red Hymnal #504**

A Mighty Fortress

## **GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

P: Let us pray . . .

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE Red Hymnal Page 204 - from Luke 2:14





**CHANCEL CHOIR** Director Bill Jones God is Our Refuge and Strength Composers: Robert C. Lau

#### THE WORD

# FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

R: <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 46

R: <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea:

R: <sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C: <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

R: <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C: <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

R: <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: \*Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

R: <sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C: <sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

R: <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

R: <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one

who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

R: The Word of the Lord **C:** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #124**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

P: The Gospel according to **John 8:31-36** 

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>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'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Jaren Summers

**HYMN** Purple hymnal #1006

By Grace We Have Been Saved

# **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

# **NEW MEMBER WELCOME & CREED**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pi late, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at

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the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS (Response after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer...

## OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues

**OFFERTORY SONG #674** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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#### **COMMUNION PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord

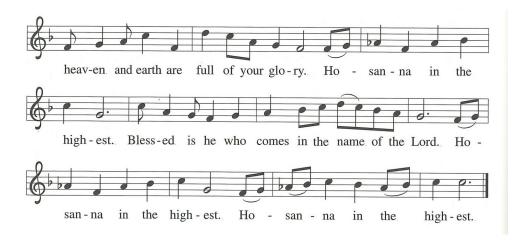
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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...(The pastor continues with the proper preface for the day)...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

# **SANCTUS Red hymnal page 130**





#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION - from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

#### 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

(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)

#### BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**HYMN Red hymnal #654 (V1,3,5)** 

The Church's One Foundation

## **DISMISSAL**

P: What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

C: The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:

"Serving Christ through serving others."

P: Go in Peace, Live by the Spirit

C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Built on a Rock

Arr. Hobby