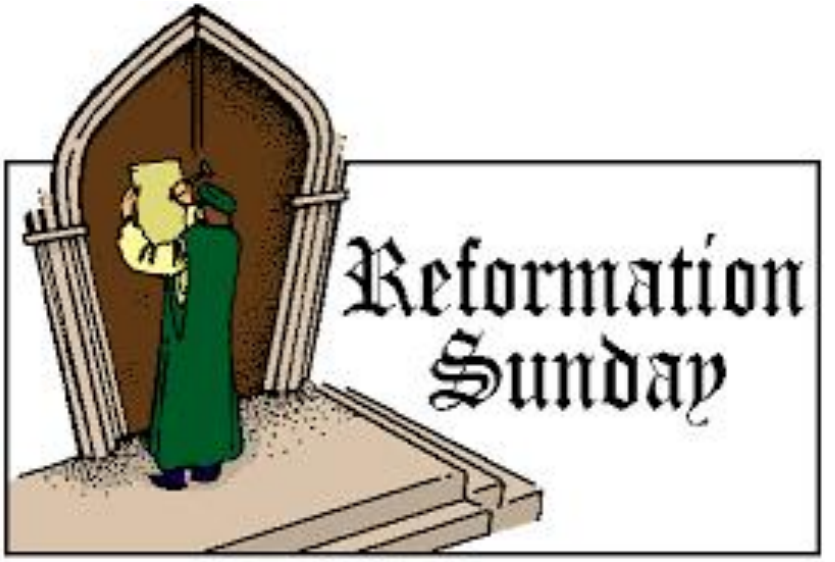
Sunday Worship

October 25 2026

Time After Pentecost



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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 *In Christ There is No East or West* Arr. Hansen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
To you, O God,
C: all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of **+** Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

HYMN Red Hymnal #504 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY 2 Corinthians 13:13

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: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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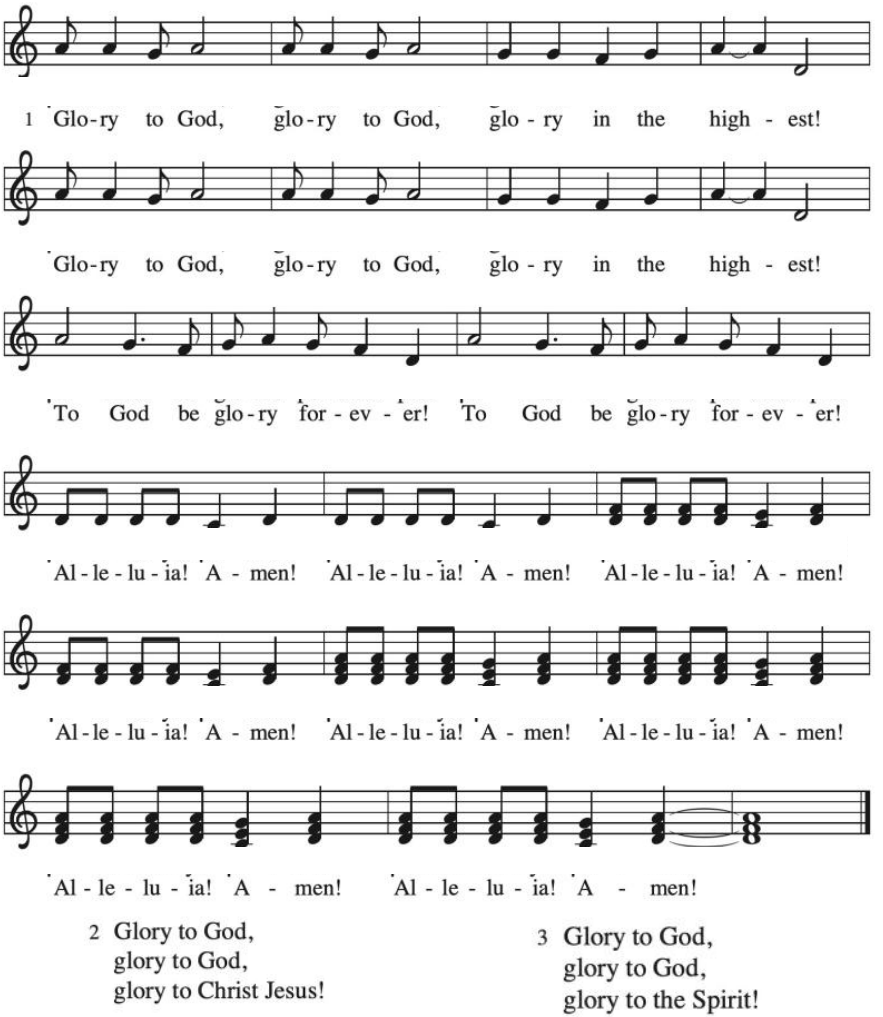


CHANCEL CHOIR Director:Susie Gray *Age to Age the Same*
Arr: Lloyd Larson

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

R: 31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM: Psalm 46

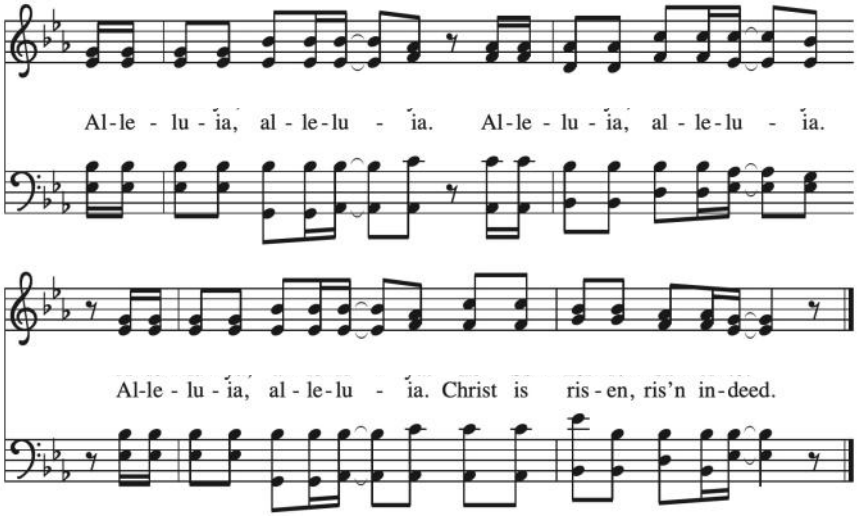
R: 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
C: 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
R: 3 though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
C: 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
R: 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
C: 6 The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
R: 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
C: 8 Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
R: 9 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: 10 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
R: 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

R: [19] Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. [20] For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. [21] But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, [22] the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, [23] since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; [24] they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25] whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; [26] it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. [27] Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. [28] For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Purple Hymnal #14



HOLY GOSPEL
P: The Gospel according to **John 8:31-36**
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[31] Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word,
you are truly my disciples, [32] and you will know the truth, and the truth will make
you free.” [33] They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have
never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made
free’?” [34] Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin
is a slave to sin. [35] The slave does not have a permanent place in the household;
the son has a place there forever. [36] So if the Son makes you free, you will be
free indeed.”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

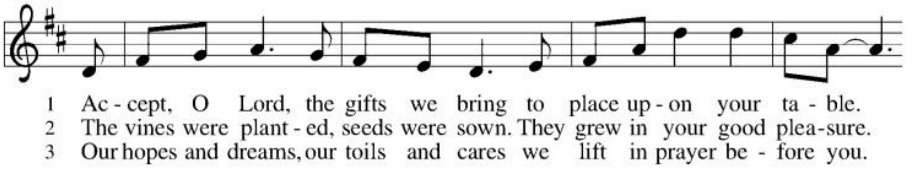
HYMN Purple Hymnal #1006 *By Grace We Have Been Saved*

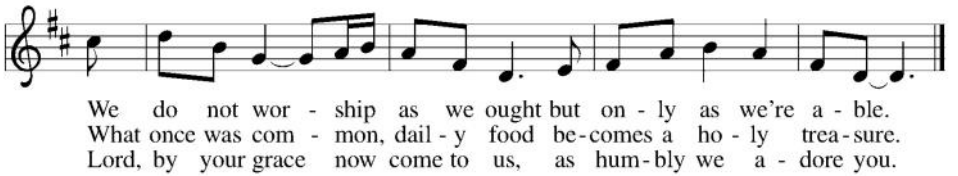
APOSTLE’S CREED
P: Let us confess our faith.
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

PRAYERS *(Response after each petition)* 1 Timothy 2:1-2
P: Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING

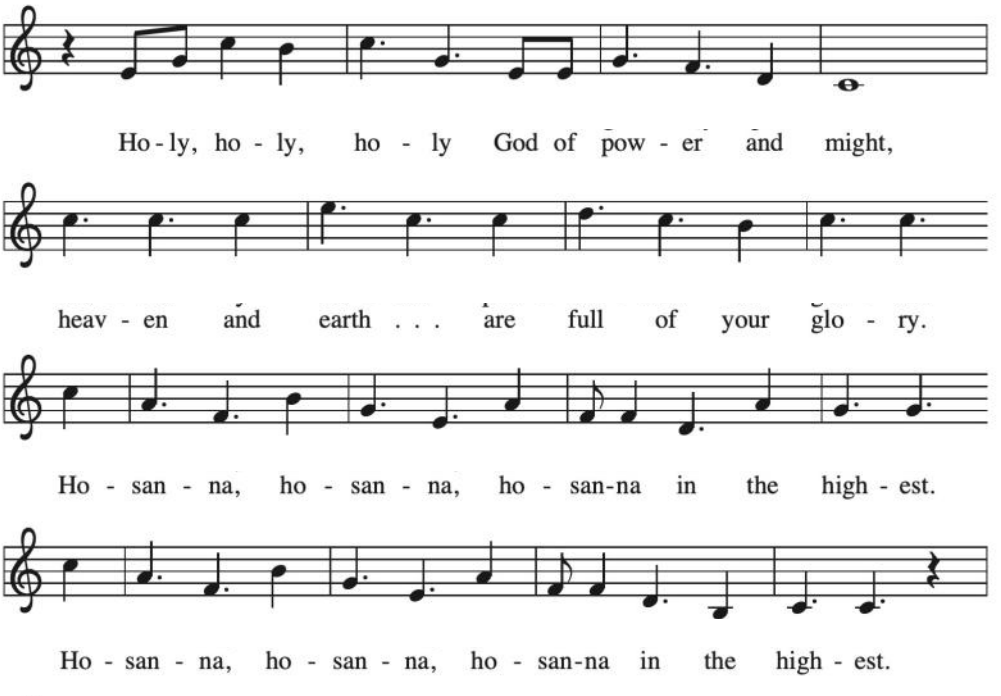
OFFERTORY SONG Red hymnal #691 *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

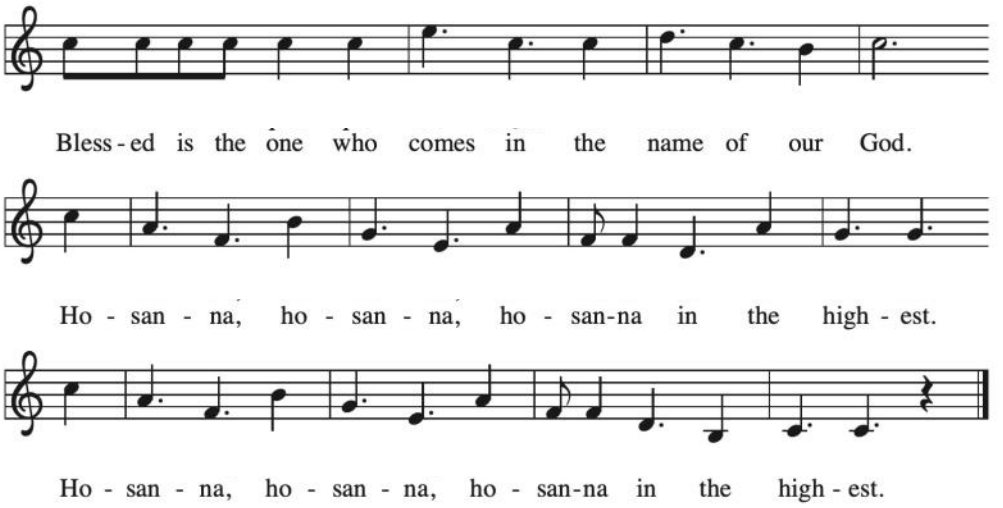




COMMUNION PREFACE

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.





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Blessed are you, O God...As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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: God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth **+** bless you all, now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN Red hymnal #645 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

DISMISSAL
P: Who are we at Zion Lutheran Church?
C: We are disciples Rooted in Christ and Growing in Faith
P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God* Arr. Blersch

The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God by Chris & Carla Frame in memory of Carl Suerdieck.

Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Reader	Richard Geiman
Communion Assist	Nate Ewing
Ushers	Richard & Debby Geiman
Greeter	Carol Friss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: *Operation Christmas Child*
We will again be filling shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement, which will be delivered to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. Please pick up an empty box (or two) and a "How to Pack a Shoebox" brochure located in the narthex (or you can use a regular shoebox or buy a container.) Women of Zion will cover the cost of shipping. Please have boxes filled and returned by Sunday, November 1st. Any questions contact Deb Keppel.

REFRESH COMMITTEE TOWN HALLS are after church services TODAY and on November 7th and 8th in the Fellowship Hall. These are opportunities for the congregation to see the carpet, choir chairs and lighting options that have been chosen and ask questions. Come and go as you chose.

THANKSGIVING DINNER & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is Sunday, November 15th at 5:00. The church will provide the turkey, gravy, rolls, water, coffee & cider. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hallway next week. We need to know how many are attending and what food you will be contributing. We need 8 people to sign up to make 5 pounds of whipped potatoes and 8 people to sign up to make enough dressing for 10 people. We also need other vegetables and fruit or dessert. Please bring your own table service. The Congregational Meeting will begin at 6:00.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK Beginning on Nov 15, the adult class will begin the series, *The Journey, Walking the Road to Bethlehem*. Author Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. There is a supplemental book, not needed for Sunday School but it provides extra reading for those interested. There is a sign up sheet on a clipboard located in the office workroom. The books cost $19 and the last day to sign up is November 2.

INVITATION TO SERVE—COUNCIL OPENINGS FOR 2027
Three Council seats will be opening in 2027, and Zion invites members to prayerfully consider serving in this important ministry of leadership. Our Congregation Council helps guide the mission of the church, supports our staff, and ensures that our ministries remain strong, faithful, and connected to the life of our congregation. If you feel called to serve or would like to learn more, please speak with any current Council member.

CHILD CARE CHOICES QUARTER AUCTION will be in our Fellowship Hall **Thursday, November 5th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.** Doors open at 6:00. They will have 100+ Prizes, 6 raffle baskets and “It’s in the Bag & Pick a Purse”. Paddles cost $5 each or an all-in is $40. Zion’s Sisters of the Skillet will provide food available for purchase: Sloppy Joe sandwiches, hot dogs, coney dogs, nachos & cheese, chips, cookies, soft drinks & water, and coffee. Bring your quarters and your friends to support a good cause. Child Care Choices is a 501(c)3 with the mission to spark positive change and growth in the child care capacity in Miami County by partnering with providers, area governments, businesses and families. Proceeds will support Child Care Choices programs and services.

STAY CONNECTED
Check out everything Zion has to offer online! Simply scan the Linktree QR code to the right to access our website, social media, and more—all in one convenient place.

HOSPICE ORNAMENTS Lil Nichols' clay class is again creating ornaments for Miami County Hospice Christmas trees on **November 10th** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. You are invited to join in the tradition of making ornaments to donate. You can make them or put string or hangers on them, if you aren't creative. Come when you can and stay as long as you like. The time includes a pot luck - everyone brings in a dish to share and they fellowship during lunch. Please let Lil know if you would like to join the fun at 937-510-3905. She is keeping a sign-up sheet for food. **She is collecting egg cartons to carry the ornaments.**

GIVE A GIFT ELECTRONICALLY
Zion Lutheran Church offers a simple and secure way to give online through Tithe.ly, a trusted platform used by churches across the country. To make a gift, just scan the QR code.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, October 25	**Storypoint Outreach**	
Monday, October 26	10:30 am	Mission Quilts
	3:30 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
	6:30 pm	**AED Training**
Tuesday, October 27	10:00 am	Mission Quilts
	8:00 pm	AA
Wednesday, October 28	**10:00 am**	**Women's Fellowship**
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, November 1	**Daylight Savings Time Ends - Set Clocks BACK**	

Staff
Jaren Summers, *Pastor;* Susie Gray, *Choir Director*;
Lori Sebastian*, Organist;* Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director;*
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin;* Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer;*
Tina Putnam, *Custodian*



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR