

Sunday Worship
October 30, 2022



Reformation Day

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If this is your first visit, or if 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.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Partita on Ebenezer:* *Thy Strong Word*
I. Tune III. Alla Marcia V. Tocatta Arr. Benjamin Culli
II. Meditation IV. Scherzo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (Handbells) *In the Morning When I Rise* Arr. Sandra Eithun

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through**

Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN Red hymnal #645

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

KYRIE Music on page 138

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Music on page #140

C: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy and peace 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC (Handbells) *A Mighty Fortress* Arr. Cathy Moglebust

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

R: ³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

R: ¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they 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 show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red hymnal #512

C: **Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace
is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When
my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead
me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my
heart be good soil.**

HOLY GOSPEL

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

P: ³¹ Then 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 Dale Schaefer

HYMN Red hymnal #513

Listen, God is Calling

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

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 OF THE CHURCH (*Response after each petition*)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer . . .

OFFERING—INVITATION—God's Work Continues

OFFERING SONG Red hymnal #674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

C: 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.

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

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in Faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Built on the Rock

Arr. Hobby

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Susie Gray in memory of Lodema Gray's birthday.*

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

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Greeter	Erma Swanson
Reader	Kathy Groth
Communion	Pam Sauls Assistant
Usher	Chuck Swanson

10/22 & 10/23

Attendance: 108

Total Unified Giving: \$1,931.69

Total Building: \$590.00

Attendance:

Sunday School: Kids: 3 Adults: 8

Confirmation: Kids: 7 Adults: 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS AFTERNOON we will meet at Randall House at 1:00 pm for our monthly Outreach. All are welcome to join us.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY

- ◆ **Food Pantry Collection** is the first Sunday of every month. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the green barrel next to the elevator. Needy Baskets picks up the items and distributes the food to those in need in our community.
- ◆ **Thank Offering** will be collected in the back of the church by the Women of Faith. Money will be used to support the Good Samaritan Fund here at Zion which assists those in our community who need help paying rent, utilities, medical, gas etc.
- ◆ **Turn your clocks back one hour the evening of Saturday, Nov. 5. Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 6.**

MISSION OF THE MONTH: *What is Operation Christmas Child?*

The Samaritan's Purse project *Operation Christmas Child* collects shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. These gifts not only bring hope they bring the Gospel of Jesus to each child through the Samaritan's Purse organization.

Please pick up a preprinted empty box (or two) and a "What to Pack" brochure located on the table under the youth board. **Each packed box must include \$10.00 cash or check made out to Samaritan's Purse placed inside the box for shipping. Do not include: candy, gum, food, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war related items, seeds, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass, aerosol cans. The deadline to return these boxes is Sunday, Nov. th.**

YOUTH FUNDRAISER . . . In order to maximize profit and reduce waste, the Youth of Zion will be taking pre-order sales for a 2023 wall calendar, magnetic notepads, and a variety of notepads. The suggested donation is \$8 per calendar, \$4 per magnet, and \$2 per variety notepads. In order to pre-order, please bring exact cash. Sign-ups will end 10/30. All profits will go toward the 2024 Youth Gathering. Contact Jessica Dorn if you have questions.

HOSPICE CHRISTMAS TREES—The annual Christmas ornament event—making small ornaments for Hospice of Miami County Christmas trees—will take place in the adult Sunday school room of Zion, on Tuesday, November 8, from 10:30—2:30 or so. Everyone interested is Invited. Even if you do not make ornaments, there are other tasks to keep the process moving. Come whenever you can get there and stay as long as you can. And, we'll turn this into a party with a pot lunch! For questions, please contact Lil Nichols.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & THANKSGIVING DINNER ON NOV. 13

Please sign up for this event on the poster in the hallway of the Walnut St. entrance.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Sunday, October 30	1:00 pm	Randall House Outreach
Monday, October 31	11.00 am	Quilting
Tuesday, November 1	10:00 am	Tipp City Garden Club (basement)
	10:00 am	Quilting
	8:00 pm	AA
Wednesday, Nov. 2	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Nov. 3	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts / basement
Saturday, Nov. 5	5:00 pm	Worship
	6:00 pm	Family Fun Night
Sunday, Nov. 6	9:00 am	Sunday School / Confirmation Class
	10:00 am	Worship & Communion
	5:00 pm	Women of Zion

Return Operation Christmas Boxes

Staff

Dale Schaefer, Interim Pastor; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
 Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn *Christian Education Director*
 Linda Short, *Office Manager*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*; Tina Putnam, *Sexton*