Reformation

Service of Confirmation October 26, 2025 - 10:30 AM

Welcome To Our Guests

Thank you for joining us in worshiping the Savior at Zion this day. We pray that your time here serves to build your faith and equip you for the week ahead. Please come again.

If you desire to find out more about becoming part of the Zion family, please contact Vickie Adams, vadams@zionharvester.org, in the church office. Our family loves to grow and we'd love to have you join us!

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center is a place for the Zion family and its guests to gather for fellowship with each other and where information about Zion is readily accessible. Every weekend opportunities to connect are highlighted and publications and ministry brochures are made available. Please visit the Welcome Center before or after worship to greet one another and to stay connected to God's mission through Zion.

Nursery and Cry Room

During all Worship Services, a Cry Room is available in the back of church for you to calm your child or change a diaper. During the Education Hour on Sundays, childcare for infants and toddlers is offered in the Nursery located on the lower level opposite the Fellowship Hall.

Worship Decorum

Please silence your cell phones during Worship Services.

Confirmation

Today our confirmands, who have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light, confess the faith into which they were baptized. These young men and women, along with all of us who profess faith in the Trinity, live under the grace and mercy of God. What a blessing that He is both the Gift and the Giver! Our prayer is that all of us, as the people of God and with His help, will "continue steadfast in this faith and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it."



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One, LSB p. 151

The Reformation

Today we remember the Reformation that began on October 31, 1517 when a Roman Catholic monk, Martin Luther, posted 95 statements for debate on the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. What began as an attempt to change the church from within resulted in Luther's being excommunicated from the church. After struggling for years trying to earn God's love and forgiveness, Luther realized that there was nothing he could do to earn them and he didn't have to, because God had given them for free.

As Lutherans we believe that we are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ, alone. We also believe that scripture alone, God's Word, is the ultimate authority on God and our life with Him. These truths are what we celebrate today!

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - arr. John Behnke

Ringing of the Bell

Procession

Stand and face the procession.

Hymn: 656 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Text and tune: Martin Luther; tr. composite





Preparation

Invocation Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation 1 John 1:8–9

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

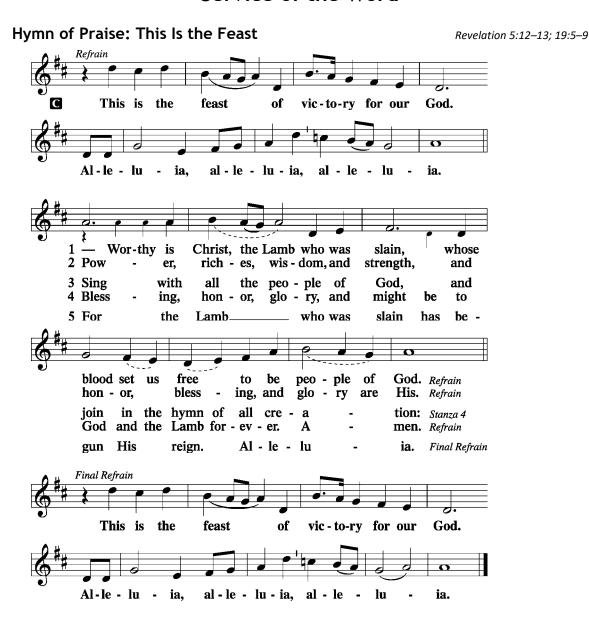
Confession of Sins

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution [John 20:19–23]

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word



Greeting and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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New Testament Revelation 14:6–7

The Messages of the Three Angels

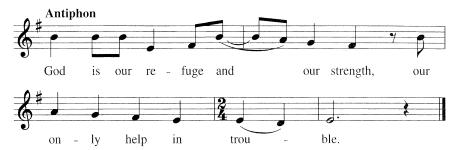
⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Psalm of the Day: God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Psalm 46, paraphrase



- **L** Antiphon
- **C** Antiphon
- We will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea, though it waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. (interlude)
- **C** Antiphon
- Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress. (interlude)
- Antiphon
- He makes wars cease, He breaks the bow and burns the shields with fire. Be still and know that I am God. The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress. (interlude)
- C Antiphon
- L God is our refuge and our strength, our only help in trouble.

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Epistle Romans 3:19–28

The Righteousness of God Through Faith

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse: Halle, Halle, Halle

[John 8:12]



- Refrain (twice)
- "I am the Light of the World," says the Lord."Walk in the light of Life. All who follow my words shall have life indeed."Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
- **C** Refrain (twice)

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Holy Gospel John 8:31–36

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

The Truth Will Set You Free

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

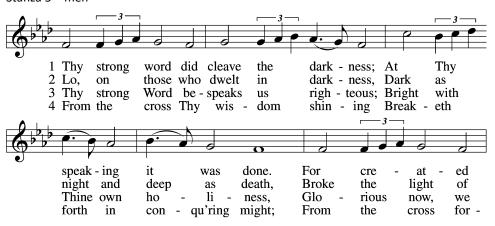
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

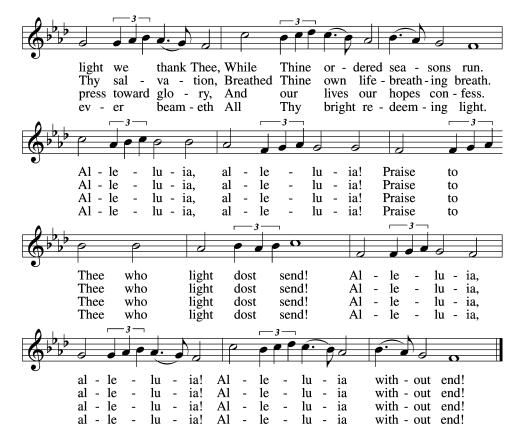
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Hymn of the Day: 578 - Thy Strong Word

The organ/choir setting used this weekend, composed by John A. Behnke, was commissioned by Zion Lutheran Church and School of Harvester, Missouri in celebration of Reformation 500 and in thanksgiving to God for filling our songs with alleluias.

Stanzas 2 & 4 – choir Stanza 3 – women Stanza 5 – men





5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,

Throats that shout the hope that fills us,

Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the light which Thou dost send

Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

 \triangle 6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten,

Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer,

Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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Sermon

Offering

A Mighty Fortress – arr. Timothy Albrecht

Members and guests, please use this time to fill out an Attendance Card, located in the pew racks. At the end of the offering, the ushers will collect all Attendance Cards.

To prepare for communion, please see LSB p. 329, "Christian Questions with Their Answers." Additional communion notes are in the back of this bulletin.



Rite of Confirmation

Address to the Confirmands

Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Profession of Faith

- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R Yes, I do.
- P Do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?
- **R** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- Yes, 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- **P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R I do.
- **P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- \mathbb{R} I do.
- Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- **P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- **P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- **R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

Blessing of the Confirmands

Autumn Rose Groeteke

Pierce Jeffrey Wallace

Parents and families of confirmands are invited to rise as their child is confirmed. Please refrain from taking pictures until after the service, when ample time will be provided for staging pictures.

Exodus 10:10-11

1 Samuel 17:50

Matthew 10:8 Lillian Cheryl Allen Avery Ann Aslin John 8:12 Lucas Adam Behymer Genesis 1:31 Franklin Otto Bertel Romans 5:8 Susanna Mary Coffman Matthew 6:34 Clark James Corneio Romans 8:8 Olivia Marie Entenman 1 John 4:19 Natalie Rose Fahev John 8:12 Madalynn Verona Flowers Jeremiah 29:13

Sophia Virginia Grzina Titus 3:5
Noah Benjamin Hingst John 14:2
Connor Brent Hoelzer Joshua 24:15
Scarlett Elizabeth Horn Proverbs 31:31
Elliot Lee Johnson Luke 23:43
James Robert Johnson Luke 23:42

Presley Shea Krueger Proverbs 31:25-26

Cassidy Grace Lane Psalm 46:5 Nicholas Joseph Lombardo Matthew 19:26 Laina Millie Maddick 1 Peter 5:7 Stephanie Nicole O'Day John 13:7 Finnegan Gene Owens Matthew 28:20 Jacob Tyler Rohr Psalm 19:1 James Dean Sadler Luke 23:43 Micah Donald Streuter Isaiah 41:40 Jacob Scott Theobald Philippians 4:13 Joshua 1:9 Zoey Kathy Kristine Thomas

Prayer for the Confirmands

- Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction

- The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life

 · everlasting.
- C Amen.

The Peace

- P Peace

 → be with you.
- C Amen.

Choral Benediction

The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious;
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

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Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for Your whole Church. Deliver her from every error that would cloud the joy of Your salvation. Preserve in her the proclamation of the Gospel. Make it resound to every nation and tribe, people and language, that its mighty power might bring all to fear You and give You the glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

- hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who know the bondage of sin and yet imagine themselves free. Open their eyes by the words of Jesus, and grant them the true freedom of son-ship and a permanent place in Your household through Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who cry to You for healing in body or mind, heart or soul. In Your own time and way, grant them release from their afflictions. Sustain their confidence and hope in the full and final healing that awaits the day of our Lord's appearing and the resurrection of the body. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who come to the altar to receive Christ's own body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Grant them the gifts of repentance and faith and, by the power of Your Spirit, the intention to amend their lives and align them with Your will and purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, Your people have sheltered in You from age to age. We especially thank You today for the great reformers of Your Church who ever call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Bring us at last by Your truth to our heavenly home and the joy of seeing our Redeemer face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

- 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.

The Words of Institution

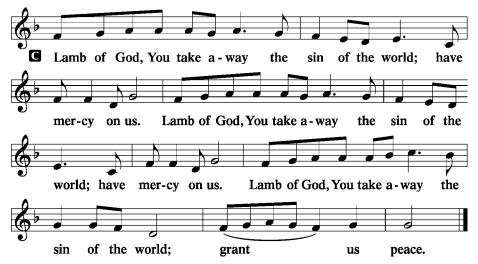
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Peace John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

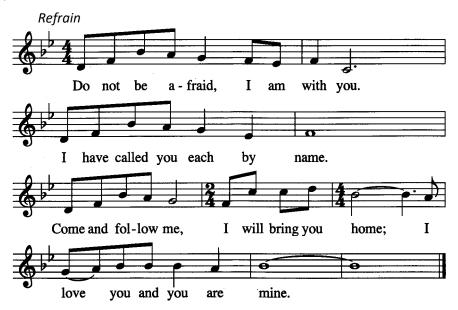
John 1:29



Distribution Notes

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the individual tray for those who have medical reasons for not receiving wine. Gluten-free wafers are available at the Baptismal font.

Hymn: You Are Mine



- A I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
 You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.
- **C** Refrain
- A I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night I will be your light. Come and rest in me.
- Refrain
- A I am the strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.
- **C** Refrain
- A I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live!
- Refrain

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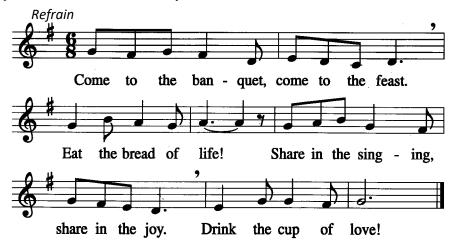
I am the Vine; you are the branches.

If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit;

Apart from Me you can do nothing.

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Hymn: Come to the Banquet



- **A** Refrain
- **C** Refrain
- A Draw near and take the body of the Lord, and drink the holy blood for you outpoured. Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood, with souls refreshed, we give our thanks to God.
- C Refrain
- A Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son, who by his cross and blood the victory won. Gave up his life for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and himself the priest.
- **C** Refrain
- A Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, and take the promise of salvation here. The Lord, who faithful servants loves and shields, to all believers life eternal yields.
- Refrain
- A With heavenly bread makes those who hunger whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul. Before your presence, Lord, all people bow. In this your feast of love be with us now.
- **C** Refrain

The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.

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Post-Communion Prayer

- Let us pray.

 Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

- 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.





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Postlude

Thy Strong Word – arr. John A. Behnke

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Communion Statement

The Lord's supper is celebrated at Zion in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin (Matt. 26:26, 28; 1 Cor. 11:23-24). In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod are unable to receive the Sacrament and are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns. Those who have questions or concerns are invited to speak with one of the pastors.

The Participants

The Preacher: Rev. Mark Rouland

The Liturgist: Rev. Mike Fieberkorn

The Organist: Mark Thoelke

The Choir: Adult Choir

The Instruments: Jeff Calvin, bass guitar

Bob Hoehn, guitar

Brendan Hoffmann, clarinet

The Acolytes: Hero Bergeron, Micah Gierstorf

The Elders: Ken Trimble, Jeff Demien

The Ushers: Gerry Krueger Team

The Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the parents of the confirmands to honor them on their Confirmation Day, October 26.