Reformation

October 25/26, 2025 5:00 PM, 8:00 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.

Children's Messages

Since children become members of the Christian Church through baptism, we desire to nurture their faith by engaging them in God's story of faith and in our corporate worship of Jesus. Resources to "build a worship bag" can be found just outside the Sanctuary doors. Please find items that will help engage your child in worship and return these after the service.

Children's Messages are designed for children between the ages of two through elementary school; however, all children are welcome. A team of members and staff who are gifted for this ministry invite you to accompany and assist your young child and join the children in the chancel.

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.



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

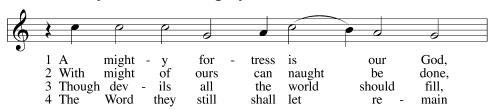
Prelude and Fugue on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" – arr. John A. Behnke

Ringing of the Bell

Procession

Stand and face the procession.

Processional Hymn: 656 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God





Text and tune: Martin Luther; tr. composite

Baptism

5:00 – Mae Joelle Higgins, Brewer Kraig Wilson

Preparation

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

- m In In the name of the Father and of the m H 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

- 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.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast



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.

Sit



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."

- A 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



- **A** Refrain
- **C** Refrain
- A God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present aid, And therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid; Though hills into the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar, The Lord of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure.
- **C** Refrain
- A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God, The holy dwelling of the Lord, the place of God's abode. Since God is in the midst of it, our safety is secure; The Lord of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure.
- **C** Refrain
- A Behold the wondrous deeds of God, who causes wars to cease;
 The weapons of the strong destroyed, God brings abiding peace.
 "Be still and know that I am God, exalted evermore;"
 The Lord of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure.
- **C** Refrain

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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.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse: Festival Alleluia



- **A** Refrain
- Refrain
- A Your Word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth.
- **R**efrain

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'?"

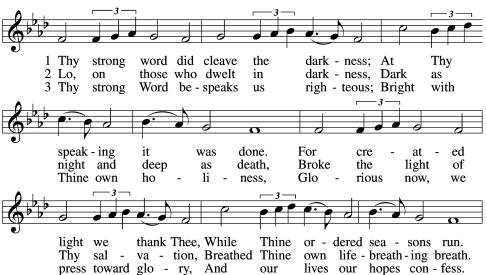
³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

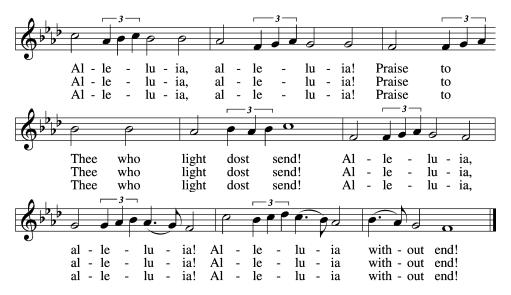
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 578 - Thy Strong Word

sts. 1-3





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Children's Message

Children may come forward as soon as the leader appears in the chancel. If you have a young child that needs assistance, please accompany your child and join the children in the chancel.





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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed with Explanations from Luther's Small Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household

- We confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed and its explanation. Do you believe in God the Father?
- Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- **P** What does this mean?
- I believe that God has made me and all creatures;

that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
- 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 What does this mean?
- I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

- 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 What does this mean?
- I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth,

and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.



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Prayer of the Church

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

After each petition the following bid is spoken.

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
- C Amen.

Sit

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.

Service of the Sacrament

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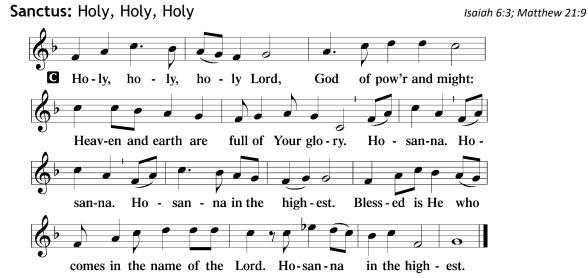
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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.

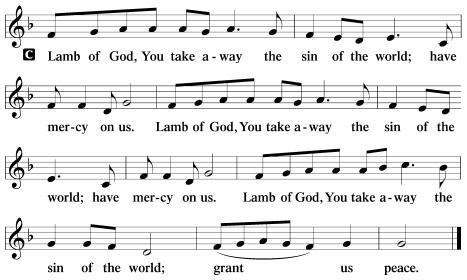
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Peace John 20:19

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



John 1:29



Sit

Distribution Notes

Non-alcoholic wine, gluten-free wafers, and individual settings are available at the Baptismal font.



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, alt. Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–76

Anthem

8:00, Lord Open Now My Heart to Hear

Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through You Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure retain; Let me Your child and heir remain.

Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness. To God the Father, god the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity.

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Hymn: 565 - Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ [TUNE: Darwall's 148th]

 Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart; They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart.

REF To whom save Thee, Who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

- Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruisèd soul;
 Thy stripes, not mine, contain
 The balm that makes me whole.
- Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,
 Has borne the crushing load
 Of sins that none could bear
 But the incarnate God.
- Thy death, not mine, O Christ,
 Has paid the ransom due;
 Ten thousand deaths like mine
 Would have been all too few.
- Thy righteousness, O Christ,
 Alone can cover me;
 No righteousness avails
 Save that which is of Thee.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

Stand

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.



Post-Communion Prayer

A 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

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu

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.

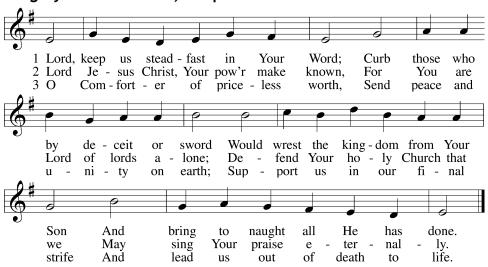
ia.

C Amen.

Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

- C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 655 - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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.

Participants

Preacher: Rev. Mark Rouland

Liturgist: 5:00 Seminarian Benjamin Brenner

8:00 Rev. Mike Fieberkorn

Children's Message: 5:00 Rev. Mark Rouland

8:00 Rev. Mike Fieberkorn

Organist: Mark Thoelke

Soloist: 5:00 Teresa Thoelke

Choir 8:00 Treble Choir

Brass: Trumpets – Dan Littles, Paul Davis

Trombones – John Israel, Sean Bippen

Timpani – Chris Ranner

Acolytes: 5:00 Ryan Shrable, Lauren Rohr

8:00 Kate McBroom, Nick Grimes

Elders: 5:00 Ken Trimble

8:00 Dan Kuntz

Ushers: 5:00 Ray Barker Team

8:00 Kevin Bergfeld 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.