

Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world.”



**Reformation Sunday/Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
with Holy Communion – 5th Sunday Offering**

October 30, 2022

For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask an usher or council member for one and they will show you how to use it.

Prelude – Bell

On Halloween of 1517, a German monk named Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Church. These 95 Theses were points of discussion Martin Luther hoped his beloved Catholic Church would take seriously. One of his primary concerns was the church selling “indulgences” to people in order to release them from having to serve penitence for their sins.

An act which he considered to be people trying to buy their way into heaven. This act opened up a debate with religious scholars of the time that eventually lead to the Protestant Reformation.

Gathering

P- Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be **reformed** to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world.

C- If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:31-

P- We celebrate the good news of God’s grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life transforming work.

C- If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

P- Trusting in the freedom given us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

C- If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Gathering Hymn – A Mighty Fortress Us Our God 504 ELW

Verse 1

A Mighty Fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth He has no equal.

Verse 2

No strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus Mighty Lord,
God's only Son adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Verse 3

Though hordes of devils the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgement must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

Verse 4

God's word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Confession & Forgiveness

As you are able, please stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as pastor begins.

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

Children's Time – The truth is God makes each one of us special and unique. HOPE and POSSIBILITY fill our celebration of Reformation Sunday of what God has DONE and continues to DO!

Children's Church – *Children's Church is for children between the ages of 2 and 6. They will be supervised in the basement by great guides. They will do crafts, maybe a video, and a Bible lesson. They will return to us during the offering.*

Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lector— *The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

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. 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. 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. 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. Here ends this reading.

Psalm 46 - God's Defense of His City and People

Read responsively.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Romans 3:19-28

Lector – *Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other leaders of the Reformation. No one can make themselves right with God through works or the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ. Paul writes to the church in Rome:*

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. 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.

Righteousness through Faith

But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

Prayer of the Day

As you are able, please stand.

P- Gracious Father,

C- 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 and Lord. Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Gospel – John 8:31-36

P- Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “**If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.**” 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’?”

Jesus answered them, “**Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.**” The Gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Lord! Please be seated.

Special Music - Men's Choir

Message – The truth is...if we lose sight of CREATION we diminish our capacity to know the truth and be set free! Lutheran reflections on God's grace sometimes focuses on the God-human relationship that creation fades into the background, like mere scenery for a bigger drama.

- **The truth is** ALL creation is called into being and held in life by God's grace.
- **The truth is** human beings are one part of the six day creation story God calls GOOD from beginning to end.
- **The truth is** human beings are given the blessed charge of stewardship and in sin we neglect this sacred trust.

- **The truth is** Jesus desires to restore us to a loving communion with God, one another, and all creation.

We will know the **TRUTH**, and the **TRUTH** will set us **FREE!**

Offering Hymn – The Church's One Foundation ELW 654

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Offering Prayer

As you are able, please stand.

P- Gracious God,

C- in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

**Make these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ. Amen**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church – *When the pastor says, “Lord in your mercy”
please respond with “**hear our prayer!**”*

Words of Institution - Song of Consecration

Please join in singing the final verse in bold print.

The night of his betrayal, our Lord took bread.
He broke it as he blest it, and then he said,
“My body broken for you...is what this means;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

And then he took the chalice and raised it high,
“My blood is given for you, a full supply...
a covenant, a promise...a cleansing stream;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

**We share this food together, remem'bring Christ:
we share a common treasure and know the price;
we share it without measure...a gift of love;
we share our life forever, with God above!**

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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

P- Christ invites you to this table.
Come taste and see..

Communion Hymn - Let Us Break Bread Together ELW 471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

Distribution of Holy Communion

We will be doing communion by flow through for those able to come forward to partake. Please follow the usher's directions and maintain social distancing. A team will bring communion to those unable to come forward. For those who prefer the individual communion package, we have it available in the entryways.

Prayer after Holy Communion

P- God of the abundant table,
**C- you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.**

**Give us your grace on the road
that we may serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus' name. Amen**

Announcements in the Life of Our Church

Blessing & Dismissal

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.

P- Go in peace. With Christ beside you.

C- Thanks be to God! ZION...a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!

Sending Hymn – The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing ELW 531

The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing
The Feast Is Ready To Begin
The Gates Of Heaven Are Open Wide
And Jesus Welcomes You Inside

Sing With Thankfulness
Songs Of Pure Delight
Come And Revel In Heaven's Love And Light
Take Your Place At The Table Of The King
The Feast Is Ready To Begin
The Feast Is Ready To Begin

Tables Are Laden With Good Things
Oh Taste The Peace And Joy He Brings
He'll Fill You Up With Love Divine
He'll Turn Your Water Into Wine

Sing With Thankfulness
Songs Of Pure Delight
Come And Revel In Heaven's Love And Light
Take Your Place At The Table Of The King
The Feast Is Ready To Begin
The Feast Is Ready To Begin

The Hungry Heart He Satisfies
Offers The Poor His Paradise
Now Hear All Heav'n And Earth Applaud
The Amazing Goodness Of The Lord

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Zions Phone Service/Fax has been Disconnected.

Helping With The Service Today

Vital Statistics for Last Sunday

Church Attendance 198 Giving \$ 2996.00
Sunday School 65 Giving \$ 55.25

TODAY'S OFFERING: The Fifth Sunday offering is designated to Zion's Endowment account.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION

Today

Pictures 11:20-12:20
Trunk or Treat 2 pm-4 pm

Monday

Funeral – Mariyln Zimmerman 10:30 am
No Men's Choir
Quartet Practice 7 pm

Wednesday

7th & 8th Confirmation 6pm

Freeman TeamMates guest speaker at Freeman School 7 pm

Saturday

Grief Share 10 am

NEXT Sunday

Sunday School 8:45

Endless Hallelujah Practice 8:45

Breakfast Club/Adult SS 9 am

Worship/Communion/All Saints Sunday

Helping out Next Sunday

Pastor.....Jerry Gilbreath

Organist.....Shirley Gronewold

Special Music.....The Quartet

Acolytes:.....McCoy Peters, Cale Behrens

Lector:.....Amy Wallman

Greeters:.....Council

**Children's Church:.....Lindsey Remmers
Makayla Wiese**

Breakfast Club:.....Cindy Parde

October Table Troop: John & Marcia Busboom, Doug & Rhonda Dorn,
Gary Wiese, Duane & Janice Parde

October Altar Guild: Susan Newman, Lorene Wallman, Sandy Meints,
Marcella Rademacher

November Table Troop: Dave & Carrye Meints, Kenny & Janet Schuster, Larry Gronewold, Eddie & Lynette Dorn, Steve & Peggy Johnson, Gary & Brenda Gronewold

November Altar Guild: Denise Idesu, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers, Carrye Meints

Snow Brigade

Week of Oct 31: Neal Meints * Council: Jordan Busboom Captain, Eric Parde – Tractor, Chris Fossler – Tractor, Duane Jurgens, Greg Robinson, Larry Johnson, Hunter Blackwell, Keith Parde, Steve Oltman, Donny Schuster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask that you please sign a visitor card located in the pews and bring the information section of the card to the information center desk, located in the unity room. We are so glad you are here!

HANDICAP PARKING - We encourage you to reserve parking between the parsonage and the north doors for those joining us with mobility difficulties. Thank you! ~ The Church Council

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Zion is updating the Time & Talent sheets. Through Covid these have become outdated. Please use this link (<https://forms.gle/NdZ4VCwHjuFax7388>) or scan the QR code with your phone to complete your time and talent sheet or grab a copy in the entry ways or see a council member for your copy.



Todays bulletin is sponsored by the family of Shirley Gronewold (L) – In loving memory of Shirley from her family for her birthday in the month of October.

The altar flowers today are from the wedding that was here yesterday of Brooke Mason and Daniel Barr. May God Bless their union!

Our sympathy to family of Marilyn Zimmerman who passes away Wednesday, October 26th. Her funeral will be here at Zion Monday, October 31st at 10:30 am. Please keep Ernest and the rest of the family in your prayers.

LWR Quilt and School Kit Drop Off will be this week October 31st – November 4th. This years drop off is at Magnum (Former Browns Transfer) in Omaha – the address is 10611 Gertrude St. LaVista NE – the time for drop offs are between 9:00 am-4:00 pm these days. We will need 1-2 vehicles to take these items to Omaha. If interested in doing this please contact Karen Gilbreath at 402-661-9362.

FARM FRESH EGGS! Donny and Gayle Schuster have eggs for sale in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will go to future projects. It is a free will offering with a suggested donation of \$3.00 minimum. Thank you!

We will be ordering 2023 Offering Envelopes in December. Please contact Kristi Dorn (402-223-8161) if you would like to start receiving envelopes or if you would like to be removed from the distribution list.

Trunk or Treat at Zion: TODAY! Sunday, October 30th from 2 pm – 4 pm. Even if you didn't get signed up last week for tonight – please come and enjoy the afternoon of **SPOOKY fun!** It is so fun to see the excited little gobblins!

Received a call from Pastor Grants Daughter: they are having a card shower for Eileen Grant – her birthday is November 26th – she will be turning 90 years young. Her address is as follows:

Eileen Grant
Care Partners
3325 Birch St.
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Freeman TeamMates would like to invite the community to attend our guest speaker Joe Beckman. He will be at the Freeman High School, North Gym on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7 pm.

Joe Beckman is a motivational speaker and author, his mission is to reclaim human connection. In the past 15 + years he has shared his infectious energy, humor and passion in over 1,000 schools, positively impacting over one million people worldwide.

Zion Lutheran is updating our photo directory

Camille Dorn, of Camille Dorn Photography, will be offering mini sessions at Zion. Camille will have two options 1) being for \$5 if just want your picture taken for the photo directory and 2) for \$40 which include the photo session and access to your online gallery with 10 photos to download and print.

Sessions will be offered on:

Sunday: October 30, 11:20 - 12:20

Please use this

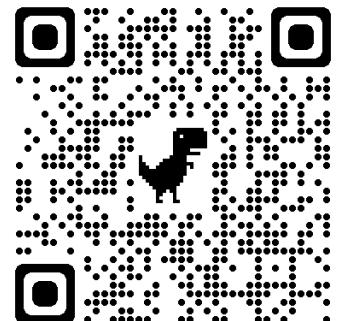
link (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-6y3cPPayahO2t5U0Zb-5HWTEtudNUv6OdA5Gdm2n2s/edit>) or the attached QR code to register online.

You can also register by signing up on the signup sheet in the welcome center.

If you have your own photo for the photo directory, you can email it to camilledornphotography@gmail.com. If you are unable to send the picture electronically, you can give the picture to Brenda Gronewold or Rhonda Dorn to scan and return the picture to you.

IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A WEEKLY BULLETIN you may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check out to Zion Church for \$75.00.

Looking for two more volunteers: to be on the Hospitality Committee to replace two that would like to retire from this position. If interested, please contact VeAnn Jurgens.



A THANK YOU WAS RECEIVED: Thank you for the 15 quilts you provided our program – they will be provided to the families we serve and help our community's children. Your generous support makes our work on behalf of these vulnerable children possible.
Amber Lovitt Executive Director CASA of Gage County

Community Food Pantry

Hello Everyone,

It's that time of year again when we are usually planning the "Ingathering" for Mid November. We will not be delivering a brown paper bag with a yellow flyer on it at your front door. Instead, we ask that you fill a brown or plastic bag with food or personal items and bring it to the Food Pantry between November 1st and the end of the year. We are calling this out "Ingathering" for 2022. We rely on this food to get us thru the Winter and into Spring. Monetary Gifts are welcome and appreciated. Monetary gifts are used to purchase potatoes, bread, margarine and eggs and other staples. Thanks for your support of the Community Foods Pantry!

Karen Mains

Most needed items

Pancake Mix/syrup	Flour/Sugar
Spaghetti/spaghetti sauce	Shampoo/Soap
Peanut butter/jelly	Ketchup/mustard/mayo
Saltine/graham crackers	Cooking oil
Cake/brownie mix	Hot/cold cereals
Hamburger, tuna & chicken helper	Healthy kids snacks
All soups	Canned fruits &
Veggies	Toilet paper/paper
Laundry & Dish Detergent towels	

HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY AWAITS YOU!!!!

WHAT: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

WHO: GROUPS, FAMILIES, OR INDIVIDUALS

WHAT: FILL A SHOEBOX WITH VARIOUS ITEMS TO BE GIVEN
TO A CHILD IN NEED IN OUR WORLD

WHY: SHOW LOVE TO OUR NEIGHBOR

Pick up and info sheet from either Karla Carstens or Connie Thornburg after church or go online to Operation Christmas Child and see what is and isn't allowed in the boxes. You can bring your boxes to Zion when have them filled. The deadline for the boxes is November 14th-21st. MORE INFO IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL ON THE TABLE!

SHUT INS

Gold Crest –Mildred Meints, Marie Schoen

Homestead House – Thees Busboom, Elsie Zimmerman, Evelyn Meints

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman