

# Zion Lutheran Church

## Reformation Sunday~ October 25, 2020



### Processional Cross

Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

ELW #504

### Invocation

### Litany for Reformation

L: Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

**All: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.**

L: Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples."

**All: "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

L: Word Alone! Grace Alone! Faith Alone! These are the touchstones of the Reformation. They are truths for all Christians. In our celebration, let us not praise famous people, but rather let us praise he who is Lord of the Church, Christ, our Savior. He has raised up for us the truth of the Gospel, which burns within each of us. He has graced us with the fire of the Spirit, and that burning will continue to reform and renew the church.

### Special Music

"10,000 Reasons"

*Laura Fay, Becky Peterson, Amber Meier and Laura Rude*

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 2ND GRADERS

### Prayer for Reformation

**All: 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.**

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*I will write my law in their hearts, says the LORD*

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>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. *The word of the Lord...Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm: Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>**but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup>**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

*Justified by God's grace as a gift*

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. *The word of the Lord... Thanks be to God.*

## Children's Sermon

Madison Crane

## Gospel: John 8:31-36

*Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth*

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>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'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

<sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

**Sermon** FOR FREEDOM CHRIST SET US FREE Pastor Ale Tulu

**Hymn of the Day** “Soon and Very Soon” ELW # 439

**Apostle’s Creed** ELW page 105

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. 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 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 Intercession** *response: hear our prayer*

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn** “Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

**Benediction**

P: Go in peace. The living Christ has set you free.

**C: Free Indeed!**

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**SECOND GRADERS RECEIVING BIBLES**  
**October 25, 2020 8:30 AM**

**Iver Bertilrud**

**Isaac Philipp**

**Michael Durham**

**Blake Scheef**

**Bentley Hermanson**

**Paisley Schneider**

**Brooklyn Leines**

**Connor Van de Streek**

**Kenzie Miller**

**Amelia Wilson**

**Brooks Olson**



**WELCOME!** ZION'S LAY MINISTRY/EVANGELISM BOARD SAYS A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU THIS MORNING AND MAY YOU BE FED SPIRITUALLY DURING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP.

**OUR THANKS** TO TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Musicians:* Phyllis Dalager/Laura Rude *Worship assistant:* Millie Reiersen *Reader:* Marie Engen

**BROADCASTS** today are sponsored by Bob & Donna Grendahl in memory of Doris Runger.

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the family of Sherman Johnson whose funeral was held last Friday.

**WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** (10-23-20)



Navy Rae Beito, daughter of Nick & Ashley Beito. Sponsors are Abby Shetler, Jolene Mammen, Jacob Beito, Blake Boen

**ZION'S WEBSITE** for October is sponsored by Zion memorials.

**REMINDER** to those hospitalized to please notify Zion as the hospital does not inform us.

**ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE** Sunday mornings you can listen to the 8:30AM service online. Go to: [www.ziontrf.org](http://www.ziontrf.org). in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

**FROM THE PARISH NURSE** It has been said "The one who is thankful for even a little enjoys much" It is a lot more fun to think about, count and be thankful for our blessings; than to be miserable, grumbling, complaining and being a "specialist in the science of misery" Give thanks to God and share his love. We can do this remembering we are not alone!

We have some masks still available so if needed please leave your name and telephone number in the office for myself or Darlene and we will contact you to meet your needs if possible. Thanks to all who are doing their part to keep safe and keep others safe as we work to keep our schools, churches and businesses open. This is a great Public Health challenge and we can meet this challenge by following public health guidelines that will minimize a viral surge like we are seeing with our neighbors most recently. Gods Love to all!

**GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS**—A LIMITED NUMBER OF WALL CALENDARS FOR 2021 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. \$8.00 EACH

The Inter-County Community Council is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 heating season. This helps pay a portion of their home heating and electric bills after qualifying. You can contact their office at 218-796-5144 ext 4 or toll free 1-800-778-4008 or E-mail at [eap@intercountyycc.org](mailto:eap@intercountyycc.org) for more information. There is also information with income guidelines on a poster by the North Entrances. Applications are also available on line at [www.intercountyycc.org](http://www.intercountyycc.org). If you need help with this please contact the Parish Nurse.

**STEWARDSHIP** (Envelopes/Simply Giving/ Silver Creek included in all totals)

Oct 12-18 income:\$7,029.

October 1-18 income: \$19,529.

Year to Date income January 1– October 18: \$260,223.

**2020 Budget \$389,621.** /\$7,493. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Sunday, October 25:** 8:30 In-person worship; 2nd Graders receive bibles/ Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio

9:30 Online Sunday School classes posted for the week

9:30 6th/7th Grade Devotional sent through Remind App

10:00 Silver Creek In-person Worship

10:30 Confirmation service for confirmands and their families

**Wednesday, October 28:** 6:30 First Communion Class for 6th graders & parents in fellowship hall

**Sunday, November 1st:** All Saints Sunday

8:30 In-person worship/ Broadcasts Cable 3, KTRF radio

9:30 Online Sunday School class posted for the week

10:00 Silver Creek Worship

6:00 PM First Communion worship for 6th graders & families

**11th Grade Students who will be Confirmed later today:**

Aliyah Alby

Dylan Hahn

Morgan Rude

Mattea Erickson

Madison Bregier

Benjamin Nelson

Abigail Flaagan

Alex Von Holtum

Daniella Niebuhr

Isabella Berzinski

Isaac Dakken

Chesnie Wojciechowski

Kaylee Lilja

Austin Tabatt

Isabella Ek



It's that time of year again! Operation Christmas Child is in full swing! Zion would like to encourage everyone to help fill at least one shoe box, or if you would like to donate items you can do that also. There are drop off boxes throughout the church for your items. Money donations are also welcomed to help with shipping costs or we can use the money to buy items to fill more boxes. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing lives through the power of a simple gift. Please have boxes or donated items to the church no later than Monday November 15th. Look for the arrows to find your OCC shoe box today!

### **Gift Suggestions:**

**TOYS or a "WOW" item:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.), Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.) blanket, non liquid lip balm, nail clipper & file, etc.

**CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES:** t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES:** Puzzles, Binoculars, Compass, Chalkboard and chalk, Sewing kit, Playdough (plastic cookie cutters, non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough), Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool (Do not include gardening seeds.), Playing cards, Skipping rope/Jump rope

**A PERSONAL NOTE:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT AMBER HOLTAN @ 689-9405**

**\*\*\*FUN FACT\*\*\* *More than 10.5 million shoebox gifts were collected in 2019!!!***

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

October 25, 2020

### REFORMATION SUNDAY

#### Before the Truth Is Finished

“You will know the truth,” Jesus said, “and the truth will make you free” (John 8:32).

“The truth will set you free,” David Foster Wallace wrote, “but not until it’s finished with you.”

Before the truth is finished with us, it demands that we admit that we are not already free. We are enslaved to sin. This is the part of the truth that Luther called the law: the hard part that points out that we are controlled by our fears and desires, our self-absorption and self-doubt, our addictions and facades.

Here’s the truth: You are not your Sunday best or your Facebook profile. You are broken, and enslaved by your attempts to cover it up. That can be hard to hear, but until it sinks in we are unable to be released and receive the truth of the gospel, the good news of grace.

Today we celebrate Reformation Day, and in the spirit of Martin Luther the church must be always reforming, always pointing beyond itself to God’s grace. The temptation is always there to settle for so little: a cozy collective of our most presentable selves, the right side of social issues, pat answers to incomprehensible mysteries of the universe.

Jesus’ invitation is to bring the mess that we’re in, the mess that we *are*. We are called to show up as our true selves, fears and regrets and doubts and all. God can handle it. The communion of saints—that is, *us*, the people of God—can handle it. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are free.

The truth of God that sets us free first tears us open. Church can and must be a place where we bring our broken-open selves and encounter the healing power of a God who sees us, knows us, loves us as we are, and sets us free.

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