

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Thief River Falls, MN

REFORMATION DAY

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

October 30, 2022 Holy Communion 9:00 AM



PRELUDE

(*Please stand as you are able)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN “A Mighty Fortress ” ELW #504

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.</p> <p>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!</p> |
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*LITANY FOR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Leader: Today we gather in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our comforter.

All: We come to worship God and give thanks for the special gifts we enjoy.

L: In response to the love of God, together with instruction in the Christian faith, the students before you wish to publicly affirm their baptismal promises.

All: We rejoice in your desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of the Christian community and its mission in the world.

CONFESSIO

Let us pray: **Eternal God, we pray you will listen as we confess our failures in love and friendship. We talk about such things as caring, community and concern, but instead show anger, hostility and greed. We talk about love, faith and hope, but instead show injustice, distrust and apathy. We talk about**

kindness, forgiveness and gentleness, but instead show hate, spite and selfishness. Forgive the sins of our fallen condition, the sins of our broken promises, and the sins we dare not name. In the name of Jesus who was crucified for sin, forgive us. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

Leader: This is how God shows love for us; Jesus came into the world that we might have life. This is what love is. It is not that we have loved God, but that God loves us and sent Jesus to be the means by which our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Senior Choir

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

reader: Julia Rude

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.

Word of God, word of life...Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

reader: Olivia Tougas

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, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (p. 205)

Congregation: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

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

The Holy Gospel... Glory to you O Lord.

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

³³They 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'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord... Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "90 DEGREES" PASTOR MARK HELGELAND

HYMN OF THE DAY "Borning Cry" ELW # 732

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the
Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living
Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the
night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

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OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Those newly confirmed will commune first. After Confirmands commune, they will distribute Holy Communion to the rest of the congregation.

Confirmands assisting with distribution:

Bread: Braydin Lund, Keaton Hoverson; *Wine:* Olivia Tougas, Layla Forsberg

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Response: **Amen.**

*BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN “O Jesus I Have Promised ” ELW #810

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| <p>1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.</p> | <p>3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.</p> |
| <p>2 Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.</p> | <p>4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.</p> |

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.



HOLY COMMUNION is offered at worship today. Those believing that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to participate. Please tell the communion assistant if you prefer grape juice. Families are asked to use one communion card, listing only names of those who receive communion. Those newly confirmed will commune first.

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 LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Mark Helgeland, Interim *Pianist:* Laura Rude *Readers:* Confirmands
Ushers: Mike & Kami Spears, Shawna Spears *Acolyte:* Maverick Iverson
Greeters: Mike & Kami Spears, Shawna Spears, Lydia Walseth, Lexie Walseth
Cross bearer: Millie Reiersen *Communion assistants:* Confirmands

FLOWERS are in honor of **Cammy Joppru**, for her years of leadership and guidance with the confirmation students.

ZION WORSHIP SERVICE ONLINE Sunday mornings you can listen to the 9:00AM service online. Go to: www.ziontrf.org in the black banner click Listen Online, Click on the RED link to KTRF.

BROADCASTS today are sponsored in honor of the Confirmands by Russell & Eileen Rhen

ZION'S WEBSITE for October is sponsored by Chris & Nicky, Caitlynn & Brianne Ellison in memory of Joe & Ginny Armstrong.

LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT bulletins are available from an usher.

PRAYER CHAIN—if you would like to be added to Zion's prayer chain please call or email the church office and specify if you would like to be on the email list or the phone call list. If you have a need or concern to be shared on the prayer chain, please call Carol Narverud 681-4805 or church office 681-3296

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP will meet the 1st Thursday of the month. Next group Nov. 3 at 10am.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF "PICK UP" NOV. 5 the truck will be in Thief River Falls on Saturday, Nov. 5, 8 a.m. - noon. Any group, circle or individuals with quilts, baby care kits, personal care kits or school kits for missions can bring them to Zion the week before to be packed into shipping cartons.

13TH ANNUAL SPIRIT OF GIVING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING will be held Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 10 AM in the old library (across from patio room)

Zion will be hosting it's 13th Annual Spirit of Giving event on Saturday, December 3rd from 8AM—12 Noon, More information will follow about drop off times and set up dates.

LSS RESPITE CARE - Thursdays, 12 Noon to 4:00 PM in the Lounge. For more info and to sign up please contact Julie Praska Moser at 218-686-6229

LSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 10-11:00 AM at Zion. All caregivers are welcome, you do not need to register. Please spread the word to those who can benefit from this group. More info Julie Praska Moser 218-686-6228

STEWARDSHIP (Envelopes/Vanco Electronic Giving/Silver Creek included in all totals)

Oct 17-23 income: \$7,981.

Oct 1-23 income: \$24,362.

Jan 1– Oct. 23 income: \$234,777.

2022 Budget \$324,553./ \$6,241. needed per week to meet budgeted expenses.

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING forms are on the table by the office. You can also set up contributions thru the link on Zion's website.

OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC SIGN Donations & Pledges: \$14,435. If you wish to contribute to this project you can drop off or mail to the church office.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by directing Choice Dollars. The individual recommendations you make through Choice Dollars directions can make a profound impact.

PARISH HEALTH - It can't be missed that each October is designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month serves as a time to raise awareness about breast cancer and the risks it poses. It acts as a reminder for individuals to get checked annually to ensure that they are safe and healthy, or to catch any forms of breast cancer early on. There are different types of breast cancer and the type that develops depends on which cells in the breast turn into cancer. It is the second most common type of cancer in women in the United States, with skin cancer being the most common. It is estimated that over 3.7 million women are living with breast cancer and around 13% of US women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in their lives. However, there is a 90% 5 year relative breast cancer survival rate. While this cancer primarily affects women, there are nearly 3,000 cases a year in men.

The signs and symptoms of it and risk factors are too many to mention but.....possibly the MOST IMPORTANT part of breast cancer prevention is routinely getting screened with an annual mammogram and breast examination. Monthly self breast exams are strongly recommended too! Of course early detection gives a better chance for effective treatment. Women, you now all this but it can get missed, forgotten or delayed for some unforeseen reason. Yearly physicals are great because it is often scheduled with those.

Chances are very high that you have had a friend, family member or co-worker diagnosed with breast cancer. Many have been successfully treated and this could be due to early intervention. Don't procrastinate, don't wait.....be PROACTIVE and get that mammogram scheduled! Happy Fall Y'all, Stay Warm. —Parish Health Ministry

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today, Sunday, Oct 30: Confirmation Day

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship/Sr Choir

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10 Sunday School

10 Coffee fellowship in basement– all are welcome!

10:30 Silver Creek Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Oct 31:

9 SAIL exercise

Tuesday, Nov. 1:

9:30 Staff Meeting

9-12 PM Parish Nurse Hours

10 Spirit of Giving organizational meeting

11 Evangelism meeting

4 Parish Health committee

BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, Nov. 2:

5:15 Confirmation supper

6 God's Joy choir

6 Confirmation classes

7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Nov. 3:

9 SAIL exercise

12-4 LSS Respite Care in lounge

1:00 Quilting

Friday, Nov. 4:

7 Men's Breakfast /Biffs

Saturday, Nov. 5:

Lutheran World Relief Pick-up

++Set Clocks Back One Hour tonight++

Next Sunday, Nov. 6:

9:00 Zion Holy Communion Worship/ Temple Talk

Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF;

10 Sunday School

10 Coffee fellowship in basement– all are welcome!

10:30 Silver Creek Worship

12:00 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37



- Sunday School 10:00-11:00 AM
- Students please bring your bibles to Sunday School
- **Noisy Offering** collected in October will go for Operation Christmas Child. Noisy Offering is collected on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
- Sunday School Christmas Program is December 18th

Parents: Please join us for coffee fellowship in the basement following worship. All are welcome!

Muffin Makers: Thank you for providing treats for Coffee Fellowship! (proceeds go to youth funds) (Please bring 2 dozen baked goods to the fellowship hall on or before Sunday morning.)

October 30: Andy & Heather Harbott, Austin Opdahl & Brittany Pierson, Beth Nelson

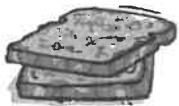
Nov. 6: Brady & Michaela Meunier, Brandon & Frances Tougas, Breanna Ewalt, Brent & Sarah Dyrdal.

Nov. 13: Brian & Becky Fredrickson, Brian & Desiree Bertilrud, Britney Grover, Brittany Beito, Bryan & Jamie Cleven

Spotlight Family



Please consider being our next Spotlight Family and helping with Food & Fellowship on November 20th. You can contact Kami at 218-689-4266 with any questions or to get your family signed up!!



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP –November 20th

Come and enjoy a French toast breakfast! Free will donation.

2023 GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING FOOD & FELLOWSHIP. CALENDARS ARE \$8.00 each



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CONFIRMATION- CALENDAR!

Wednesday Confirmation supper at 5:15

Nov. 2 menu: Chicken Alfredo & breadstick

Nov. 9 menu: Pulled pork sandwich & chips

Nov. 16 menu: Lasagna & breadstick

Nov. 23: no classes



It's that time of year again! **Operation Christmas Child** is in full swing! I would like to encourage everyone to help fill at least one 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. Monetary donations are also welcomed to help with shipping cost, 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.

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 and 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, fabric (1-2 yards), and ribbon, Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger, 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.

Shoe boxes will be available starting the week of October 9th. We will also have totes for you to drop off your donations.

We ask that all shoe boxes be turned back into the church
by Wednesday November 9th.

Zion's 13th Annual Spirit of Giving
Saturday, December 3, 2022
8:00 AM— 12:00 Noon

We welcome your donations for Zion's 13th Annual Spirit of Giving.

- New, Clean, very gently used , neatly folded winter clothing
- Household items, toys, Christmas décor and decorations. Miscellaneous items
- No items in garbage bags will be accepted.
- No large appliances, furniture, televisions, microwaves, or computers.

Donations may be dropped off in the basement Fellowship Hall on

- Wednesday, Nov. 30th from 1:00 PM— 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 1st from 9:00 AM— 7:00 PM
- Friday, December 2 from 9:00 AM— 5:00 PM

No Early Drop offs!!! No Saturday Drop Offs!!!

If you can help Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday with set up please call Millie Reiersen at 218-681-7728 or the church office at 218-681-3296

Thank you for sharing God's love and abundance with others and making someone's Christmas brighter.

