

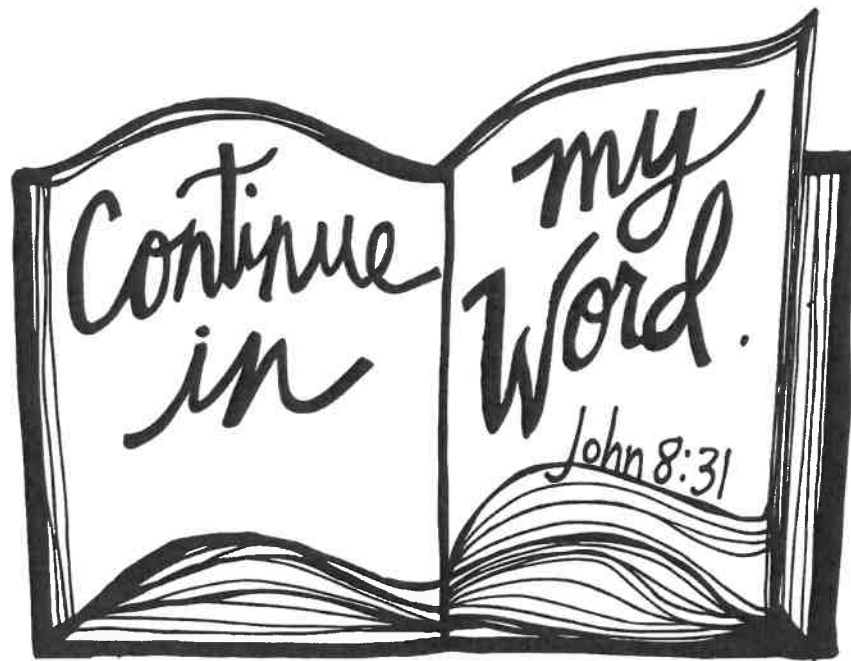
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Thief River Falls, MN

REFORMATION DAY

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

October 29, 2023 Holy Communion 9:00 AM



PRELUDE

(*Please stand as you are comfortable)

*WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome in the name of God our Savior, Christ Jesus our Redeemer, and God's Spirit the one who calls us into the Church, the Body of Christ. **Amen.**

*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.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress "

ELW #504

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| 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. | 3 Though hordes of devils fill 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 judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him. |
| 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. | 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! |

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*CONFESSION OF FAITH

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of the saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Affirmation of Baptism. Center to these celebrations is a public confession of faith. Parents, Sponsors, those affirming their baptism and people of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the power of 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Gauge Howard is baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Let us pray...God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to new life through this holy sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Gauge Howard the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Gauge Howard, Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Parents, Sponsors, People of God, as Gauge Howard has been baptized, you are now entrusted with these responsibilities: you should faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant in his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life unto the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so say, I do.

Let us welcome our sibling in Christ.

We welcome you into the Lord's Family. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Baptismal Song

"Thy Holy Wings"

ELW #613

1 Thy holy wings, O Savior,
spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely
through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion,
my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment
be lived within thy grace.

2 Oh, let me nestle near thee,
within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort
and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me
and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn
and need thy tender care.

3 Oh, wash me in the waters
of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit,
a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping
thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber,
enfold us one and all.

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*** 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

"CONTINUE"

Pastor Kristin Ostercamp

HYMN OF THE DAY**“In Christ Alone”** *printed in back*

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;
What heights of love, what depths of peace;
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

These individuals have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make affirmation of their Baptism.

BRENNA LEIGH ALBY

Parents: Judd & Deanna Alby

Sponsors: Jared & Krista Alby

ANDRAYA ELAINE BAKKEN

Parents: Ryan & Jamie Bakken

Sponsors: Derek Kalsnes & Kassie Keller,
Kevin & Lexie Bakken

BRIANNE KAY ELLISON

Parents: Chris & Nicky Ellison

Sponsors: Erin Wayne, Erica Hruby

ELLA RAE GUST

Parents: Kim Hanson & Steven Gust

Sponsors: Trevor Peterson, Amber Kvasager

ALEX MANUEL HANSON

Parents: Pat Hanson & Amber Holtan

Sponsors: Aric & Tracy Hanson

MAVERICK LEE IVERSON

Parents: Desiree & Justin Iverson

Sponsors: Al Iverson, Matthew Skyberg,
& Lindsay Carlson

GRACIE GAIL JENSEN

Parents: Josh & Angie Jensen

Sponsors: Reed & Emily Bohm, Aaron Jensen,
Jonathan & Rachel Pream

JERLYN DIANE LUNSETTER

Parents: Jerod & Tara Lunsetter

Sponsors: Justin Lunsetter, Tanya Harbott
& The late Travis Harbott

ZACHARY WAYNE NELSON

Parents: Philip Nelson & Holly Maycock

Sponsors: Jason Homme, Chandra Misson

LUCAS DANIEL RANTANEN

Parents: Jake & Lora Rantanen

Sponsors: Marty & Lisa Johnson, Danielle Harms

LYDIA RANDI WALSETH

Parents: Kevin & Alisha Walseth

Sponsors: Heather & Brian Barry, Cori & Jason Bregier

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of Baptism, and your servants, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their Baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for your children, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in Baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all the Baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death.

That the Holy Spirit may open our hearts to your grace and truth.

That they may be kept in faith and communion with the church.

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love.

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory.

We also pray for our world, that there would be peace.

We pray for those who are in danger that they may be kept from harm.

We pray for those who labor that they might receive a just reward.

We pray for those who are sick and need of your healing and care.

We pray for those who mourn.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE QUESTIONS

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these children of God and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sin and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Confirmands will come forward two at a time. Family and friends present are welcome to join them at the rail for the laying on of hands. Please come to the front down the center aisle and return on the side aisle. Each Confirmand will receive a stole from Shawna Spears, their Confirmation mentor. [Each will hear Matthew 11: 29-30 as the stole is laid upon them.](#)

Father in Heaven for Jesus' sake, stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit. Confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life. Amen.

Receive this stole and remember Christ's words, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Amen.

***THE BLESSING**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

***THE SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

***OFFERING AND OFFERTORY** “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE 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.

DISTRIBUTION

All who believe this meal is “for you for the forgiveness of sins” are welcome to “take and eat” and “take and drink”. Gluten free wafers and wine and white grape juice are available from the servers. The ushers will direct you forward down the center aisle. You will return to your pew on the side aisle.

CHOIR SONG

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

***BLESSING AND SENDING**

The newly baptized and those affirming their baptisms will gather around the font for the benediction and sending. The candles are lit.

Jesus says in Matthew 5: “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Join me in speaking the blessing over the newly baptized and those who have affirmed their baptisms and for one another: **Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Amen.**

People of God: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Amen.

***RECESSIONAL SONG “This Little Light of Mine” ELW #677**

1 This little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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DISMISSAL

Go into the world knowing Christ and making him known.
Thanks be to God!

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

OUR THANKS TO TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS/ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Kristin Ostercamp Pianist: Laura Rude Organist: Marie Longo Reader: David Lee
Greeters: Denny Minks, Gwen Wojciechowski, Landen Larson Ushers: Mike & Kami Spears
Acolytes: Gabe Nelson, Adrian Lawrence Communion assistants: Confirmation students

OUR PRAYERS TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.

Especially: Those under a doctor's care, those who grieve, and all who are moving through a challenging season. The family of Eileen Rhen, Renae Franke on the death of her mother, Phyllis Visser.

TODAY WE WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: (9:00)

Gauge Howard Peterson, son of Tristan Hanson & Gabe Peterson. His sponsors are Sam Kofstad, Lindsay Sjølestad, Alex Hanson, Cassidy Mostrom.

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 in honor of Cammy Joppru, Mike & Jodi Flaagan, Shawna Spears, Kami Spears with Thanksgiving for leading Confirmation.

ZION'S WEBSITE for October is sponsored by Zion Memorials

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

ZION'S QUILTING GROUP would welcome some more helpers on Thursday, Nov. 2, 1:00 p.m. We can finish several more quilts for the shipment going out on Saturday. Join us for pinning or tying the quilts and enjoy the fellowship & coffee, too.

65+ Turkey Dinner - Sunday, Nov. 19th at 5 PM. Invites have been mailed to members. If you did not receive one, we may not have your birthdate. Please call or email the church office to register and let us know if you need a delivery, take-out or a ride. Deadline to register is November 15th.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP - Join us for breakfast served after worship on Sunday, November 19th. Free-will donation goes to youth programming. Nov. breakfast will be served by 8th Grade students.

God's Creation Calendars - 2024 Calendars are available now. \$8.00 each.

Confirmation Classes Gr. 8-10 6:00 PM

Meals served at 5:15

All meals \$5.00 include breadstick or fruit or vege, pop or water and dessert

Nov 1: Chicken Alfredo Nov 8: Tater Tot Hotdish Nov 15: Baked Macaroni & Cheese

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND WITNESS!

Oct 16-22 Offerings: \$7,122. October 1-22 Offerings: \$20,630. Weekly Goal: \$6,547.
Carpet donations thru Oct. 15: \$6,100.

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING - Sign up available on Zion's website or contact the church office.

PARISH HEALTH Notes- Joyce Meyer's has written over 100 books and one of them is "Trusting God day by day". It's a daily devotional book that starts with a bible verse. This is from that book.

Is Your GPS On? "Pray without ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Praying is probably the most important part of preparing to do something, yet so many people today ignore or forget this vital part of the process. I suggest you don't do anything without praying and asking God to get involved and make it work out right. Jesus said, "Apart from Me you can do nothing," and I believe Him. (see John 15:5)

Prayer is like the GPS system in a car. When you turn it on and tell it where you're going, it shows you the path you need to take to get there. The Bible says that we should acknowledge God in all our ways and He will direct our steps and make them sure (see Prov. 3:6). Prayer gives us God's GPS---guidance, provision, and strength.

When Jesus ascended into heaven and sat at the right hand of the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper in life. He is always ready to get involved, but we must ask for his help. If you don't turn on your GPS, it won't tell you when you are making wrong turns. It won't take the wheel away from you and keep you from getting lost. In the same way, the Holy Spirit offers world-renowned supernatural service, but you have to ask him for it.

God will enable you to do things that will frequently surprise you if you take him as your partner in life. But you must start with prayer.

Start your day by turning on your GPS through prayer. You'll find God's guidance, protection, and strength, which will help you trust Him and experience His presence all throughout the day!

God's Blessing and Peace....Parish Health

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Today: Sunday, October 29:

9:00 Zion worship/Baptism/Confirmation/
Holy Communion/Sr Choir
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids
10 Coffee fellowship
No Silver Creek Worship
12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37

Monday, Oct 30:

9 SAIL exercise
Pack meeting

Tuesday, Oct 31:

No Nurse hours today-
Noon Pastors Text study

Wednesday, Nov 1:

9-12 Faith Community Nurse Hours
5:15 Confirmation supper
6 Confirmation Classes
6 God's Joy Choir
7 Senior Choir

Thursday, Nov 2:

9 SAIL Exercise
10 Prayer Shawl ministry
12:30-4:30 Respite Care in Lounge
1 Quilting/ LWR workshop

Friday, Nov 3:

8 Men's Breakfast at Biff's

Saturday, Nov 4:

8-12 LWR Shipping Day
Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour
tonight!

Next Sunday, Nov 5:

9:00 Zion worship/Baptism/Holy Communion/
Broadcast ch. 3; KTRF
10 Sunday School/ Cornerstone Kids
10 Coffee fellowship
10 Blood Pressure Screening
11 Silver Creek Worship
12 Zion broadcast on cable ch. 37



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 are available in the west hallway. We will also have totes for you to drop off your donations.

**We ask that all shoe boxes be brought back to the church
by Tuesday, November 14th.**