



Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Prelude on a Luther Hymn, Gordon Young

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Toccata on Ein Feste Burg, Gordon Young

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to

do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

HYMN

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* RED ELW #504**

- 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.**
- 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.**

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.

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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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison RED ELW page #184

Refrain

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Refrain)

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Refrain)

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Refrain)

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord
(Refrain)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Let Us Break Bread Together RED ELW #471

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Refrain

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

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed Lord God,

you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:10-11

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-3, 5-6, 15-16

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being

tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PLEASE RISE FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia RED ELW page 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your

Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

STEWARDSHIP ON THE STEPS

SERMON

“Generosity Beyond Material Giving”

HYMN OF THE DAY

***For the Beauty of the Earth* RED ELW #879
(Vs. 1, 4 & 5)**

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:**

Refrain

**Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain***

- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain***

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APOSTLES' CREED

**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 to the dead.*
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

God of grace, receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

THE PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Our Father, Thou In Heaven Above, Paul Manz

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OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful RED ELW #182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time,
and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with
your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

RED ELW page 207

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord, Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

COMMUNION

(Zion practices an open table. God welcomes everyone to come forward. Young children may receive bread and a blessing. If you prefer not to receive, fold your hands and receive a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please ask your servers. Come to the Lord's table and share in the feast!)

LAMB OF GOD

RED ELW page 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Pastorale on a French Carol, Gordon Young

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

***Built on a Rock* RED ELW #652
(Vs. 1 & 3)**

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.**
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.**

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**Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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Weekly Announcements



Please keep these family, friends and members in your prayers: Dilshad & Sonya Perani, Gary Revier, Deb Otto and Marlene Fure

Welcome Guests!

Please sign the visitor book in the entrance to the sanctuary.

We are glad you are here!

Hunger Jar for the month of October is designated to Feed My Starving Children

Nativity Collection Tour

Do you have a collection of Nativity sets? The Stewardship Board is planning a Nativity Collection Tour in the basement at Zion the day of Arlidazzle. We would love to see everyone's beautiful displays. The plan is to have everyone set up their own display for the community to walk through to look at them.

Please see one of the Stewardship board members for details: Starla Schilling, Jane Scharpe, Jackie Alsleben, Mary Kallhoff, Pam Schiroo or Janet Rowe.


Trick or Treat—*Shine with the Light of Jesus* on Friday, October 31st at Main Street Arlington from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Stop by Zion Lutheran's Church table for a treat!

Anyone wanting to help pass out treats let Cindy Vazquez know.

Next week will be All Saints Sunday – remembering those who have died and those who have been baptized in the past year. We will light candles to honor the saints who have gone before us and the people who have become saints through baptism.

Bandage Rolling—On the fourth Sunday of the month, the bandage rollers and supplies will be out at coffee hour. Feel free to try your hand at rolling a few while you sip coffee and visit.

Equipping Congregations Day—
November 8, 8:30am-2:30pm at Peace Lutheran in New London, MN. for an opportunity for congregants to gather with leaders from other congregations, share ideas and fellowship, learn together and worship as we explore the theme: ‘Rooted in Faith’. People who will be coming into leadership on the council or serving on boards are encouraged to attend. You may select 2 workshops: Engaging the Gifts of Young People in Worship, Creative ideas for worship with all ages; Relationship Building; Boundaries and Safety in Youth and Family Ministry. We will gather at 6:45am at Zion to car-pool to the event. Please let Pastor Gretchen know you are interested by October 29th. Sign up on the table outside of Pastor’s study.



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ROOTED IN FAITH

**Fresh Paths for Youth
and Family Ministry**

Equipping Congregations Day
Saturday, Nov. 8th
8:30am - 2:30pm
Peace Lutheran, New London MN


**Congregations of every size and context can
nurture faith, create welcome, and embrace ministry
with youth and young adults.**

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Todd Buegler
Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna MN

Featuring: the **SYNOD YOUTH BAND**
Lunch catered by Qdoba!

Register online at www.swmnelca.org/event/ecd2025
\$30 per person.

Attend your choice of 2 out of 6 Workshops!
Workshop descriptions will be posted online at www.swmnelca.org.



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Hours for the week of October 26

Tuesday, October 28—11a-4p

Wednesday, October 29—12p-8p

Thursday, October 30—10a-4p

Or by appointment

Stacy's Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 2:30p-5:00p

Worship Assistants

October 26

Usher: Jan Wark, Wendy Kube
Peg Kamps, Adilyn Kamps
Greeter: Bruce & Mary Kallhoff
Acolyte: Murdock Krueger
Reader: Peg Kamps
AV Team: Matt & Jan Geisen
Altar Guild: Bruce & Mary Kallhoff
Bread Maker: Larry Schiroo
Paraments: Jackie Alsleben

November 2

Ushers: Brad & Brenda Danielson
Gordon & Barb Bergs
Greeter: Nancy Mathwig
Acolyte: Grant Schauer
Reader: Mausten Krueger
Altar Guild: Peg Kamps &
Nancy Mathwig
Bread Maker: Jackie Alsleben
Paraments: Jan Wark &
Diane Ebersviller

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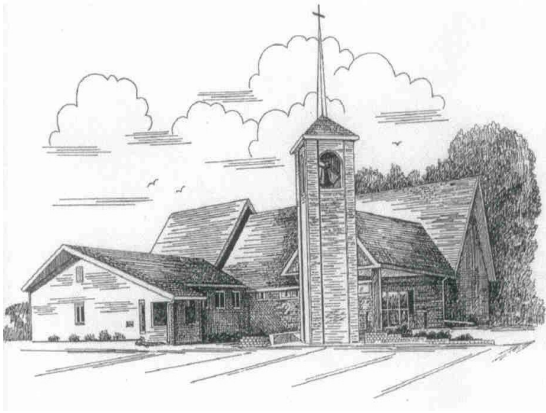
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This Week at Zion:

Sunday, October 26	8:15a 9:00a	Zion Choir Rehearsal Worship w/Holy Communion Reformation Sunday
	10:00a	Sunday School
Wednesday, October 29	6:30p-8p	9th Grade Confirmation
Thursday, October 30	10:00a	Adult Bible Study
Sunday, November 2	8:15a 9:00a	Zion Choir Rehearsal Worship w/Holy Communion All Saints Sunday
	10:00a	Sunday School

LSS Meals on Wheels Monday—Friday 9:00a—12:00p

