



**Sunday, October 27, 2024**  
*Reformation Sunday*

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# HOLY COMMUNION

*Setting three*

*Regular font: Worship Leader; **Bold font: Congregation***

## GATHERING

### WELCOME

*Please Stand*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first**

**we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!” ELW 848**

## **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.**

## **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.**

## **WORD**

*Please be seated*

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<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 46**

<sup>1</sup> God is our ref-<sup>1</sup>uge and strength,  
a very present<sup>1</sup> help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear, though the<sup>1</sup> earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths<sup>1</sup> of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup> though its waters<sup>1</sup> rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble<sup>1</sup> with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-<sup>1</sup>y of God,  
the holy habitation of<sup>1</sup> the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall<sup>1</sup> not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the<sup>1</sup> break of day.

<sup>6</sup> **The nations rage, and the<sup>1</sup> kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth<sup>1</sup> melts away.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of<sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob<sup>1</sup> is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup> **Come now, regard the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up-<sup>1</sup> on the earth;**

<sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in<sup>1</sup> all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the<sup>1</sup> shields  
with fire.

<sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, and know that<sup>1</sup> I am God;**

**I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted<sup>1</sup> in the  
earth.”**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of<sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob<sup>1</sup> is our stronghold.

## SECOND READING

## Romans 3:19-28

<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.

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**GOSPEL READING**

**John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

*Peter Willse, LLM*

*One Minute of Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Please stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

**ELW 517**

*Please be seated*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all

followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. . God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond (especially). Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

## **HYMN**

*Please stand*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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### **SANCTUS**

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*Please kneel or sit*

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER** *(traditional)*

**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 you to this table. Come, here is your God.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*Please be seated*

### **LAMB OF GOD**

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### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

“I Am the Bread of Life”

**ELW 485**

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

**ELW 515**

*Please stand*

### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” **ELW 504**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude:*

### **SERVING TODAY**

Donna Cote - Lector  
Pauline Neumann - Worship Assistant  
Rick Borg, Donna Berndtson, Adam Stall-Ryan  
- Ushers/Greeters  
Carol Murphy - Altar Guild  
Allen Hill - Director of Music



### **Please Recycle Ink Cartridges Here**

Starting next week there will be a container to leave your used ink cartridges for us to recycle. When we recycle them, we get some money to use toward office supplies for Zion's and Sunny Hill's offices.



## Prayer List

<b>For Health:</b>	Allen H	Phil O	<b>For Safety:</b>
Clara W	Matthew A	Peter W	Erik S
Joyce G	Bud J	Sandra C	Andrew C
Bill B	Marjorie F	Milluzzo and	Todd S
Cathy L	Jessica A	Neri families	Michael C
Marion B	Charlotte D	Joan A	Tyler G
Lily V	Jonathan A	Shirley C	Erik B
Holly N	Pauline N	Diane E	Justin Earl B
Dylan G	Curt R	Marion W	Evan G
Lisa A	Matthew S		David P
Aiden J	Lloyd P		
Helen A	Lee N		

## Last day to add names



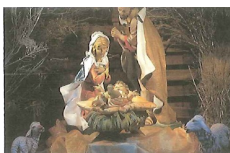
The All Saints Day service this year is **November 3rd**. If you would like a (non-member) loved one, who has passed away during the last year, to be remembered during the All Saints Day service, please add their name to the list. A book will be available in the Narthex, through **October 27th** if you would like to add a name.



### Boy Scouts Ornaments/Key Chain

The pewter ornaments (which can be used for a Christmas ornament or as an attachment to a key chain) are still available for sale. They are made in Woodbury, CT, and were created by the Boy Scouts in honor of Zion's 150th Anniversary.

Ornaments are \$15 each (cash or Check made out to **BSA Troop 2**). Proceeds from these sales will benefit the Boy Scouts.  
See Donna Berndtson for details.



Everyone is invited to you to **True Vine's Annual Christmas Fellowship Luncheon** in Zion's Fellowship Hall on **December 7, 2024 at Noon to 3:00 p.m.**

Cost of participation is a donation in support of the Portland Food Bank and Interval House located in Hartford. They are requesting Diapers sizes 3-6, Lotion (any kind) or Queen Size Bed Linens.

**Please RSVP by November 10th** to Zion's office at [zion.lutheran@snet.net](mailto:zion.lutheran@snet.net) or call 860-342-2860

Lunch Menu: Vegetarian Lasagna, Baked Ziti, Baked and Fried Chicken, Rice and Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Collard Green Salad, and Rolls, Beverages, Cookies and Pastry platters available.

### OUR CHURCH HISTORY

Just a reminder - the church library has been transformed into a unique history room of Zion. We hope that you will take a few minutes out of your busy day and check it out.

We have over 200 pictures on display along with Bibles going back into the 1800's, several binders filled with memorabilia, artifacts, artwork and much more. Something for everyone to enjoy. The museum will be open until the end of the year.

Sincerely, The History Committee



The **Word in Season Daily Devotions for October, November and December** are available in the Narthex and the Box outside the door with the doorbell.



**RaiseRight**

### RaiseRight Gift Cards

Place your order today to get RaiseRight (formerly Scrip)

cards! You pay face value for the cards, but Zion receives a percentage of the amount of the card. It's a win-win! See Rick Borg for details.

***If someone you meet today needs clothing, and that someone has no money, where will you send them?***

Good question. When ten people are asked, five say they don't know, another five think that maybe one church or another has a clothing closet. In our community there needs to be an answer to that question that serves the interests of the whole community and **that EVERYONE knows about.**

This is why the **Goodwill Good Neighbor Donation Cards** are so important.

It's very simple - you fill out the card with your name and date and give it to the Goodwill employee along with your donations of **textiles, shoes and clothing** (these are the only items credit is given for). Goodwill and St. Vincent De Paul does the rest.

Each month Goodwill supplies vouchers to St. Vincent De Paul based on the weight of donated clothing. The vouchers are given to people in need who can use them at Goodwill to purchase (free) clothing. Persons/families needing clothing will be treated to a dignified retail shopping experience in which they make their own selections.

Community clothing closets will no longer have to maintain staff for guest hours, receiving, sorting, cleaning and storage of clothing.

**NO CASH CHANGES HANDS.** Clothing is managed by a successful and professional non-profit organization (Goodwill). Vouchers can be used to purchase clothing or small household items.

**FOR THIS PROGRAM TO WORK,** agencies, members of the faith community, individuals and businesses must actively promote the donation of clothing, shoes and textiles to Goodwill USING A SPECIFIC DONATION CARD which identifies SVDM as the beneficiary agency of record (cards now available!).

See Donna Berndtson for the donation cards and details.

**Today: October 27, 2024**

**Reformation Sunday**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship/Communion

Guest Preacher - Peter Willse, LLM

**10:30 a.m.** Adult Education

**11:30 a.m.** True Vine Church

**This Week:**

Monday: **6:00 p.m.** N/A

Tuesday: **10:00 a.m.** Happy Handz

**1:30 p.m.** Interfaith Meeting

Friday: **10:00 a.m.** Happy Handz

**7:00 p.m.** N/A

**Next Sunday:**

**November 3, 2024**

**All Saints Sunday**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship/Communion

**10:15 a.m.** Reception for Allen Hill

**10:15 a.m.** Sunday School

**11:30 a.m.** True Vine Church



Attendance: Last week - 44, Last year - 46

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24;  
Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

**MISSION STATEMENT**

As members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we exist to honor and proclaim the life of Jesus Christ through our words, actions and deeds.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a prominent magnet in the community to draw people to a new life in Jesus Christ.

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