

Zion Lutheran

Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance

WELCOME



Reformation Sunday
Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2024

PRELUDE

Talk of the Town Band

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“The Old Rugged Cross”

- 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff’ring and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

- 2 Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above,
to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

- 3 In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for ’twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*

- 4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Christ will call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I’ll share. *Refrain*

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.

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.

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.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

Read Responsively

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

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

³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

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

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 5

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ 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’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

SERMON

Vicar Jake

HYMN OF THE DAY#504

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN#856

“How Great Thou Art”
only band playing

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.

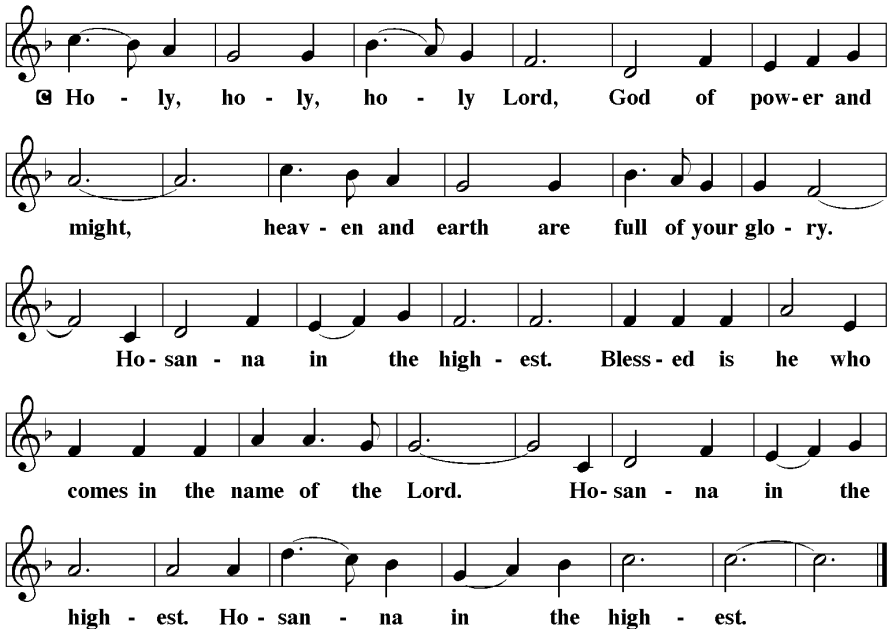
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up 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

Setting 5



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 5



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN#773

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

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.

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful
bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN#697

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Creating Community through God’s Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Talk of the Town Band

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Today we are celebrating Welcome Sunday. Our new members are Barb Wegner, Nance Klapper, Barb Beechey, Valerie Moseng & Miley Bee. Please welcome them to worship with you at Zion. A special cake will be served along with other treats in the fellowship hall after the service.

It is also Reformation Sunday and a bulletin insert will describe the meaning behind this important day for us. To celebrate Reformation Sunday, please find a limited supply of refrigerator magnets of "Luther's Seal" in the back of the sanctuary along with a description of the seal. The distributor has sold out on the magnets.

Today our guest musicians are Talk of the Town. Please thank them for sharing their music with us.

Today is the last day to submit names to be remembered and announced on All Saints Day next Sunday. There is an insert entitled "Remembrance List for All Saints Day". If you would like someone remembered and announced please fill out the form and put it in the collection plate.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate All Saints Day. We will commemorate all who have died during the past year at Zion and all who have died in our lives. You are invited to bring a picture of your loved one and place it on the table near the baptismal font before worship.

Each week a Daily Discipleship, which is a take home Bible Study, will be on the tables at the back of sanctuary for you to take with you. It will also be on the website in the section where the weekly bulletin is.

Trust Leads to Generosity "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness." (Psalm 37:3). When we trust God, we are free to be generous. This week, look for ways to extend generosity to others.

Special Worship Music and Celebrations at ZION.

October 27: Jazz Music --- Welcome Sunday

November 3: Bagpipe and Cello Music --- All Saints Sunday

December 24: String Quartet (4 pm) and Organ (6 pm)

January 4: Epiphany Walk and Brunch

Lynn will have gift cards for purchase today after the service. She has \$25 Fleet Farm, \$10 Target & \$25 Walgreens.

Free copies of *The Lutheran Prayerbook* are available in the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to bring one to anyone who might appreciate a copy.

On our website, zionappleton.org, we have links to different articles about churches like ELCA Global Mission, Seeds of the parish & Concordia. We also have the messenger past & present & the bulletin past & present. Please take a look at all the information we have about Zion.

Support Linwood Community by shopping at their online auction at www.32auctions.com/FallHarvest2024. Bidding begins on Friday, October 18 at 5 pm and ends on Monday, October 28 at 12 noon. Proceeds support the ministry of Linwood Community. If you have any questions about the items, please email our director Lynn Ann at lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com.

Here are 2 learning opportunities offered by Linwood Community. End-of-life planning. Join them & the staff from UW Extension for a 6-week class that gives you the tools and resources to begin or continue the end-of-life planning process. Classes will meet on Wednesdays for 6 weeks starting October 23 through December 4 from 2 - 3 pm. There will be no class on November 20. Class will meet in the Commons at Linwood Community, 425 N Linwood Ave. Register with Jean at Linwood Community by calling (920) 734-7225 Ext. 7 or email at resource.fvlhomes@gmail.com. This class is supported by a Thrivent Action Team grant.

The second opportunity is: It's never too late to exercise! Thursday, October 24 at 2 PM at Linwood Community, 425 N. Linwood Ave. Appleton. Join them as their Wellness Coordinator Yon shares the positive effects of exercise. Join us and discover new ways to improve and maintain your physical and mental wellbeing.

The 32nd annual Miscarriage, Infant and Child Loss Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:00pm at St. Bernard Catholic Parish, 1617 W. Pine St. Appleton. This service honors our children who have been called home to heaven and is a special time to remember them and pray for their precious souls. It is open to people of all faiths. There is a form that needs to be filed out & returned to them. See the poster on the bulletin board for the form & details.

You are invited to the movie: BONHOEFFER about the life and death of the renowned German Lutheran pastor and author. It is Sunday, December 8 at Marcus Hollywood Cinema in Appleton at 1 pm (No Packer game!). See the poster on the bulletin board for information.

