

Zion Lutheran Church



October 25th, 2020
Reformation Sunday



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- zlcb.org – you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Communion Statement

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. Visitors desiring to commune are asked to please announce their intentions to an elder or pastor. Everyone is welcome to sing the hymns during communion as we contemplate Christ's mercy to us.

In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein after the service, or call the church office.

Opening Hymn – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#656

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.</p> <p>2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.</p> | <p>3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.</p> <p>4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.</p> |
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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I

pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit



P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]
and shall not be | put to shame.

C I will bless the LORD at | all times;
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]
and shall not be | put to shame.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

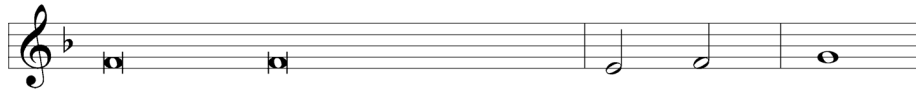
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading -- Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Grace Bell Choir – *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (8 am)

Choir – *I Need Thee Every Hour* (10:30 am)

Epistle Reading -- Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

**He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day – The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace #580

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| <p>1 The Gospel shows the Father’s grace,
 Who sent His Son to save our race,
 Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
 That we might thus be justified.</p> | <p>4 It is the pow’r of God to save
 From sin and Satan and the grave;
 It works the faith which firmly clings
 To all the treasures which it brings.</p> |
| <p>2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
 Who made the atoning sacrifice,
 And calls the souls with guilt oppressed
 To come and find eternal rest.</p> | <p>5 It bears to all the tidings glad
 And bids their hearts no more be sad;
 The weary, burdened souls it cheers
 And banishes their guilty fears.</p> |
| <p>3 It brings the Savior’s righteousness
 To robe our souls in royal dress;
 From all our guilt it brings release
 And gives the troubled conscience
 peace.</p> | <p>6 May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 May we in faith its truth confess
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.</p> |

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P ... Lord in your mercy.

C ... Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

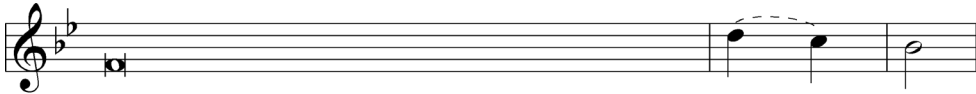
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Faith Bell Choir – *How Firm a Foundation* (10:30)

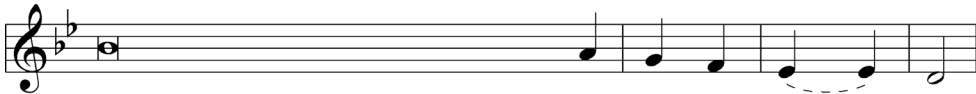
Distribution Hymns

Amazing Grace	#744
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	#702
Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling	#630

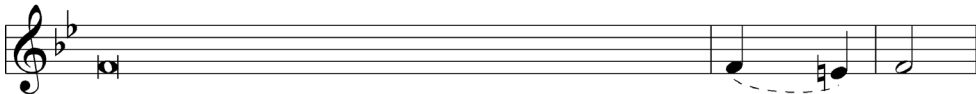
Te Deum



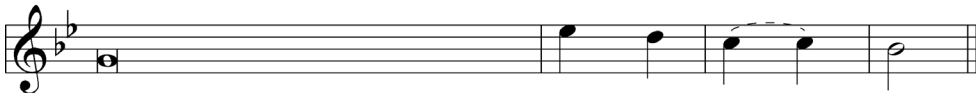
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



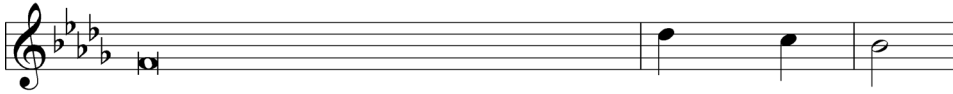
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



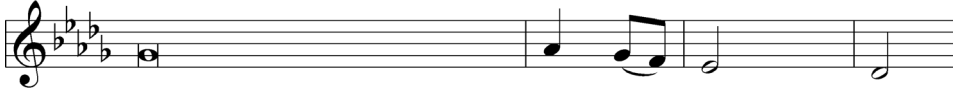
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



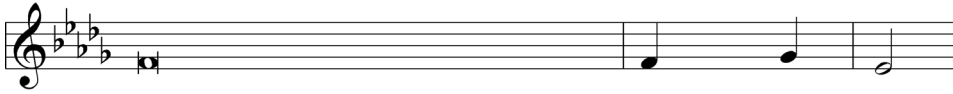
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



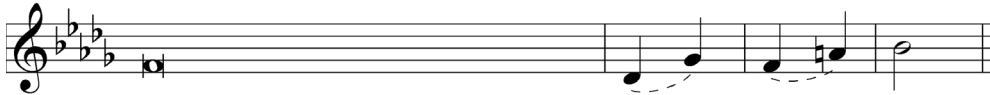
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



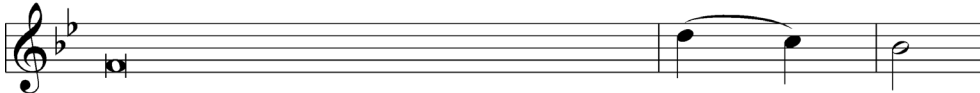
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



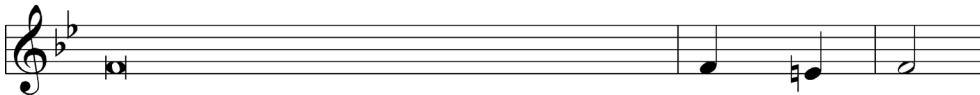
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.

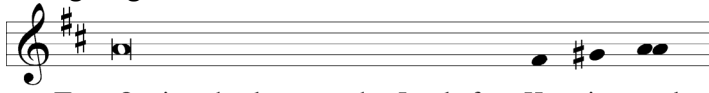


7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints

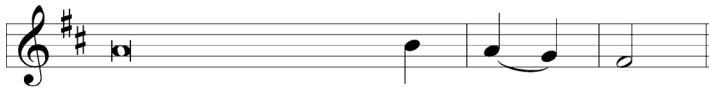


7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.

Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

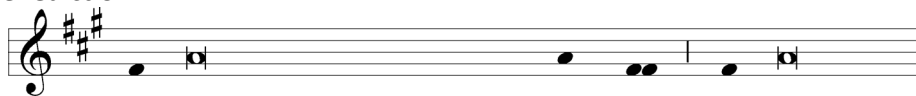


A Bless we the Lord.

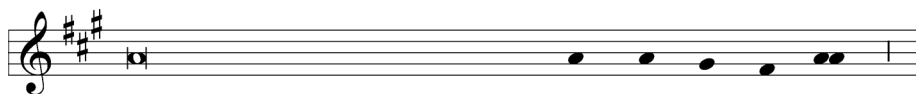


C Thanks be to God.

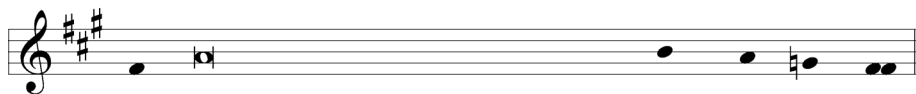
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn – Thy Strong Word

#578

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

Cont'd.

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

The Church:

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Irene Bourg, Dolores Preaux, Joan Cisko, and Dottie Heslop.

-**Healing for:** Lois Sauro, Paul Klemash, Natalia Gonzalez, Mamie Papeaka, Carol Wuerthele, Peter Fisher, Ruth Rostron, Patti Neill, Judy Graziano, Grant German, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Darlene Pirmez, Elias Kazas, Janet Hickey, Marian Siek, Joyce Wood, Don and Deana Thielet, Dave Hutula, Ron Valentino, Norma Dyson, Mabel Granke, Bill and Nancy Koester, Mary Reihing, and Jennifer Meyer.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially Pastor Wokoma and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.

The World:

-For an end to the pandemic, and for the safety of all who are fighting it.

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For godly care of the earth.

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Doug Krantz
The Elders:	Brian Pasquini & Bill Bishop
The Acolyte:	Will Schrag (8:00) Joshua Grimenstein (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop Ron Meier, Dale Miller (8:00) Dan & Tracey Harris (10:30)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by the Gielarowski family in honor of John's birthday; and by Dennis Finney and family in loving memory of his father, Sidney Finney.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Bernice DeBoe in memory of her sisters Naomi Newell, Bette Marinelli and Ann Louise Marinelli.

CARE PACKAGES FOR ZION COLLEGE STUDENTS will be assembled Monday 11/9 at 7:15 (**new date & time**), and we need a few helping hands! If you have a heart for ministering to young adults, please consider helping. Contact Susie Bishop at the church office or email secretary@zxcb.org if you can help.

VOTERS MEETING TODAY at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Social distancing guidelines will be followed, and individually packaged breakfast items will be served. We will be discussing large renovation projects -- such as the kitchen and the boiler -- as well as the slate of candidates for church leadership positions. Please come!



Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/18) – 47 (8 am); 60 (10:30 am)

Wednesday Worship Attendance (10/21) -- 17

Saturday Worship Attendance (10/17) -- 9

Sunday Offering (10/18) – \$2961

Online Offering – \$1788.53

The Week Ahead at Zion

<p>SUNDAY 10/25</p> <p>REFORMATION SUNDAY</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15/9:20 AM – All-Church Voter’s Mtg. & Children’s Sunday Sch 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 3:00 PM – Reformation Vespers at First Trinity in Oakland</p>
<p>MONDAY 10/26</p>	<p>6:00 PM – 1st year Confirmation Class 6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:00 PM – 2nd year Confirmation Class 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bell Choir</p>
<p>TUESDAY 10/27</p>	
<p>WEDNESDAY 10/28</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion</p>
<p>THURSDAY 10/29</p>	
<p>FRIDAY 10/30</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 10/31</p>	<p>10:00 AM - Small-Group Service of Prayer & Preaching w/ Communion. RSVP at www.signupgenius.com or call Susie at 412-977-9066</p>
<p>SUNDAY 11/1</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15/9:20 AM – Adult Bible Study & Children’s Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion</p>

Homebound Member Support

Update: This past week Zion was able to send the basket of beautiful fall flowers shown below to each of our homebound members, thanks to your generous donations to our Homebound Support Fund in September.



In the months ahead we'll continue to send gifts such as these to stay connected, and encourage them with Christ's love.





Prayers in Time of Pandemic

Reformation Vespers

*CDC and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania guidelines will be observed.
Special prayers and hymns for our nation and world will be included.*

SELC District President, The Reverend Waldemar R. Vinovskis, guest preacher.

Kantor Jonathan Hoyt at the Skinner Organ leading the congregation in song.

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at

First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church • 535 N. Neville Street • (Shadyside) Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Sunday, October 25, 2020, 3:00 PM

Free Parking available at First Trinity and on the streets within a block of the church.

Handicap parking available at First Trinity.

ZION MOVIE NIGHT!

SIGHT & SOUND
THEATRES

JESUS

Join us for a movie night and enjoy
Sight & Sound Theaters' screening of
"JESUS" on the BIG SCREEN in our sanctuary!

Seating will be distanced and limited,
COVID safety policies apply.

Light refreshments provided.

MUST sign up to attend! Space is limited!

To sign up, use the Sign Up Genius link in Zion's Eblast
and online newsletter OR contact the church office

Friday NOV. 6 @ 6:30pm Family Night! Ages 8 & up welcome!

Saturday NOV. 7 @ 2:00pm - Silver Matinee! Seniors & high-risk welcome!

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



Do Lutherans honor and remember the saints?

Yes. Remembering and honoring the saints is very “Lutheran.” God’s Word and the Lutheran Confessions teach that remembering and honoring the saints is a great thing to do.

Why is it such a great thing to do?

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, which explains what Lutherans believe, teaches that we honor the saints for three reasons. ① Thanksgiving. When we honor the saints, we thank God for “showing (his people) examples of his mercy, revealing his will to save men, and giving teachers and other gifts to the church.” ② Strengthening our faith. When we see how our Lord forgives the saints, we are “encouraged to believe that grace does abound more than sin.” (Do you remember when Peter, one of the disciples, denied Jesus three times? Even the Apostles sinned and received forgiveness.) ③ “the imitation, first of their faith and then of their other virtues ...” We pray that God would keep us as strong in the faith as they were!



Parents: Explain to your children that we are not praying to the saints; we are simply honoring them on a special day in the Church Year. Remind them that, when we die, we will be with our Lord in heaven, which is where the saints are right now!



