

October 27, 2024 • Reformation Sunday
9:00 and 11:30am



Zion  *lutheran
church*

WELCOME TO ZION

When we gather for worship, we're receptive to God's word and we rejoice in God's grace through song, prayer, and Holy Communion. The history of Christian worship is rich with rituals formed by generations. These traditions, prayers, and pastoral teachings help connect our lives with Christ. In our daily lives, we show God's love by serving our community, both locally and globally.

We are a group of believers seeking to respond to Christ's call to worship and serve, even as we wrestle with the big questions of life. We want you to know that you and your questions, faith, and doubts are welcome here!

HOW WE WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace: the Word of God and the Sacraments. From the table of Holy Communion where Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and care for those in need. Our worship follows this pattern in four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory and the service is contained within this bulletin. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We welcome children in our worship services! If needed, a nursery is available down the hallway past the restrooms. The restrooms contain changing tables, as needed. The break room, on the left side of the hallway, provides a quiet space for nursing.

Throughout the service, members of Zion's music ministry offer their talents as an offering to God. Please receive their musical gifts as a time for prayer, contemplation, or praise of God rather than a performance to be applauded, so that we may worship God throughout our time here together.

HOLY BAPTISM TODAY

At the 9:00 service today we receive Casey Pope, child of Susan and Robert Pope. His sponsors are Carter Smith and Jennifer Smith.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, gathers us in worship.

PRELUDE

9:00

Listen God is Calling
setting by Anne Krentz Organ

11:30

How Firm a Foundation
arranged by Jason W. Krug

Sarah Juhasz
Handbells

WELCOME

Pastor Kathi Johnson

Please rise, as you are able.


INVOCATION

We worship today in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.


Amen.



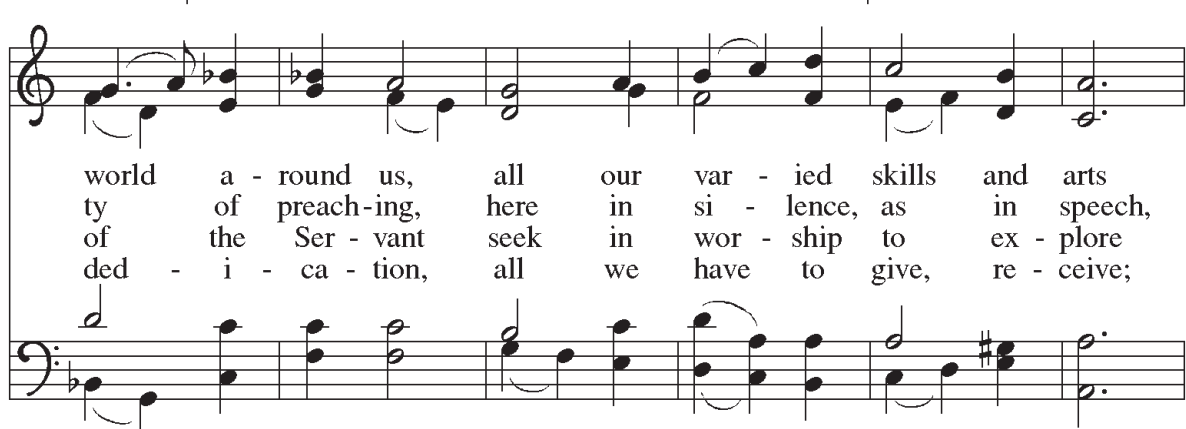
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated.

Season 2024

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Dan Heim

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

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

The cantor sings the refrain once to begin, followed by the assembly. The assembly then sings the refrain when indicated by *R*.

Refrain

Michel Guimont

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of
Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress,
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea;
even though its waters rage and foam,
even though the mountains be shaken by its waves. *R*.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day.
Nations are in tumult, kingdoms are shaken;
God's voice roars forth, the earth shrinks away. *R*.

Come, consider the works of the LORD,
the redoubtable deeds God has done on
the earth:
putting an end to wars across the earth;
breaking the bow, snapping the spear,
[burning the shields with fire.]
"Be still and know that I am God,
supreme among the nations, supreme on
the earth!" *R*.

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SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: 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.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Heim

Please rise, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Founded on Faith



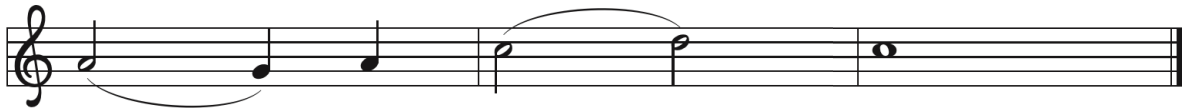
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow'ed to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

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9:00 HOLY BAPTISM

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks..... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever,

Amen.

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's

creative and redeeming word to all the world.

[Go to Gathering Hymn](#)

9:00 AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

2024 Confirmands

Daniel Arviso

Audrey DeHart

Reese Peterson

Hannah Bauer

Bella Gallegos

Casey Pope

Jordan Bice

Cali Haidin

Carter Smith

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, 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 these people, 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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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, 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.

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.

The 11:30 service continues on the next page with the Prayers of Intercession.

Please be seated .

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. 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?

Each person responds:

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

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The pastors lay hands on the head of the person, and pray:

Stir up in [name] the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever.

Amen.

Those affirming their baptisms stand and face the assembly.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and you raise us to life. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Give us strength to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have made the world and its creatures to the praise of your glory. Help us take care of all you have made. Give hope and comfort to those impacted by natural disasters and severe weather. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment, and give patience and compassion to leaders of countries and communities around the world. May there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God with us, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we hold in our hearts this day [PAUSE].... Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of community, you call us to follow you. Give us a strong faith in your ongoing love for us. Give us wisdom in how we welcome those in need of a word of grace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Additional announcements and a schedule for the week are on the back pages of this bulletin.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.

OFFERING

We give our offerings with thanksgiving to God. These offerings support the mission and ministry of Zion, including the care of those in need. To give online, please visit ZionSA.org. Children may place their offerings in the jar to the left of the Chancel (near the sacristy door). During the offering music, the pastor sets the table for Holy Communion.

OFFERING MUSIC

9:00

Order My Steps
by Glenn Burleigh

Youth Choir

11:30

The Church's One Foundation
arranged by Phyllis Tincher

Sarah Juhasz
Handbells

Please rise, as you are able. The ushers bring the offering forward for the Offering Prayer.

OFFERING PRAYER

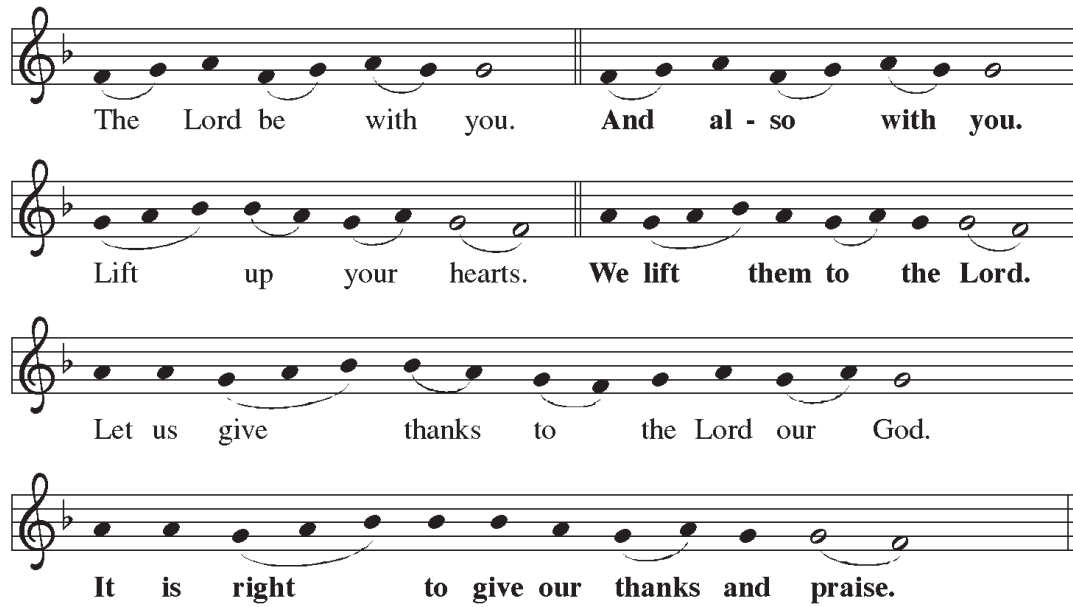
Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

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.

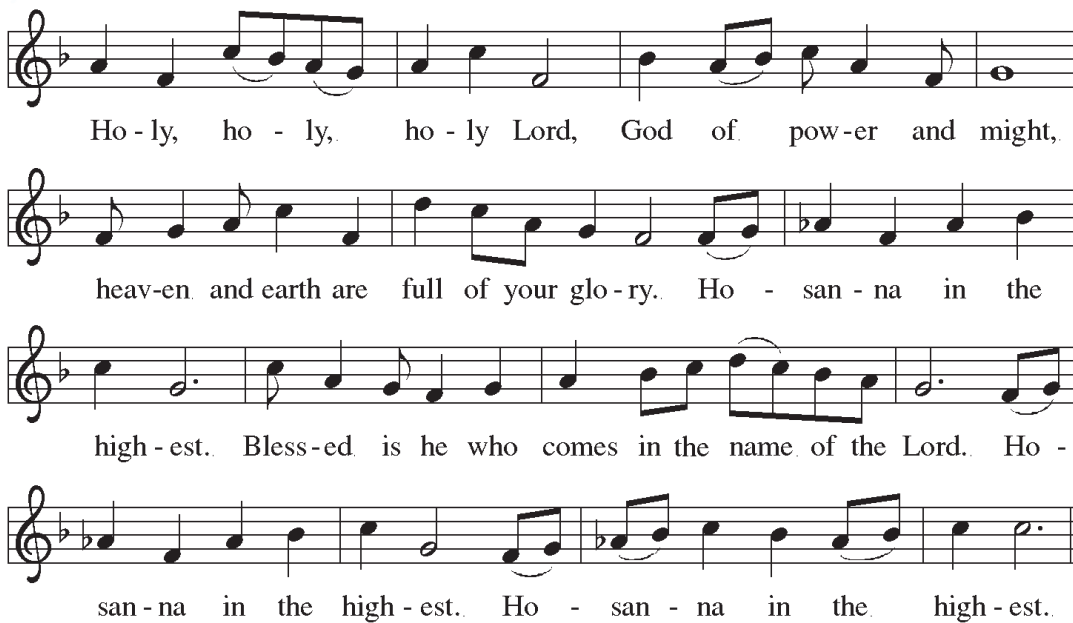
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GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, ✠ your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church,
now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has 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

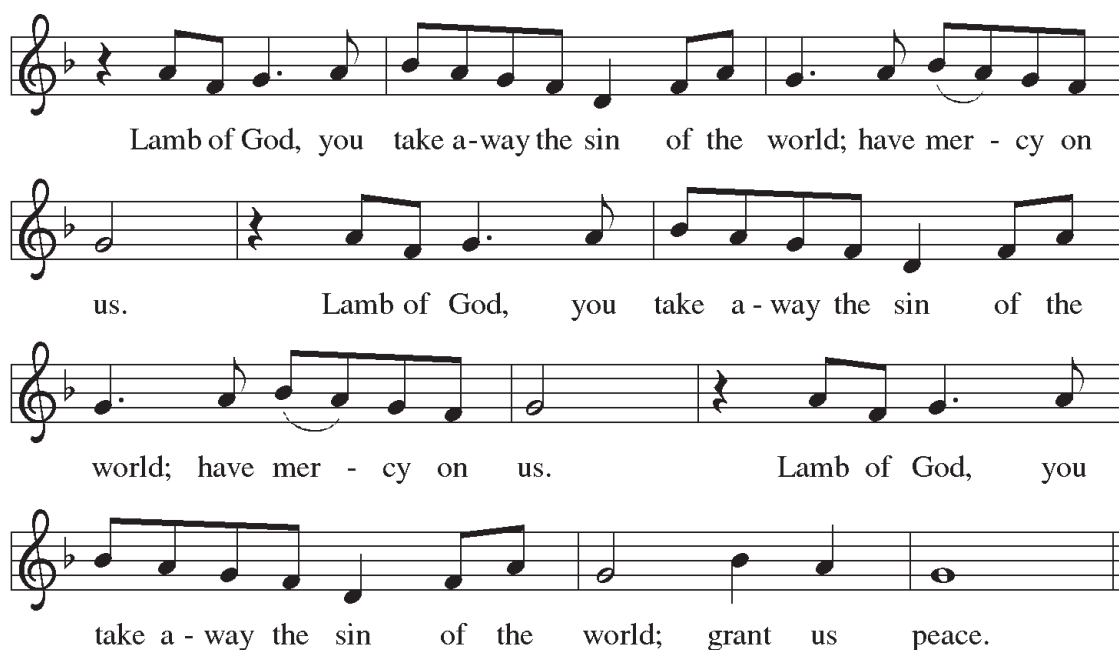
These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

Because this is the Lord's table, we welcome all to receive Holy Communion. If you'd like to receive a blessing instead, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will bring the sacrament to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the person serving bread. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those unable to drink wine. After receiving Communion, please return to your seat for singing and prayer.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

9:00

The Gift of Grace
by Anne Krentz Organ

Youth Choir

11:30

Give Me Jesus
arranged by Jason W. Krug

Sarah Juhasz
Handbells

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

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After communion, we rise and share in blessing and prayer.

BLESSING

May the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *on next page*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg
setting by Johann Mattheson

AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Immediately following each service, Stephen Ministers are often available to pray with you at the altar rail. All prayers and conversations are confidential.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 No strength of ours can match his might!
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,

a sword and shield vic - to - rious;
We would be lost, re - ject - ed.
all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod
But now a cham - pion comes to fight,
we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;
for God him - self fights by our side

and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
with weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,
Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.
If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,

with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
Christ Je - sus our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.
He holds the field vic - to - rious.
One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

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Reformation Sunday, October 27

Blessed Change for Hurricane Relief		Well in Narthex
Worship in person, Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation	9am	Sanctuary
Series: <i>Toward Better Christian Politics</i>	10:15	Fellowship Hall
Series: <i>Heaven & Earth</i>	10:15	Ministry Center 1
Faith Formation Hour for all ages	10:15	Details next page
New Member Class #2	10:15	FLC Room 101
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube

Monday, October 28

Bunco	1pm	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, October 29

Exercise Group	9am	Church 2
Staff Meeting	11am	Break Room
Memorial Svc for Geri & Jerry Dalum	2pm	Sanctuary
Handbells	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Children's Choir	7-7:45	Ministry Center 1
Youth Choir	7pm	Music Apse
Warriors Anonymous	7pm	Church 2

Wednesday, October 30

Nichols Mentoring Program	7:15	Nichols Elementary
Crafty Bunch	9:00	Ed Bldg Craft Rm
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Midweek Worship	1:00 and 6:30pm	Church 1
Al-Anon Meeting	7pm	FLC 101
AA - Alcoholics Anonymous	7pm	FLC 202
Chancel Choir	7:15	Sanctuary

Thursday, October 31

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	9:30	Fellowship Hall
Weight Watchers Mtg	9:30	Church 2
Fiesta Flutes Rehearsal	7pm	Church 2

Saturday, November 2

Weight Watchers Meeting	7:30am	Church 2
Cemetery Workday	9am	Cemeteries

Sunday, November 3

Bloodmobile	9-12:30	Parking Lot
Worship in person	9am	Sanctuary
Intergenerational Event	10:15	FH
New Member Class #3	10:15	FLC Room 101
Worship in person and online	11:30	Sanctuary & YouTube
<i>John Rutter's Requiem</i>	4pm	Sanctuary

Worship Support

Altar Guild

Randalyn Nickel, Alyssa Brodbeck
Ruth Dunn, Madison Harris
Suzi Lockamy, Karen Umlang

Book Bearer

9:00 Meagan Lenz
11:30 Dick Parker

Crucifer

9:00 Scott McKenzie
11:30 Suzi Lockamy

Lay Reader

9:00 Karen Umlang
11:30 Betty Parker

Cantor

Eden Lewis

Communion Servers

9:00 Randa Bruce Gonzales
Kevin Kretzschmar
11:30 LeShea Clabough,
Rachel Cannady

Livestream

Steve Johnson, David Umlang

Sound

Scott Van Doren

Ushers

9:00 Allen Cockrell
LeShea Clabough & Kevin McGee
Meredith & Brandon Price
John Macha, Travis Nickel
11:30 Pam Gammage
Paul Spehr
Donna & Steve Niles

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

10:15 in Ministry Center Rooms

<i>Age or Grade</i>	<i>Room</i>
Two Years–Kinder	MC-3
Grades 1–4	MC-4
Grades 5–7	FLC
Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Grades 8–9	FLC
High School Grades 10–12	FLC



Blessed Change for Hurricane Relief through Today

Every Sunday in October, Zion has been collecting your Blessed Change for the work of Lutheran Disaster Re-

sponse in the wake of back-to-back hurricanes. Look for the water well in the narthex and drop in your loose change, folding money and checks. For digital donations, you may use this QR code here or at the well to get to Zion's donations web page.



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TOWARD BETTER CHRISTIAN POLITICS

Forum Series at 10:15 Today

For the exhausted, the hurting, and the faithful, this series helps reframe our political identity away from the “what” of political positions (What policy, party, or candidate is most Christian?) and toward the “how” of being centered on Jesus (How do I relate to others — including those I might disagree with — so that I better reflect Jesus?). Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Bible Class: *Heaven and Earth*

Explore Genesis 1-11, the Psalms, and the biblical wisdom literature to understand how the biblical authors understood Heaven



and Earth. This context will give richer meaning to Jesus' words about the new creation. Led by Amy McFadden, using a curriculum from BibleProject. Ministry Center Room 1 at 10:15am. Final class meeting today, October 27.

Requiem

by John Rutter

Sunday, November 3 at 4:00pm
in Zion's Sanctuary

John Rutter's Requiem is one of the best-loved and most widely performed choral works of the twentieth century. The texts (in Latin and English) are from the Missa pro Defunctis, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Psalms. The seven sections form an arch-like meditation on the themes of life and death: prayers on behalf of all humanity, psalms, personal prayers to Christ, and in the central Sanctus an affirmation of divine glory. Free will offering.

All Saints Remembrances

Each year around All Saints, we have different ways of remembering those dear to us who have died. This year, we will do this on these days:

- Sunday, November 3 at both services - bring photos or mementos of your loved ones to be displayed at the altar rail in our All Saints display.
- Wednesday, November 6 at both services - bring photos or mementos of your loved ones for the All Saints display in our Historic Chapel. These services will be quieter and more contemplative times of remembering.

Please note: if you bring items, please plan on removing them after worship. We suggest putting your name on them in case they are forgotten.

These displays are a powerful way for us to remember the “great cloud of witnesses” that surrounds us (see Hebrews 12) as we are part of the Body of Christ of all times and all places.

Zion Bunco Group

4th Monday, October 28 at 1:00pm

Zion Bunco Group will meet on the fourth Monday for a rousing game of Bunco and fellowship. Meet at 1:00, the Fellowship Hall. For info contact Shirley Homeier-Mc-Brayer through the church office.

Music Rehearsal Schedule

Handbells	Tuesday	6:30	Sanctuary Balcony
Children's Choir (Gr 2-5)	Tuesday	7-7:45	MC 1
Youth Choir (Gr 6-12)	Tuesday	7-8pm	Music Apse
Chancel Choir (Adult)	Wednesday	7:15	Sanctuary

Two Midweek Services Wednesdays at 1pm and 6:30pm in Church 1

Simple communion worship services in Zion's historic chapel.

Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection

Through Sunday, November 10

Choose a tag from the display board in the gazebo, and then fill the Thanksgiving need. Specific food items and grocery gift cards will be collected until November 10. Zion Theatre Group will sort and deliver to local families in need.

If you know of a family in need, contact Sammy Mikulski in the church office this week.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 17 at 11:15am

There will be one worship service on November 17, at 10:00am. The 2024 Annual Meeting follows immediately. Agenda items include church council member elections, cemetery board member elections, and 2025 spending plan approval.

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**2024 CONGREGATION
COUNCIL**

Bud Halstead	President
Allen Cockrell	Treasurer
Chris Jones	Vice President
Erica Macha	Secretary
David Umlang	At Large
Rachel Williams	At Large
Shiloh Love	At Large
Pr. Kathi Johnson	Senior Pastor
Pr. Dan Heim	Pastor

Cemetery Work Day**Next Saturday, November 2 at 9am**

Our historic Lutheran cemeteries have been a local landmark since 1881, cared for through the years by volunteers from Zion and families of loved ones. The Cemetery Board invites everyone for a few hours of fall spruce-up work. Trash bags will be provided, as well as recommended cleaning supplies for working on your family's headstones. Please bring your own bucket and gloves.

Blood Drive on Sunday, November 3

The Bloodmobile will be in Zion's parking lot on Sunday, November 3 from 9:00am until 12:30pm. Donors must be 17+ years old and weigh 110+ lbs (or 16 years old, 120+ lbs, with parental consent). Donors should be in good general health and present a photo ID. Your donation will help cancer and transplant patients, trauma victims, newborns and moms, and other patients in our community.

Weekday Bible Study Series: Book of Mark Thursday, November 7 in MC Room 1

Led by Pastor Eileen Spehr. Come to Ministry Center
Room 1 at 9:30am. Dates are:
November 7 & 21 December 5

Crafty Bunch Every Wednesday at 9:00

The Crafty Bunch meets in the Education Building on the west side of Leslie Road. Enter at the double doors, behind Churches 1 and 2. The craft room is the first room on the left. Bring your own project to work on.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief Thursday, November 7 at 9:30am

Even if you don't sew, consider learning some basics with LWR Quilters! Come on out at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall, on the first and third Thursdays. Contact Diane Stewart through the church office if you need more details.

OFFICE CONTACT



Mon-Thur 8:30am-5:00pm
Friday close at 3:00pm



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LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION®

Men's Fellowship Dinner Third Monday, November 18 at 6:30pm

All men are invited to meet at El Chaparral Restaurant, 15103 Bandera Rd in Helotes, for food, thoughtful study, camaraderie, and all YOUR ideas for Men's Ministry! Contact David Umlang at imm@zionsa.org if you need more details.

SA Food Bank Volunteer Event Curbside Distribution Saturday, November 9, 8:30-11:30am

Zion Lutheran Men in Mission invites everyone to participate in the curbside food distribution at the San Antonio Food Bank Warehouse at 5200 Historic Old Hwy 90.

Participants will be back from this event in time to shop and eat grilled burger or sausage wrap lunch at the Craft Fair in the Family Life Center that same day! See below.

Contact Mark Laneman through the church office if you'd like to carpool or have any questions. Use this QR with your phone to register.



SA Food Bank Vol



BBQ Thank You

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make our 2024 Church BBQ and Picnic such a great event! At least 250 people enjoyed delicious food, plus the shopping and outdoor activities were great fun. After expenses, the BBQ proceeds totaled \$3,584.68!

We are designating \$350 of these proceeds toward our hurricane relief collection. The rest will remain in the BBQ fund, which supports this event each year.

Zion Craft Fair

November 9, 2024

9am - 3pm

9944 Leslie Rd
At Braun and Loop 1604
Zion Family Life Center



- Fine Art - Home Décor - Toys - Jewelry - Clothing -



Zion is a Stephen Ministry Church! Stephen Ministers Are Care-Givers, God Is the Cure-Giver.

The role of a Stephen Minister is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional

and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply find yourself stressed by everyday life, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with LeShea Clabough, our Stephen Ministry Leader. Get her contact information from the church office, 210-688-3090, or email her directly using this QR.

Fall Needs at CAM

Christian Assistance Ministry, 110 McCullough

- Men's and women's tennis shoes/athletic shoes, all sizes
- Bras, new or gently used
- Saturday volunteers
- Holiday volunteers for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve
- Financial support (use this QR code for a direct link to CAM)

Bring donations to the yellow bins behind the north stairs in the narthex, closest to the office.

Get volunteer info at 210-223-4099, Mary Henderson.



Where We Park Affects Our Welcome

We have an extensive campus here at Zion, and yet the parking nearest the Sanctuary is fairly limited. When you arrive on Sundays, if you're able to, please consider parking in the lower lot (next to the cemetery), on the 1604 side, or across Leslie Road. This will leave the spots closest to the Sanctuary doors for those who have limited mobility. Taking this simple step helps us welcome all to our worship space!

Prayer Chain and Z-Mail

Prayer Chain requests are sent out by e-mail as needed, no more than once a day. When requesting prayers for others by name, please confirm with that person first.

Z-Mail is Zion's weekly email with event reminders, links to Sunday YouTube video worship, digital bulletins, and other notifications.

To request prayers, join the Prayer Chain, or subscribe to Z-Mail, phone the church office or send an e-mail to Karen at Zion@ZionSA.org. Your email address is kept confidential.

Zion Zippers 50+ Fellowship Monday, November 11 at 6:00pm

Zion Zippers meet on the second Monday of each month for a potluck dinner, beginning at 6pm. If you're fifty years or older, you're invited. Please bring a dish or two to share with your Zipper friends. Bring your own plate and utensils if you can, and invite a friend, too!

November 11th's social falls on Veterans Day, and the guest speaker, Monica Baietti, is from Women Veterans of San Antonio (womenveteransofsanantonio.org). Her presentation is titled *Veterans' Day - A Celebration of Freedom*. Everyone age 50+ is encouraged to attend for an interesting evening.

Contact Kathy Newman through the church office if you have a question or suggestion for a guest speaker or activity.

Women of Zion Events

WOZ Bible Study & More

Second Tuesday November 12 at 10:00am

Join in activities and fellowship with other women in the congregation. Fellowship, service projects with a Bible study on the second Tuesday at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited! Scan the QR code to get on the mailing list, or send an e-mail to WOZ@zionsa.org.



Thankoffering Sunday is November 17

Leaders Being Sought

WOZ is seeking one or two women to take over the leadership of Zion's active group. The current co-presidents, Mary Jo Goldenbaum and Linnell Brewton, have served for five years, and are ready to step down at the end of this year. All other members of the board will remain, working together with the new leader(s). Please contact any current board member if you are interested in this position.

2024 Women of Zion Board

Co-Presidents	Mary Jo Goldenbaum and Linnell Brewton
Vice President	Diane Stewart
Secretary	Carolyn Pfeiffer
Treasurer	Jill Nunneley
Member-at-Large	Rhonda Knisley

Call Process Update

for our Associate Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

We are excited to report that the candidate for our Associate Pastor for Congregational Care will be here to continue conversations the weekend of November 22-24. The candidate will have a full weekend, meeting with the call committee, staff, and Church Council for the first part of the weekend.

Then, the candidate will preach at both services on November 24 and we will hold an informal meet-and-greet in between services that day. Later that afternoon, at 4pm, we will hold a formal time together with the congregation and a Q and A time. Please mark your calendars now for this important day in the life and ministry of our congregation!

The final step after Council votes to recommend this candidate to the congregation for the call is for the congregation to meet to vote. We expect to set the date for this vote soon, and will keep you updated as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing prayer support - please keep those prayers going!

In peace,

Susan Johns, Call Committee Chair

Bud Halstead, Council President

Pastor Kathi Johnson, Senior Pastor

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generosity
empowers
Zion's ministry*

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For more ways to support Zion's mission, scan this QR code.



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OCTOBER 27, 2024
REFORMATION SUNDAY



We are made right with God through grace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
Wednesday	Ephesians 2:1-10	From death to life
Thursday	Galatians 2:15-20	Jews and Gentiles are saved by faith
Friday	2 Timothy 1:8-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is our protection
Sunday	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Romans 3:28 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and merciful God, give us the humility to accept that we are in need of your undeserved kindness to have a relationship to you through faith in Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you are our help in time of need. We thank you for this meal and pray for all who are in need of food that we may live in peace through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 46:1)

A Blessing to Give:

May you live in peace through faith in Jesus Christ.



OCTOBER 27, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*We've Come This Far by
Faith*



taking
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How do you react when you witness a wrongdoing?
- Why is our relationship to God based on faith and not our own good works?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 3:19-28.

In this reading written by Paul, he is adamant: there is no place for saying we have a relationship to God because we have faithfully lived out the law. No one can have a right relationship with God based on the law *“for through the law comes knowledge of sin”* (v. 20b). We are to be aware that all of us have sinned and fall short of a right relationship to God. We are all in the same boat that is adrift from God because of our broken lives. Paul is seeking a humility in the church in Rome—and elsewhere—based on God’s goodness and our common need for divine mercy. We give thanks for a relationship to God based on *“faith apart from works prescribed by the law”* (v. 28). Faith in Christ replaces any potential spiritual arrogance with the humble, yet joyous message that we are saved by grace through faith. For Paul and the church throughout the ages, that humble awareness is all we need to enjoy a life of faith with God through Christ.

Discuss: How does faith in Jesus Christ give you a thankful heart and give you peace?

Pray: **Eternal God, help us to see in your mercy and grace the path to joy in your presence and the love for others through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what kind words can you say to someone who needs encouragement?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The beginning of the Reformation is associated with Martin Luther’s posting of the 95 theses (statements of belief) on the front door of the University Chapel in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. Think or talk about what you believe. Write some “I/We believe” statements on red streamers or strips of red paper (red is the liturgical color for Reformation Day). Hang them in a visible place in your home this week as a reminder of the Reformation.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org