

Zion Lutheran Church
925 5th Avenue - Rockford, Illinois

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ELCA

REFORMATION SUNDAY

PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in C”

arr. J.S. Bach

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

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.

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod; and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe, has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might; he arms himself to fight.

Amazing grace forever

2. God's grace guides us through every storm.

To lead us so there can be reform

We are like clay in holy hands, the cross will guide us as we stand

When we try to be good, we fail just as we would

To earn this holy grace, the cross is in our place.

Amazing grace forever

3. We try to love but fail we do, self-centered lives for me and you
When we admit that we are wrong, the empty tomb will be our song

When we refuse to trust, we surely will be lost.

Though help is on our way,

God's grace will be our stay.

Amazing grace forever

4. From Bethlehem to Calvary, this one whose love has set us free.
Our call through water and the word, this is the gospel we have heard.

When troubles make you blue. God's hope is here for you.

The holy one is here.

This love is always near.

Amazing grace forever.

*Verse one—Martin Luther

Verse 2-4—Michael E. Thomas

BLESSING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

(Kyrie eleison means "Lord, have mercy") Red Hymnal #154

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE "Now The Feast and Celebration" Red Hymnal #167

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

Refrain

freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of

Refrain

God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

THE WORD

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

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

¹God 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;**

³though 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.**

⁵God 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.**

⁷The 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;**

⁹behold 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.”**

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

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Red Hymnal #509

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”



God’s word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

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

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

SERMON

Pastor Michael Thomas

SERMON SONG "The Church's One Foundation"

Red Hymnal #654

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

- 3 Though with a scornful wonder, this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering envelopes are available in the pews at your seat to designate gifts toward the ministries of Zion. The Offering Box is near the back, pulpit side and you can also go online at www.zionrockford.com, or you can click on the QR code.



TABLE BLESSING "Come and Taste" (from W&P #30)

Come and taste and see how good the love of God can be!

Come and taste and see how good the love of God

can be! We come here bro-ken - heart - ed,

seek - ing all that God of - fers. Come and taste and

see how good the love of God can be! Come see!

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please peel open the top part of the communion container for the wafer.

Please peel the other side of the container for the juice.

There are baskets in the middle and the back for disposal of your communion cups.

COMMUNION SONG

“All Who Hunger Gather Gladly”

(song on next page) Red Hymnal #461

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world. Through Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

THE SENDING

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

SENDING SONG "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" Red Hymnal #547
(song on next page)

SENDING

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

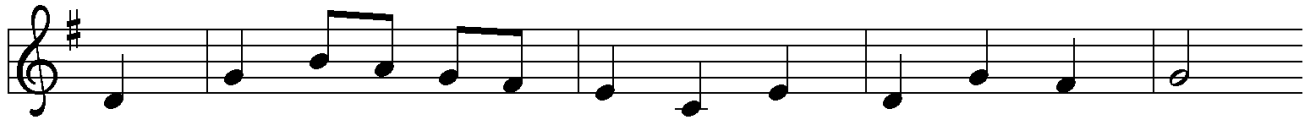
"Festive Trumpet Tune"

by David German

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



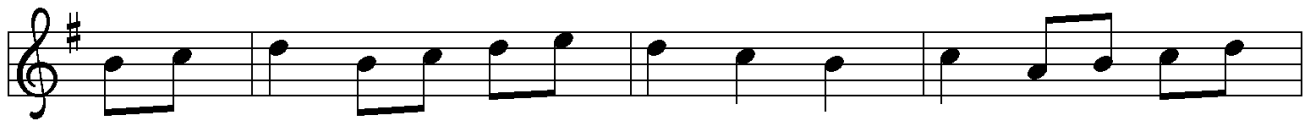
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.



Lutheran 101 Civil Rights Trip Recap!

October 27, 2024
at 10:15am
Fellowship Hall

October 27, 2024, at 1PM
Fellowship Hall



LED BY PASTOR THOMAS

"WHAT IS A LUTHERAN?"

LED BY ZION'S

MULTICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Katie's Cup presents:

OPEN MIC NIGHT!

October 29, 2024
From 5-7pm

Hosted by Chris Sims

SHARE YOUR TALENTS!



Doors open at 5pm! Free admission.
Katie's Cup coffee and food menu will be available

TRIVIA NIGHT

HOSTED BY RALM

Save the Date

RALM Trivia

Friday, November 1, 2024

At Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Registration & more info to follow

TRICK OR TREAT PARTY

PATRIOTS GATEWAY COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT

October 31, 2024
5:00-7:00pm



INDOOR FESTIVAL AND MARKET

First Saturday, 9am-1pm
November 2024 to March 2025



Held at Katie's Cup

VENDORS WELCOMED!



FREE TURKEY BASKET

2024 Donation
\$25.00 each basket!
Checks made out to Zion
Lutheran Church
Call Zion Lutheran Church
For A Basket!
PICK-UP TBD



All Saints Day

November 3, 2024
9:15am Worship

"Light A Candle...and
Remember Your Loved Ones..."

Zion Lutheran Church



WORSHIP LEADER'S

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| Communion Assistant: | Janice Forrest |
| Fellowship: | |
| Media: | Cameron Kellermann |
| Music: | Jodi Beach and Mary Shore |
| Reader: | Jim Rasch |
| Sound: | Deangelo Brunson |
| Usher: | Charlie Dahlberg & Kamyra Brunson |

NURSE JORI—My goal in this role is not only to serve you with the greatest care and love, but to get to know all of you so that I can provide the best care possible. My office is located next to the nursery at the end of the hall, past the kitchen. My office hours are 10am-12pm Monday and Wednesday. Please stop by and say hi! If you are unable to come see me, please give the church a call and leave a voicemail for me, call me on my cell at 630.465.2135, or email me at Jori.L.Roysdon@osfhealthcare.org. I can come see you if you are unable to travel to me!

WORSHIP LEADERS Would you like to be a Communion Assistant, Reader, Sound, Usher, Greeter or Worship Host? You could have the assignment on the first, second, third or fourth Sunday of each month at the 9:15am worship service. Please let the church office know if you are available, interested or have a question.

WOZ-- Cornucopia Food Pantry & Save the Date: During October we are requesting donations of **Boxed Cereal or Oatmeal** for distribution at the Pantry. There is a great need for these items! A grocery cart is in the Narthex for donations, or you can bring them to the church office. Thank you so much for your help!

MONDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY at Zion, 9:30am in the Nursery. The Books "A is for Alabaster", a devotional that anyone can order.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at Stockholm Inn, 8:00am—feel free to join these groups

SAVE THE DATES FALL WOZ FUN FILLED ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ *November 24th Sunday* "Decorate the Church". Right after the service, let's gather and put up the Christmas decorations. The more the merrier, and the men are definitely invited to this;
- ◆ *December 17th Tuesday 12:30* "WOZ Christmas luncheon" Stockholm Inn. Everyone buys their own lunch. We will have an optional white elephant gift exchange.

Mark your calendars and watch the weekly bulletins and Grapevine for further details. If you have any questions, please ask one of the WOZ board members.

Thank you, Sue Drilling, Margaret Hallin, Karen Kermgard, Kathy Rasch, Linda Reinhardt

MEMBERS MOVING (LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS)

- ⇒ Sandra Swenson is now at Independence Village
- ⇒ Frank Macchi is now at Cherryvale Place

PRAYER CORNER! WE ASK YOU TO PRAY FOR:



- ◇ The ELCA, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Stacie Fidler, Pastor Thomas, Student Pastor Rachel Perkins, Pastor Emeritus Denver Bitner, the Zion Church Council, Pastor Caleb Uk of the Burmese congregation; the Zion Staff, Zion Outreach Board, Staff and Programs of Patriots Gateway Center, Katie's Cup and Zion Development Corporation.
- ◇ Pastor Cosmas Mujungu of Sepuka Parish
- ◇ Pastor Selvakumar and Arcot Lutheran Church in India and Sepuka/Msisi Church in Tanzania.
- ◇ For the Northern Illinois Synod; North Conference churches; Midtown Lutheran Parish, faculty and students of Rockford Lutheran Schools, Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries.
- ◇ For those who grieve the loss of loved ones: Family of Don Carlson, Ted Carlson.
- ◇ For healing: Eloise Anderson, Darleen Bates, David Bates, Phyllis Brynteson, Colette Buchert, Linda Callahan, Yolanda Churchill, Jim Duhigg, Gary Fulkerson, Bennie & Mairetha Jackson, Linda Reinhardt, Betty Jo Rodey, Wayne Spitzer, Carrie Steder and Brian Veitch.

If you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving to share, please notify Pastor Mike or Pastoral Intern Rachel. The prayer room is upstairs to the left of the sanctuary and is available during office hours and on Sunday before and after worship services.

PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

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| Sunday | 9:15am | Worship |
| | 10:30am | Forum: Lutheran 101—Fellowship Hall |
| | 1:00pm | Civil Rights Recap—Fellowship Hall |
| Monday | 9:30am | Book Study—Nursery |
| | 1:30pm | Bag Fluffing—Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 8:30am | RVC English as a Second Language Class—Marander Room |
| Wednesday | 8:00am | Bible Study—Stockholm Inn |
| | 8:00am | Miss Carly’s Sandwich Making—Kitchen |
| | 8:30am | RVC English as a Second Language Class—Marander Room |
| | 4:00pm | WOW—Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 8:30am | RVC English as a Second Language Class—Marander Room |
| | 5:00pm | Trunk or Treat—Patriots Gateway Center |
| Sunday | 9:15am | All Saints Day Worship |
| | 10:15am | Forum— NAMI |

UPCOMING

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| November 10 | 10:15am | Forum—Alzheimer |
| November 13 | 11:30am | Cornucopia Prayer Service and Volunteer Luncheon—Zion |
| November 17 | 10:15am | Forum—LDA by Janice Forrest |
| November 21 | 12:30pm | “God” Fellows (Men’s Group) - Ernie’s |
| November 24 | 11:00am | Zion Decorating Party (until 2:00pm) |

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