



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Education Hour 8:45 AM - Divine Worship 10:00 AM
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Sunday, October 29th, 2023
Reformation Day (*observed*)

Prelude
Tower Bells and Welcome
Announcements

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate.
Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.

Opening Hymn

Salvation unto Us Has Come (vs 1-5)

LSB 555

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 Psalm 46

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

2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth
gives way,
**though the mountains be moved into the
heart of the sea,**

3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

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

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be
moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

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

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the
earth;

**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

10 "Be still, and know that I am God.
**I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"**

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

Kyrie

LSB 204

C: (*sing*) Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise

Salvation unto Us Has Come (vs 6-10)

LSB 555

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

All: 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. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Revelation 14:6-13 (*sit*)

6 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. 7 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."

8 Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."

9 And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink the wine of

God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

12 Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

Epistle 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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 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. 26 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.

27 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. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse LSB 205

C: (stand and sing) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 8:31-36

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” 33 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?’”

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed (*Inside back hymnal cover*) LSB 207

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn *A Mighty Fortress* **LSB 656**

Sermon

Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* **LSB 702**
(Offering brought up during last verse.)

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that God would deliver her from error and preserve in her the proclamation of the Gospel, and that all would fear the Lord and give Him glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all ministers of the Word, that by their preaching of the Law all would be held accountable to God without excuse, and that by their proclamation of the Gospel all would know Jesus Christ as their Savior, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are blind to the bondage of their sin, that God would open their eyes by the words of Jesus and grant them the true freedom of sonship through a permanent place in His household, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our homes and families, that God would keep us in His Word and so make us truly His disciples, freed from errors and at peace; and especially for all fathers, that God would preserve and encourage them for their godly task to bring up children who fear Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the civil authorities, especially our president; Congress; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that God would protect them from the temptations that beset their offices and grant them wisdom and courage to serve with integrity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For safety and success in all our daily labors of harvest, working in industry, education, food service, merchandising, the arts and sciences, medical and emergency services, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who cry to God for healing of body and soul, [*especially _____,*] that He would grant them release from their afflictions according to His will and sustain their hope until the day of Christ's appearing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of refuge, we give You thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We especially bless You today for the great reformers of Your Church who call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us in fellowship with them, and bring us at last to our heavenly home and the joy of seeing our Redeemer face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Our Prayers – *Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction LSB 212

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

LSB 647

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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