



**God's Faithfulness  
Through the Generations:  
Wisdom and Devotion  
Reformation Sunday  
October 30, 2022 + 9:00 a.m.**

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**Congregational responses are in BOLD.**

All are welcome to receive Jesus' unconditional gift of God's grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Regardless of your church membership or affiliation, all are encouraged to participate in communion or to come forward for a blessing.

Children of all ages are encouraged to worship with the whole community in Christ. Children's worship bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Page numbers that are listed are found in the front of the cranberry-colored hymnal on the bottom of the page. Hymn numbers are listed in bold, large print on the top of the page.

If you would like home communion, hospital visit, or a conversation with the pastor, please contact the church office at 715.687.4110 or at [office@zionstratford.org](mailto:office@zionstratford.org) or Interim Pastor Andrea Fluegel at 715.391.9311 or [pastor@zionstratford.org](mailto:pastor@zionstratford.org).

**Ministers:** All the People of God through the love of Jesus and the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit

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**Custodian:** Kendra Edward

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CENTERING

### We Gather in Grace

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit  
whose light brought new understanding  
of both the Living Word and the written Scripture.

**We give thanks  
for the reminder of consistent grace and mercy  
from God through Jesus Christ.**

We are grateful for the inspiration  
that led to the printing press,  
enabling the spread of information  
and the sharing of the gospel in many languages.

**We thank God for the technologies  
that can be used for good  
for the support of communities and individuals.**

Generous God,  
we thank you for open hearts  
that were prepared to hear and receive the good news  
of freedom in Christ.

**We also thank you for our continued freedom in the Son to share  
that same news of salvation  
through your grace and Christ's faithfulness.**

We remember the lives that were lost  
in the struggle to reform the church on earth –  
those who were martyred,  
those who died fighting,  
those who perished in hiding,  
and who were killed on all sides.

**We remember also the lives that have been lost  
throughout history in the name of religion  
and for those who die today for daring to believe.**

We thank you for the instruction that comes  
through our church heritage –  
the catechisms,  
the understanding of the saints,  
the gift of community,  
and a deeper appreciation of God's gift of Holy Communion  
and Holy Baptism.

**We thank you for the presence of Jesus Christ –  
in us, with us, and for us –  
and for the support of the Holy Spirit, ever-reforming us.**

God of stability and change,  
we thank you that true reformation is always your work  
and always being done in us  
out of your love for your whole creation.

We are ever reformed by the work of your love.

**We are ever reformed by the work of God's love.**

**GATHERING HYMN**    *"A Mighty Fortress"*

**ELW #504**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin  
to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for individual confession and self-reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us  
even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power  
through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

### **GREETING**

The love of God poured into your hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *“Give to our God Immortal Praise!”*

**ELW 848 vs 1 & 2**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **We Hear the Word of God**

#### **FIRST READING**

**1 Kings 3:3-14**

<sup>3</sup> Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. <sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.”

<sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup> If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**    *“Alleluia”*

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**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 6:5-15**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

<sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>7</sup> “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> “Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. <sup>10</sup> May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. <sup>14</sup> “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Andrea Fluegel**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “If You Trust in God to Guide You” ELW #769**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God’s creation.

*A brief silence.*

God our fortress, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**



God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis. We lift before you aloud with our voices or silently in our hearts all the people, places and circumstances that keep us awake at night... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism, especially our 10th grade students and mentors. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and give them courage to proclaim their faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our stronghold, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**KIDS' GLOBAL OFFERING/OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

*"Lamb of God"*

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*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

**ELW #781**

*"The Church of Christ in Every Age"*

**ELW #729**

## **BLESSING**

### **PRAYER**

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A LITANY OF FAREWELL FOR THE INTERIM PASTOR**

Transition Team Chair: A church community is constantly changing. Loved ones come to the end of their lives; new lives are born and baptized into the faith community. Individuals and families come and go throughout our life together. It is important for us to recognize and mark well these times of passage, these endings and beginnings. Today we bid farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Andrea Fluegel who has served us as Pastor for the Interim for the past 10 months, whose time with us has now drawn to a close.

*Pastor: I thank you, the people of Zion Lutheran Church, both members and friends, for the love, kindness and support you have shown me these past months. I thank you for accepting my leadership and receiving me as pastor in your midst for this time of transition. I recall with joy the many things we have been able to accomplish together, and with sadness the things we were not able to do.*

**Congregation: We receive with thankfulness the ministry you have offered us in the time we have shared. We accept that you now leave us to minister elsewhere, trusting God goes with you on that journey. Your presence among us will not be forgotten.**

Transition Team Chair: Do you, the members and friends of Zion Lutheran Church, now release Pastor Andrea from the duties of Pastor for the Interim?

**Congregation: We do, with the help of God.**

Transition Team Chair: Do you, Pastor Andrea, release Zion Lutheran Church from turning to you and relying on you to serve them as Pastor?

*Pastor: I do, with the help of God.*

Transition Team Chair: Do you, Pastor Andrea, offer your prayers and encouragement for the continued ministry here at Zion Lutheran Church?

*Pastor: I do, with the help of God.*

Transition Team Chair: Let us pray.

**Congregation: O God of all creation, whose love for all is trustworthy and true, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. During our time together we have experienced laughter and tears, hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we carry these cherished memories with us in new directions until that time when we are completely one with you and with one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Transition Team Chair: Go now, Pastor Andrea, with our blessing, surrounded by our love and led by the promises of God, the presence of Christ Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

### **We Serve the World in God's Name**

#### **BENEDICTION**

For all that God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the Spirit wants to send us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

The blessing of God, Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you and on your way together,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG** *“Rise, Shine, You People”*

**ELW #665**

**DISMISSAL**

We go in peace serving the Lord,  
**with open doors, open hearts, and open hands.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**





## **Zion Lutheran Church**

***Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Hands***

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