

October 27, 2024 – Day of Reformation



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad to be gathered with you. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please ask an usher to answer any questions you may have. Cameras are in use for livestreaming the worship service.

The altar flowers are given by the Batkowski family in honor of Confirmation and Reformation Sunday. May our hearts be uplifted, our spirits renewed, and our commitment to our faith strengthened as we continue to walk in the footsteps of those who came before us, guided by the light of truth and love.

Assisting Minister & Readers — Youth of Zion

Acolyte — Leah Batkowski

Greeters — Youth of Zion

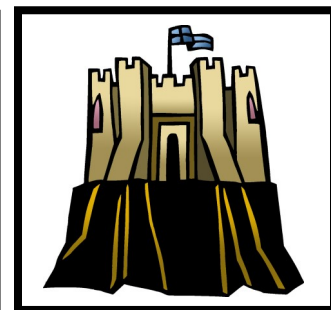
Ushers — Youth of Zion

Altar Guild — Bonnie Stanski

Opening Hymn *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"* ELW 504

Hymn of the Day *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"* ELW 779

Closing Hymn *"Built on a Rock"* ELW 652



October 20th Attendance

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
25	44



Join members of the Evangelism committee in welcoming Oldwick's **Trick-or-Treaters** to the neighborhood for Halloween! If you'd like to be a part of the fun, please contact John Minerowicz at 973-945-6102.

Financial Summary YTD

INCOME

\$266,762

EXPENSES

-\$284,717

DIFFERENCE

-17,955



Our final **Endowment Sunday** for 2024 will be All Saints Sunday, November 3rd. Please consider giving to the Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund to remember a loved one or to commemorate and celebrate a significant milestone in your family's church life, such as a baptism, confirmation or wedding. Contributing to the Endowment Fund is a wonderful way to give an everlasting gift to support future ministry opportunities at Zion Lutheran Church. Envelopes marked "Endowment Fund" will be available in the back of the church or from an usher.



One of the **Alternative Giving** charities chosen by the Social Ministry committee this year is New Jersey Angels. This charity matches a volunteer with a foster child to assist the family and mentor the child and children in the family. Under the direction of Betty Lanka, we'll be making 25 snowflake ornaments on Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. to go along with the card that gift recipients will receive. If you'd like to help, please sign up via the link that was emailed from the Parish Office.

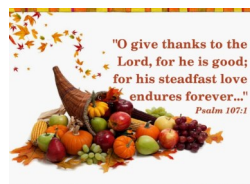


**Give to Zion
from your phone!**

Scan the QR code to be directed to Tithely's electronic giving site.



Third quarter giving statements are available for pick up at the back of the church. If you typically receive a printed copy from us, please find yours in the box to take home with you.



"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever..."
Psalms 107:1

All are invited to the **Women of Zion Thanksgiving Dinner** on Wednesday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up via the link that was emailed from the Parish Office, and contact Barb Surhoff or Wendy Minerowicz with any questions you may have.

First Reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

¹Job answered the LORD: ²"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' ⁵I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

¹⁰And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹²The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷And Job died, old and full of days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

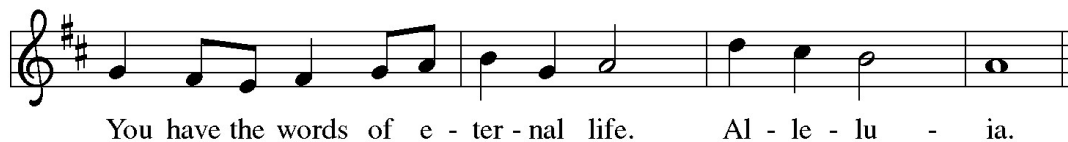
¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth. ²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice. ³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together. ⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors. ⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. ⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles. ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God! ¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one. ²⁰God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken. ²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished. ²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

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Gospel Acclamation



Our Parish Choir anthem today, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word", with both text and tune by Martin Luther himself, serves as a prayer that our Triune God would guard and keep us in all times of trouble and uncertainty.

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son and bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, for You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we may sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life. Amen.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.



Second Sunday Social – November 10th

Zion's youth and families are invited to join Jaime for a pizza lunch at the CEB followed by a hike on the Columbia Trail. If you have not done so already, please sign up ASAP via the link emailed from the Parish Office.



	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday	Fifth Sunday
November	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24	
Sunday School Theme: Gratitude	All School Event: All Saints	Service Project: Military Recognition	Bible Story: Elijah and the Widow	Bible Story: Jonah and the Big Fish	
Special Events		Second Sunday Social! Pizza lunch and a hike on the Columbia Trail!			
December	12/1	12/8	12/15	12/22	12/29
Sunday School Theme: God With Us	All School Event: Advent	Service Project: College Care Packages	Pageant Rehearsal in the Sanctuary	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Special Events		Second Sunday Social! We will join with Parish Life and make Advent Parish Night our Second Sunday Social!		10am Single Service for the Christmas Pageant	Holiday Break