

October 25, 2026 – 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 Paul Batkowski in honor of this year's graduating confirmands. The prelude is "The Lord's Prayer" arranged by Christine Anderson, featuring a handbell solo by Janet Hornich.

Assisting Minister — John McAleer

Acolyte — Grant McDonald

Greeters — Melanie & Steve Hodges

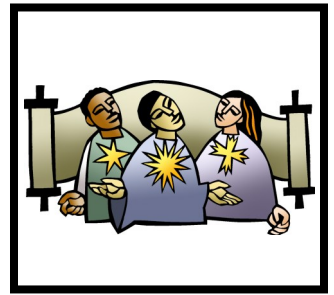
Ushers — Bob Fritsche & David Wintemute

Altar Guild — Sue Swanson

Opening Hymn *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* ELW 631

Hymn of the Day *"Here I Am, Lord"* ELW 574

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



October 18th Attendance

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
25	47



Today we celebrate our **graduating confirmands**, as they profess their faith before the congregation. Please join us in welcoming Leah Batkowski, Nate Brokaw, Ellie Choy, Ana Jebesen, and Caleb Schumann to full membership in the church.

Financial Summary YTD

INCOME

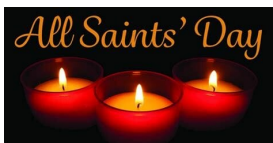
\$301,296

EXPENSES

-\$295,238

DIFFERENCE

\$6,058



All Saints' Day

Next Sunday we will celebrate **All Saints Day** at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. The names of those who have passed in the last year will be lifted in prayer and there will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance.



Endowment Fund

Our final **Endowment Sunday** for 2026 will be next Sunday, November 1st. Please consider giving to the Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund as a way 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.

Envelopes marked "Endowment Fund" will be available at the back of the church or from an usher.



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Scan the QR code to make a contribution to Zion via Venmo.

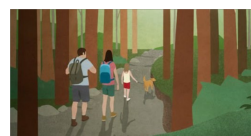


Youth and adults are invited to join Pastor Kat in "**Listening for God's Call**," an exploration of how God is calling you to live out your faith. Sessions will be held on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. at the CEB on Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 22. Sign up using the link that was emailed from the Parish Office.

Third Quarter Giving Statements



Available at the back of the church.



Zion's youth and families are invited to join Jaime next Sunday, November 1st, for a brown bag lunch at the CEB at 12:15 p.m., followed by a **hike on the Columbia Trail** in High Bridge. Please sign up ASAP via the link that was emailed from the Parish Office.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹ Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴ The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” ⁵ Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. ⁶ He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷ Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. ⁸ The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹ Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹ He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (read responsively)

¹ Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

² **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

³ You turn us back to the dust and say, “Turn back, O children of earth.”

⁴ **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

⁵ you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶ **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

¹³ Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴ **Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.**

¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶ **Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.**

¹⁷ May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" '?"

⁴⁵ "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O Come and Sing unto the Lord" David Bridges

O come and sing unto the Lord, to him our voices raise;
Let us in our most joyful songs the Lord, our Savior, praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, our joyful songs we raise.



Inspired Investment in Zion's Future

Stewardship commitment season began on October 18th. We received 24 pledges totaling \$121,480. Two-thirds of the pledges were new or for an increased amount. Thank you for your generosity! For comparison, last year we had 19 pledges for \$100,760 by Commitment Sunday. We would like to hear from every family on how you can financially support our ministries in 2027. Please let us know what your Inspired Investment will be in Zion's ministries. Thank you.



	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday	Fifth Sunday
October	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25	
Sunday School Theme: Community	Bible Lesson: Parable of the Vineyard	All School Event: Stewardship	Bible Lesson: Paying Taxes	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (10am Single Service)	
Special Events				Confirmation	
November	11/1	11/8	11/15	11/22	11/29
Sunday School Theme: Gratitude	All School Event: All Saints	Veteran Recognition Service Project	Bible Lesson: Parable of the Talents	Bible Lesson: Sheep and Goats	College Care Packages Service Project
Special Events	Fall Hike on the Columbia Trail!				