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Worship 10:00am
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Reformation Sunday
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Reformation Sunday

Greeting and Prayer

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

C Amen!

Responsive Reading from Psalm 119

P Oh LORD, how I love Your law!

C It is my meditation all the day.

P You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies;

C For they are ever with me.

P I have more understanding than all my teachers,

C For Your testimonies are my meditation.

P I understand more than the ancients,

C Because I keep your precepts.

P How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

P Through Your precepts I get understanding;

C Therefore I hate every false way.

P Your word is a lamp to my feet

C And I light to my path.

[TLH 261, sung by all]

C *Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 2

- P** Why do the nations rage,
C **And the people plot a vain thing?**
P The kings of the earth set themselves,
C **And the rulers take counsel together,**
P Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
C **"Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."**
P He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
C **The LORD shall hold them in derision.**
P Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:
C **"Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."**

[TLH 261, sung by all]

 **C** *Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,* 
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 31

- P** In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed;
C **Deliver me in Your righteousness.**
P Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily;
C **Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me.**
P For You are my rock and my fortress;
C **Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me.**
P Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me,
C **For You are my strength.**
P Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
C **You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.**

[TLH 261, sung by all]

 **C** *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.

P God our Father, *has* preserved His Word for us. It is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. Our Lord Jesus *has* made His power known. He is sitting at the right hand of the Father and will come to judge the world. God the Holy Spirit *has* extended God's grace to us through Word and Sacrament. But we have not kept the Word of our Lord. I now ask you, therefore, before God who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins you have committed in thought, word, and deed; do you repent of them, believe on the Lord Jesus for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, to lead a godly life from now on? If so, then answer "yes."

C Yes.

P Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Let us praise our gracious God!

[TLH 261, sung by all]

 **C** *Glory to God the Father, Son,* 
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

The Epistle Reading: *Jeremiah 18:1-11*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ And the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. ⁹ And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: 'Thus says the LORD, Behold, I am

shaping disaster against you and devising a plan against you. Return, every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your deeds.'

Reformation Interlude

🎵 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it; **🎵**
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child and wife,
Let these all be gone, They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom our remaineth.

The Gospel Reading: *Mark 13:5-11*

And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹ "But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹ And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

🎵 God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever **🎵**
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

A Reformation Confession of Faith

We boldly confess what we believe using the following words from the Formula of Concord – on Justification by Faith

☐ “We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God.

A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own.

This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone.

His obedience is credited to us for righteousness.

These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel.

Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves.

This faith is God’s gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him.

We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved.”

Hymn 463:1-4 (red hymnal):

For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest

The Sermon: Revelation 14:6-7 (NIV)

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

The Light of the Eternal Gospel

The Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 463:5-8 (red hymnal):

For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

☑ Amen!

Closing Hymn 262 (red hymnal): *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Welcome Everyone! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a FREE "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

Thank you! We thank Pastor Caleb Schaller for bringing us the gospel message this morning! Pastor Schaller is the son of Mt. Zion members, Walt and Kathy Schaller. He lives in Eau Claire, WI where he shepherds our sister CLC congregation – Messiah Lutheran Church. He is married with four daughters.

Reformation Seminar: Thank you so much to all who helped plan, prepare, and pray for Reformation Seminar this past Friday night! Especially to Pastors John Schierenbeck and Caleb Schaller for traveling here from Eau Claire, WI to share their message. It was a wonderful evening and we had a great turnout! Through this seminar, we as a congregation jointly proclaimed the truth of God's Word. We can trust in the promise of God that *His Word shall not return to Him empty, but it shall accomplish that which He purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which He sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)*

Thank You! We thank our congregation Trustee Chairman, Ben Mueller, for finishing the wheel chair ramp project yesterday! Be sure to check it out after church.

Important Dates at Mt. Zion

Fri. 11/3	7pm	Fellowship Bonfire at Mt. Zion
Sun. 11/5	9am	Bible Class
	10am	Worship Service with Communion
Sun. 11/26	10am	Thanksgiving Service
	11am	Hanging of the Greens
Sun. 12/6	10am	Advent Season Begins
Wed. 12/6	7pm	First Mid-Week Advent Service

Fellowship Bonfire: Mt. Zion's Outreach Committee is planning a fellowship bonfire this Friday, November 3, 2017 at 7pm at Mt. Zion's parking lot. Campfire songs will be sung, hot cocoa will be sipped, and smores will be devoured! It would be a wonderful, low-commitment way to introduce friends and neighbors to our church. And a nice way for Mt. Zion to gain some visibility in the Madison Heights area. Please plan to attend!

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