

November 1, 2020



# REFORMATION

## *SUNDAY*



# MT. ZION

Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Madison Heights, MI

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# Reformation Sunday

**Pre-Service Personal Prayer:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Keep us always in the truth of Your pure Word. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to love Your saving Word, so that by Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone, we may be preserved by You unto eternal life. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Today's Worship!

### Greeting and Prayer

#### Hymn 775:1-4 (WS2000): *Thy Strong Word*

- 1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank thee  
While thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!*
- 2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation,  
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!*
- 3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hope confess.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!*
- 4. From the cross thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!*

**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 vain 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 Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

### **The Old Testament Reading: *2 Chronicles 29:12-19***

Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah; <sup>13</sup> and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel; and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; <sup>14</sup> and of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. <sup>15</sup> They gathered their brothers and consecrated themselves and went in as the king had commanded, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. <sup>16</sup> The priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and they brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it and carried it out to the brook Kidron. <sup>17</sup> They began to consecrate on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the LORD. Then for eight days they consecrated the house of the LORD, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished. <sup>18</sup> Then they went in to Hezekiah the king and said, "We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the table for the showbread and all its utensils. <sup>19</sup> All the utensils that King Ahaz discarded in his reign when he was faithless, we have made ready and consecrated, and behold, they are before the altar of the LORD."

### **The Gospel Reading: *John 2:13-17***

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

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

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## A Reformation Confession of Faith

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

**C** “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 262 (TLH): *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

1. *A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from every need  
That has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe, Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On Earth is not his equal.*
2. *With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is.  
The almighty Lord,  
And there's no other God;  
He holds the field forever.*
3. *Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill,  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none, He's judged;  
the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.*
4. *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 do what they will – Hate, steal, hurt,  
or kill – Though all may be gone  
Our victory is won;  
The kingdom's ours forever!*

### **The Sermon:** *Galatians 2:15-20*

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. <sup>17</sup> But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup> For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. <sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### **The Lutheran Reformation of the Word "Justification"**

- I. The Law can only lead to pride or despair
- II. Only the Gospel can lead to faith and salvation

## 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 377:1-2,5-7 (TLH): *Salvation Unto Us Has Come*

- 1. Salvation unto us has come**  
*By God's free grace and favor;*  
*Good works cannot avert our doom,*  
*They help and save us never.*  
*Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,*  
*Who did for all the world atone;*  
*He is our one Redeemer.*
- 2. What God did in His Law demand**  
*And none to Him could render*  
*Caused wrath and woe on every hand*  
*For man, the vile offender.*  
*Our flesh has not those pure desires*  
*The spirit of the Law requires,*  
*And lost is our condition.*
- 5. Yet as the Law must be fulfilled**  
*Or we must die despairing,*  
*Christ came and hath God's anger stilled,*  
*Our human nature sharing.*  
*He hath for us the Law obeyed*  
*And thus the Father's vengeance stayed*  
*Which over us impended.*
- 6. Since Christ hath full atonement made**  
*And brought to us salvation,*  
*Each Christian therefore may be glad*  
*And build on this foundation.*  
*Thy grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,*  
*Thy death is now my life indeed,*  
*For Thou hast paid my ransom.*
- 7. Let me not doubt, but trust in Thee,**  
*Thy Word cannot be broken;*  
*Thy call rings out, "Come unto Me!"*  
*No falsehood hast Thou spoken.*  
*Baptized into Thy precious name,*  
*My faith cannot be put to shame,*  
*And I shall never perish.*

## Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Service of the Sacrament

**P** The Lord be with you.

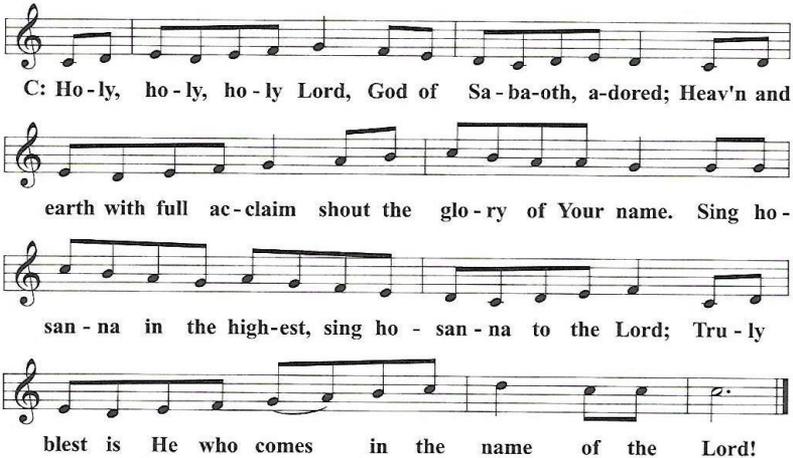
**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who in the multitude of Your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with endurance the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away; Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

## Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

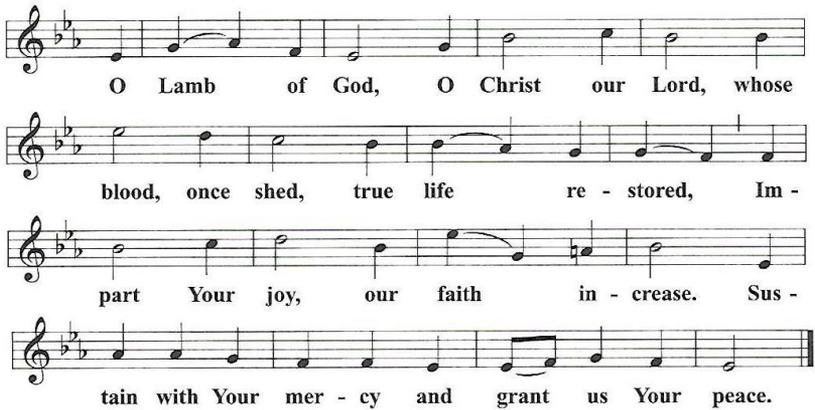


C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and  
earth with full ac-claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -  
san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Words of Institution

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."  
The peace of the Lord be with you always!

## Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

## Distribution of the Sacrament

### Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

**1 Corinthians 1:10** "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

**1 Corinthians 11:26-30** "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

# O Lord, Now Let Your Servant *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For  
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## Thanksgiving

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## The Benediction

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

**P** 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.

**G** Amen!

### Hymn 775:5-6 (WS2000): *Thy Strong Word*

*5. Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,*

*Throats to shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak thy holy name.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*May the light which thou dost send*

*Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!*

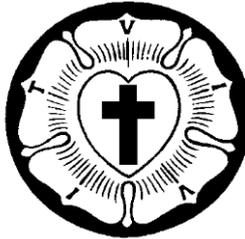
*6. God the Father, light-creator,  
To thee laud and honor be.*

*To thee, Light from Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.*

*Holy Spirit, light-revealer,*

*Glory, glory be to thee.*

*Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!*



### LUTHER'S SEAL

*(SEE THE BANNER NEAR THE ALTAR)*

Luther's seal tells the story of what Martin Luther believed and confessed. He explained it in this way... "The first thing expressed in my seal is a cross; black to put me in mind that Christ crucified saves us. 'For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness.' Now, although the cross is black, mortified, and intended to cause pain, it does not change the color of the heart, does not destroy nature - that is does not kill, but keeps alive. 'For the just shall live by faith' - by faith in the Savior. The heart is fixed upon the center of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy, consolation, and peace...This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-colored field to denote that such joy of faith...is but an earnest and beginning of Heavenly joy to come...And around the field is a golden ring, to signify that such joy in heaven is endless..."

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

**OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT:** The normal collection of the offering has been omitted from this service. If you have an offering that you wish to contribute, please deposit it in the gold plate on the shelf in the back of church.

**MT. ZION CLOTHING ORDER** forms are available in the back of church. Time is running out! If you're making an order, please fill out a form and hand it in with payment to Pastor by November 1. Checks can be made out to "Mt. Zion." You can also pay via CashApp.

**JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE TODAY:** Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sister Lakes, MI is hosting a special afternoon Reformation Service **TODAY** at 4:00pm. Pastor Schaller from Redeemer, Pastor Wilke from Gethsemane in Saginaw, and Pastor Naumann will all be participating in the special service which will focus on the 500 year anniversary of the publishing of Martin Luther's "Three Treatises" (1520). If you need a ride, please talk to Pastor.

**CLC CALL NEWS:** Recently colloquized pastor Johnathan Schnose has **accepted** the call to serve as resident vacancy pastor to Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Pastor Aaron Ude, Good Shepherd, SD has **received** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Grace, Sleepy Eye & Faith, New Ulm, MN has **received** the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Teacher Ted Quade has announced his retirement, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. <> Mrs. June Schmid, a member of Messiah, Eau Claire, has **accepted** the call to teach half time in the 4th grade at Messiah Lutheran School for the 20-21 school year. <> Mrs. Carrie Reim has requested a peaceful release from her teaching call at Messiah, Eau Claire following the current school year.

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

In-Person Attend. 10/25/20 = 22 <> Online BC Attend. 10/28/20 = 8

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2,615.38	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$56,230.77
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$2,385.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$66,836.56
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):			\$2,795.46

## SERVING US THIS WEEK

October Usher: Matt Fobear <> Church Cleaning: Naumanns

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

<b>Today</b>	10am	Reformation Sunday Service
	4pm	Joint Reformation Service Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes, MI
<b>Wed. 11/4</b>	7pm	Online Bible Class Join with this link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd">meet.google.com/kpe-ctuk-qwd</a>
	<b>Sat. 11/7</b>	3pm
<b>Tue. 11/10</b>	7pm	Elders Meeting
	7:30pm	Council Meeting
	8pm	Trustees Meeting
<b>Sun. 11/15</b>	4pm	Cleveland Worship Service

## IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

*Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."*

**Jackie McGruder** remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Jay Sandeen** (at-distance member in Columbus, OH) is currently serving with his Army National Guard unit overseas in Kuwait. **Pastor Naumann's** mother, **Desirae Naumann** of Clarkston, WA, has stage four brain cancer and is receiving radiation and chemo treatment.