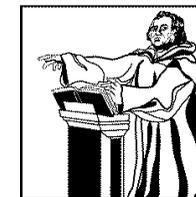


Jesus Christ, host of this meal,  
you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your  
great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of  
justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

# Zion Lutheran Church Outdoor Worship



Reformation  
Sunday

## Sunday, October 25, 2020

**CLOSING SONG:** *I Love to Tell the Story*

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

- 1 **I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

*Refrain* **I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory  
and tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

- 2 **I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain***

- 3 **I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

### BENEDICTION

### SENDING MUSIC

■ **Becoming a member of Zion...** We would love having you as part of our Zion family. Indicate your interest on the "Welcome..." pad and list your mailing address and phone number. ***Please contact the church office for membership information.***

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### GREETING

**OPENING SONG:** *Seek Ye First*

Text: Karen Lafferty. © 1972 Maranatha! Music CCLI #1352

- 1 **Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**
- 2 **Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find,  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**
- 3 **We do not live by bread alone, but by every word,  
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia**

### OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**  
Sing to the Lord a new song; **Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**  
Sing to the Lord and bless his name; **Sing to the Lord of our salvation!**  
Let us worship the Lord. **Praise the Name of the Lord!**

### WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Brothers and sisters, let us come before God and admit what we are. We can honestly bring our failure, apathy, anger and hatred; the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. We can be honest because God desires to shower us with forgiveness and to help us become better than we are.

For thoughts that have wandered and led us dangerously close to things that would destroy us;

**Forgive the sin of our thoughts and lead us to health and healing.**

For careless words that have hurt others and profaned your name;

**Forgive the sin of our lips and lead us to health and healing.**

For actions that have betrayed you, and stepped on others in our ladder climb to success and power;

**Forgive the sin of our deeds and lead us to health and healing.**

God does forgive us and make us new. God says, "As far as the east is from the west, so I will separate you from your sins." Living in this assurance of forgiveness, let us praise God in word and in deed, in prayer and in song.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## MORNING PRAYER

**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.**

## READING ~ Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

## MORNING GOSPEL ~ John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE MESSAGE:** Pastor Scott Ludford

## MORNING OFFERING

*This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of Zion respond to God's goodness with gifts to support our mission. The QR code is provided for those who prefer e-giving.*



**OFFERING MUSIC** ~ *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Jill Sousek, keyboard

## COMMUNION CELEBRATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

We come to the Table of the Lord to be made new.

The cup of love and the bread of life have been given for all of us to remember the very real presence of Christ with us.

**Feed us with your heavenly food. Our spirits are hungry for the bread of life.**

We have come again, knowing that Christ is the God of love and will feed us that which is good.

**Fill us with the cup of love. Our spirits are thirsty and we want to drink from the well giving us eternal life.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*use "trespasses"*)

## THE COMMUNION

*Please come forward respecting physical distance. Baptized and communing Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. Non-communing children may come for a blessing.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** Randy Steffen

## BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**