



REFORMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Service

October 25, 2020

ATTENTION ALL WORSHIPERS AT ZION

My friends in Christ: Because of the Coronavirus, we have made some changes in our worship procedures for the health and safety of all who worship at Zion. If you are a visitor, we really are glad you are worshiping with us today and we do not wish to appear to be unfriendly, but your health and safety are our concern as well, and we hope you will understand why we may not shake your hand.

- **Instead of shaking hands or giving hugs at the Passing of the Peace, greet your neighbor verbally.**
- **Instead of holding hands for the “Post-Communion Blessing” we will simply stand as it is given.**
- **I will not be in back on your way out of service so people can exit out of the church with ease.**

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Bill

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
210 North Wayne Street
Saint Mary, Ohio 45885

10:30 a.m.

Setting 10

PRELUDE *Fanfares on "A Mighty Fortress"* by Lau

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP (STAND)

P: The beginnings of faith call for seeking the Lord.
The beginnings of faith call for the reading of Scripture.
The beginnings of faith call for understanding the Word of God.
The authority of the Scripture stands on its own. Our discussion
and questions are answered there.
Seek the Lord in The Word.

C: **May we never fear the truth of Scripture.**
May we never cease proclaiming God's Word.
May we never cease to critically apply Scripture to our lives.
May the Holy Spirit infuse us with the living knowledge of
Christ, the Word made flesh, the Way, the Truth, and the
Light. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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P In joy and thanksgiving we begin our worship in the name of the
Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is
covered. Let us take time to reflect on our deep need for God's
forgiveness and mercy in our lives. (Psalm 32:1)

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

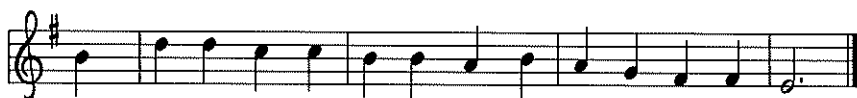
C And also with you.

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- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Insert

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

Insert

PSALM 46

Insert

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Insert

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The holy gospel according to Saint John the eighth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Insert

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

Insert

CONFIRMATION

P Will the Confirmands: **Chloe Faye Gibson and Kathryn Alice Mertz** come forward to the Communion Rail.

P You have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You have attended worship and participated in the life of Christ's church. You have had the Holy Scriptures placed into your hands and you have completed two years of Catechism instruction.

P Today is the day that you assume full responsibility for your faith. Today the promises made by your parents at baptism now stand before you to accept and keep.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R *I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R *I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R *I renounce them.*

P All of us may answer the following questions: Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R *I do and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

(Parents come forward)

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Amen.

P Chloe Faye Gibson

Confirmation Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

P Kathryn Alice Mertz

Confirmation Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:7

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in **Chloe Faye Gibson / Kathryn Alice Mertz** the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

C Amen.

(Parents and Confirmands turn to face congregation.)

P Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

P You are now a full member of the body of Christ, his church, and you are responsible to God for your own faith. Go in peace.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Do not Despair, Little Flock
(Kommt Her Zu Mir)

arr. Smith

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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P Lord in your mercy...

C **Hear our prayer.**

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

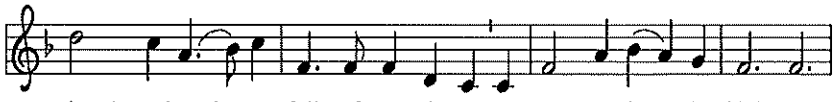
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

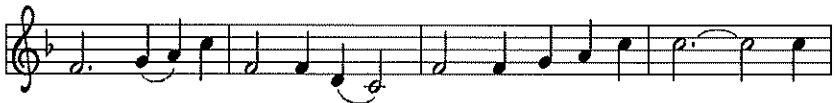
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Day by Day"

Insert

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

Insert

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Gracious God, you have gifted us with the bread and wine of this holy meal; fed us with the body and blood of your Son our Lord; forgiven us and granted us new life in Christ. Make us bold to go out in the world, serving in your name as you lead us unto paths unknown.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Pray in the Spirit at all times so that you may discern the will of God. Keep alert as you walk in faith. Speak with the boldness of the apostles who came before you so that all might know the good news. And may the Lord bless you and keep you, now and forever, in the name of the Father, the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 6)

C Amen.

SENDING

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

Insert

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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Memory Verse

Romans 3:20

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.



Flowers
in Memory of...

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bob & Linda Suchland in memory of their mothers, Ruth Eshleman and Mary Suchland.

Today, October 25*

Acolytes: Kirstyn Opperman, Bennett Glass

Communion Assistants: Connie & Mark Torsell

Ann Maki, Pam Fledderjohann

Crucifers: Isaac Torsell, Ella Glass

Ushers: Jeanne Wurster, Chris White

Doug Stetler, Donna Ankerman

Greeters: Judy Schultz, Vic Von Blon

Ralph & Carol Peyton

Readers: Kathy Langsdon, Darl Bishir

Next Sunday, November 1*

Acolytes: Braylon Lampert, Veronica Mertz

Communion Assistants: John Hesse, Jeanne Wurster
Dan & Cheryl Macklem

Crucifers: Zach Hesse, Katie Mertz

Ushers: Connie & Mark Torsell, Keith Fledderjohann & Darl Bishir

Greeters: Ed & Linda Yahl, Phyllis Lutterbeck & Cheryl Macklem

Readers: Vic Von Blon, Dan Macklem

*Subject to change, correct as of time printed

ATTENDANCE.....	Wednesday: 27
.....	Sunday 8:00: 40, 10:30: 37, Total for Day: 77
.....	Total for Week: 104
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Calendar for October 25—November 8, 2020

S/25	8:00 a.m.	Reformation Sunday Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Crossroads
	10:30 p.m.	Reformation/Confirmation Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Underground
M/26	7:00 p.m.	Sola Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout #360 Meeting
T/27	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/28	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
S/1	8:00 a.m.	All Saints' Sunday Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	All Saints' Sunday Worship Service*
M/2	5:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #360
	7:00 p.m.	Sola Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/3	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:30 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/4	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation

T/5	9:00 a.m.	Workday
S/7	9:00 a.m.	Men in Mission Bible Study
S/8	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Crossroads
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service

**Holy Communion*

We invite you to include the following people in your daily prayers: Larry Wilkins, Janet Dicke, Tanner Fortman, Judy Von Blon, Juli Clark, Brent Paulus, Jo Ann Cooper, Adam Poe, Judy Howell, Debbie Fishbaugh, Carol Singleton, Don Deitsch, Carla Sprague, Sandi Deerhake, Kim Peyton Reyes, Pastor Tim Smith, John Hesse, Marvin Elsass, Chad Reiher, Rick Moyar, Tammy Klosterman, Nathaniel Henline, Emmy Quellhorst, Martha Stetler, Alan Bishir, Family of Jack Rouhier, Family of Marvin Opperman, Family of Betsy Armstrong and all those living with or around the Corona virus.

Please pray for Sean Lawler, Andrew Johnson, Michael Carroll, Eli Handy, Nathan Adams, Jacob Yahl, Brad Platt, Jason Gross, Daniel C. Lukac IV, and Kyle Schmehl who are in the service. Please pray for them, their family, and their safe return home.

Our loose offerings each Sunday and Wednesday for the month of **October** are earmarked for Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse.

Christian Sympathy to the families of Jack Rouhier and Marvin Opperman.

Please pray for our students, Chloe Gibson and Katie Mertz who will be Confirmed in the faith **today**, at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Underground will resume on **Sunday, October 25**, at 7 p.m. Underground is for youth 7th grade and up.

Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 1**. Please set your clocks *back* one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

All-Saints Sunday is **Sunday, November 1**, During our worship services (8 & 10:30) we remember the saints who have passed away from our church family in the past year. Please pray for their family and friends as they grieve the loss of their loved ones and celebrate their life.

Our Annual meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 1**, at 9:15 a.m. (between services) in the sanctuary (with social distancing for seating.) No meal will be served. A quorum of 50 people is required for our meeting to be held. Please plan to attend.

The Warm Winter Coat and Glove Drive: the last day of the drive is **Sunday, November 1**. Agape Ministries are collecting New & Gently used winter coats and this year, they are also collecting NEW waterproof winter gloves. We have a barrel for collection.

Thank you to our Thrivent members who have signed up to be a Thrivent Action team leader. Thrivent will be giving them money to be able to make the following possible. Thanks for signing up and shopping for the supplies.

We will be working on service projects the months of November and December. **Thursday, November 5**—making up Health kits, **Thursday, November 12**—making up School Kits, **Thursday, November 19**—making of Baby Kits, and **Thursday, December 3**—knotting blankets.

It's time to fill the shoeboxes! For the next few Sunday shoeboxes will be available to pick up in the narthex for you to fill with small toys, hygiene items, school supplies and a WOW item. Please shop with a specific age, 2-4, 5-9 or 10-13 for either boys or girls. This year we have new sticky labels to mark the boxes that maybe scanned with your smartphone to follow your box when you pay shipping online. Filled boxes should be returned on **Sunday, November 15**. Watch for further announcements to sign up and help during National Collection Week **November 16-23** as we learn more information about how it will be done.

Kit update: We have had an amazing year. Thank you to all the ladies that helped when we opened back up from Covid 19. We made up for the months we were closed. The NALC kits went out in July and the LWR kits went out October 17. They are:

	NALC	LWR
Personal	39	35
School	40	50
Baby	34	15
Quilts	83	91
Sewing	--	3

Thanks again for everyone who helped.

Would you like to stay connected to activities here at Zion via text messages? We have the opportunity to join a program to keep you informed about church-wide events or specific group events within our church (i.e. youth group or confirmation, worship team, women's and men's ministry, etc.) by a text message. Let us know if this something you would participate in, by marking YES on your I worship today--along with your cell phone #.

The remote Sunday School bags are ready! They can be picked up from under the table in the narthex. The tubs are marked by age groups.

Food Pantry: New Community Church has established a food pantry for Auglaize County families. The pantry will be open from 9 am to 1 pm the 3rd Saturday of every month. There is an application to fill out and ID will be needed for everyone in the household. The pantry will be serving the first 25 families each month. There will be emergency assistance as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Overley at 419-494-5092 or jenoverley716@gmail.com Facebook: In His Name NCC Food Pantry.

Can you play an organ, flute, etc. or sing a solo? Volunteer to play or sing special music during the service by calling Merilee at 419-953-9046.

Our 8 a.m. worship service is broadcast live on WCSM radio 96.7 FM. Thank you to our primary sponsor of our WCSM radio broadcast—St. Marys Chrysler. Volunteers are needed to help with the sound board. No experience needed! Anyone interested in running the sound board during worship will be trained. We would like to have more people for rotation purposes. Contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill if you can help.

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**Committee Chairperson*

Weekly Needs	Budget Y-T-D	Received 10/18	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current \$6,529	\$274,218	\$2,960	\$241,821	\$0
NALC Benev. \$290	\$12,180	\$75	\$9,925	
Bank Balance as of 10/5:		\$66,018—Includes Payroll Protection Plan Funds		