REFORMATION SUNDAY



Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

# CONFIRMATION SERVICE

October 30, 2022 10:30 a.m.

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 210 North Wayne Street Saint Marys, OH 45885

Setting 10

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

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 the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

- 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.

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.

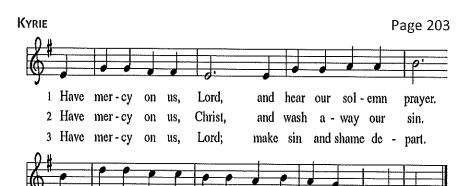
Amen.

#### GREETING

L 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.



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

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

PSALM 46

Insert

Insert

Romans 3:19-28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SECOND READING

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Insert



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.



- 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 "The Church's One Foundation" #654

#### CONFIRMATION

P Will the Confirmands: Jacob Peter Ackroyd, Braylon Lee Lampert, Aiden Allen Meinerding and William Scott Ross 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 brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?
- C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

# (Parents come forward)

- 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.
- L Jacob Peter Ackroyd
  Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 3:5

  Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
  and do not lean on your own understanding.

## L Braylon Lee Lampert

Confirmation Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

# L Aiden Allen Meinerding

Confirmation Verse: Revelation 22:12

Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.

#### L William Scott Ross

Confirmation Verse: Ecclesiastes 11:9

Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

- P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Jacob Peter Ackroyd/ Braylon Lee Lampert/ Aiden Allen Meinerding/ William Scott Ross the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

(Parents and Confirmands turn to face congregation.)

- P Let us rejoice with these brothers 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.



#### OFFERING PRAYER

Benevolent God, you have granted us in abundance all the good things that life has to offer. May we be truly grateful for our daily bread, even as we return a portion of what you have first given us as a sign of our humility and thanksgiving for your bounteous gifts. Let the treasures we have received from you be used to serve the world you love.

#### C Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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- L Lord in your mercy...
- C Hear our prayer.

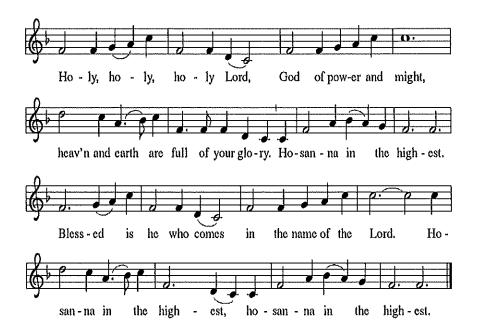
DIALOGUE

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- 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

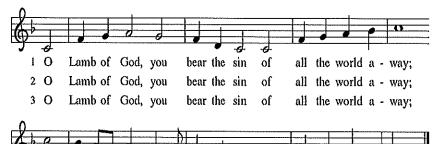
P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

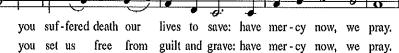
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER Page 112

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**





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

"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" #475
"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" #461

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L We humbly ask you, O Lord, to fill us with your love and forgiveness as you renew us through your holy Sacrament. Grant us hope for today and all our days to come, that strengthened in the faith we would live to serve you alone.

#### C Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you,
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor And give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING

"Built on a Rock"

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#### DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

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# **Memory Verse**

John 8:31

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY DARL!

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Darl Bishir's birthday on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Happy birthday, blessings be upon you.



The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the 2022 Confirmation Class, given by Darl & Kathy Bishir. Congratulations! We thank God for this opportunity to celebrate you and your faith!

# Today, October 30\*

Acolytes:

8:00 AM: Jessi Eberle

10:30 AM: Calianna Bond-Awls

Communion
Assistant:

8:00 AM: Jody Slemmons 10:30 AM: Ruth Hoenie

Crucifers:

8:00 AM: Amelia Ankerman

10:30 AM: Genevieve Brown

**Ushers:** 

8:00 AM: Judy Schultz, Deb Henning,

Steve & Dora McAfee

10:30 AM: Dan Macklem, Darl Bishir,

Keith Fledderjohann, Dana Cook

Fellowship

8:00 AM: Deb Henning

Table:

10:30 AM: Sandy Wierwille

**Greeters:** 

8:00 AM: Ed & Linda Yahl

10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee

Readers:

8:00 AM: Doris Cook

10:30 AM: Samantha & Liz Ackroyd

Next Sunday, November 6\*

Acolytes:

8:00 AM: Makenna Meinerding

10:30 AM: Megan Miller

Communion

8:00 AM: Jeanne Wurster

Assistant:

10:30 AM: Cheryl Macklem

**Crucifers:** 

8:00 AM: New Schedule Out Soon

10:30 AM: New Schedule Out Soon

**Ushers:** 

8:00 AM: Jody Slemmons, Chris White,

John & Amy Hesse

10:30 AM: Dwayne Hoenie, Stan & Debbie Brown,

Dan Macklem

Fellowship

8:00 AM: Joyce Ross

Table:

10:30 AM: Stan & Debbie Brown

Greeters:

8:00 AM: John & Amy Hesse

10:30AM: Cheryl Macklem, Sandy Wierwille

Readers:

8:00 AM: Steve McAfee

10:30 AM: Stephanie Ross

\*Subject to change, correct as of time printed.

ATTENDANCELast Wednesday: 35	
Sunday 8 a.m.: 49, 10:30 a.m.: 35, Total for the Day: 84	
Total for the Week: 119	
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# Calendar for October 30—November 13, 2022

S/30	8:00 a.m.	Reformation Worship Service*
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Reformation/Confirmation Worship*
M/31	5:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/1	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
	6:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
W/2	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Bulletin Information Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club
	6:30 p.m.	Worship*
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
S/6	8:00 a.m.	All Saints Sunday Worship**
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	All Saints Sunday Worship*
	11:45 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Dessert/Appetizer Challenge
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout PLC Meeting
M/7	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Led Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Group
T/8	9:00 a.m.	Dorcas Quilting
W/9	9:30 a.m.	Women's Board Meeting
	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. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Jeremiah Bible Study Th/10 2:00 p.m. Jeremiah Bible Study S/12 9:00 a.m. Men in Mission Bible Study S/13 Worship Service<sup>+</sup> 8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:30 p.m.

\*Holy Communion

\*Livestreamed on zionstmarys.org & broadcasted on WCSM 96.7

**Creative Crafters** 



We invite you to include the following people in your daily prayers: Janet Dicke, Judy Von Blon, Brent Paulus, Sandi Deerhake, Alma Kuffner, Caleb Yahl, Mark, Michael Moore, Tom Kaster, Kason Thobe, Ann Morris, John & Katie, Darlene Henkener, Margaret Moore, Deb Ranly, Pastor Phil Gagnon, Amelia Green, Leslie Cook, Judy, Kim Roode, Tracy Anderson, Emily Henkle, Brenda Purdy, Ed Danner III, Scott Schroluke, Becky Pape, Mark Torsell, Barb Franks, Jeff & Jenny Fessenden, Donald & Beverly Applegate, Ruth Ann Merriman, Kristin Hemmelgarn, Mary Willmann, Kelsey, Wava, Karen Vornholt, Mark & Dana, Teresa Paulus, Vikki Quellhorst, Phyllis Davis, Pam Fledderjohann, Eileen Zimmerman, Deb Henning, Dan Lukac, the Family of Bill Grunden, and the recovery efforts in Florida and South Carolina.

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

**Christian Sympathy** to the Family of Bill Grunden, brother of Tom Grunden.

The following students have completed their confirmation requirements and will be confirmed today: Aiden Meinerding, Will Ross, Jake Ackroyd and Braylon Lampert. Congratulations to these students.

The loose plate offering in October will go to defray the \$10 shipping for the boxes the women at workday have been busily packing. Please consider a commitment of \$20 each week in October. There are five Sundays, that would provide the shipping for 10 boxes, that have already been prepared.

**Pianist:** We are looking for an additional pianist for our Wednesday night worship service. They would play once or twice a month. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact the church office, 419-394-3115.

**Today is Pastor Appreciation Sunday** in Sunday School. Join us in showing just how much you appreciate Pastor Bill!

Would you like to move from anxiety about the unpredictable to confident faith in a good God? If so, join us for Crossroads on Sundays, at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge. We will be doing a DVD series by bestselling author and renowned Bible teacher Christine Caine, entitled "Unexpected".

Warm Winter Coat & Gloves Drive: Agape is accepting donations of New & Gently Used adult and children's winter coats and new winter waterproof gloves until October 31. Drop off coats by taking them to the Agape Client Services Building, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday or put them in the barrel in the

portico entrance. When dropping off the coats at Agape Thrift Store, you must specify it is for the Warm Winter Coat Drive.

**Time Change** is **Sunday, November 6**, at 2 a.m. Remember to set your clocks *back* 1 hour, before heading to bed on Saturday, November 5.

**All-Saints Sunday: Sunday, November 6**, we will celebrate All-Saints Sunday. 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 Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 6, at 11:45 p.m. A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting. Lunch will include sandwich, chips, vegetable tray and dessert. Sign up on your "I Worshiped Today" for the meal and to participate in the meeting. Packets now available on the table in the narthex.

**Dessert & Appetizer Challenge** is **Sunday, November 6**, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Do you think your dessert or appetizer can win the golden spatula? Bring it and found out. Youth and adults are encouraged to participate. Not a baker or cook? Come, enjoy, and score the goodies.

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Normal office hours will resume on Friday, November 12, 8:30–12 and 12:30–4:30 p.m.

The 2022 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board by the alley entrance. We invite you to select the date you wish to provide flowers. On the Tuesday before the date you selected, order your arrangement from your favorite florist, and contact the church

office, 419-394-3115, to let us know what information you would like included in the bulletin. Dates still available: **November 6, 27 and December 4, 11 & 18.** 

#### **OCC Shoebox Information:**

- Boxes are now available to pack your own shoebox(es). For more information on how to pack a shoebox(es) see the included insert in the box. You are encouraged to pay online at samaritanspurse.org or checks may be mailed in the postage paid envelope in the brochure found in your empty box. Also, our loose plate offering in October will be sent to cover shipping so you may pay your shipping that way. Boxes are due back Sunday, November 13.
- National Collection Week will be November 14-21. Since
  we are a drop off location, volunteers will be needed. A
  signup sheet will be in the narthex soon to sign up.

**Creative Crafters** will meet **Sunday, November 13**, to make a felt and sequin 2023 calendar. A sample is on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up in the binder on the table.

Zion Women's Thankful Offering Services will be Sunday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 16. Hopefully you have been filling your containers with change for all your thankful blessings in your life. If you don't have a container, there are some in the green basket on the table in the narthex. All donations will go to Crime Victims Services in Lima, Ohio. They provide many services for victims and help fight human trafficking. Please bring your donation in an envelope and keep the container to re-use for next year. We will collect the envelopes at each service.

**Thanksgiving Collection Drive:** This year our Thanksgiving collection will go to the Auglaize County Crisis Center. Please bring your donations to the church at our Thanksgiving Eve Service or it

# **Council Organization 2022**

President	Neal Brady		
Vice President:	Chris White		
Secretary:	Jeanne Wurster		
Assistant Secretary:	Genevieve Brown		
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YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE: Genevieve Brown

MEMBERS TO THE TRUST FUND: Doris Cook, Darl Bishir, Marion Slater, Rick Green, Bill Kellermeyer can be dropped off in the tub beforehand. Donated items will be delivered to ACCC after Thanksgiving. The items needed: canned fruit, Jello, Hamburger Helper, taco kits, canned beans, soup, cereal, breakfast bars, any type of snack food (cookies, chips, etc.), juice, paper towels, laundry soap, and trash bags.

We have installed equipment for livestreaming of our worship services. The worship services can be found on our Facebook page. Volunteers are needed to help with recording each of the services. Please contact the church office, 419-394-3115, or Pastor Bill about this new ministry.

**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.

Weekly Needs 43 Week		Budget Y-T-D	Received 10/23	Offerings Y-T-D	On Hold
Current	\$6,068.75	\$260,967	\$3,854	\$219,553	\$0
NALC Off	ering \$290	\$12,470	\$125	\$5,621	
	Bank Balance	as of 10/24	\$70 164		