ZION
LUTHERAN † ANOKA

A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY.
GROWING. CARING. SERVING.
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OCTOBER 24/25 2026
REFORMATION SUNDAY

Welcome to Worship

If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag.
For more information contact us at www.zionanoka.org.

PREACHING:
Pastor Connie Tiede

PRESIDING:
8 AM Pr Sue Wallager
9 AM Pr Mike Pancoast

READER:
5 PM Judy Bendiske
8 AM Marlene Gray
9 AM Ken Johnson

ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Based on Psalm 46*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Today we gather to celebrate God's faithfulness through every generation.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Though the world changes and uncertainty surrounds us, we need not be afraid.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

God is in the midst of God's people, bringing hope, mercy, and new life through Jesus Christ.

We rejoice in God's steadfast love that never fails.

Hear the Lord's invitation: "Be still, and know that I am God."

We quiet our hearts and place our trust in God's promises.

On this Reformation celebration, we remember that we are saved by grace through faith, and that God's Word continues to renew, reform, and strengthen the Church.

We come to worship with grateful hearts, trusting in Christ alone.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: Praise to the Lord 858

(choir sings verse 3 at 9 am)



GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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.

WORD FOR KIDS (9 AM):

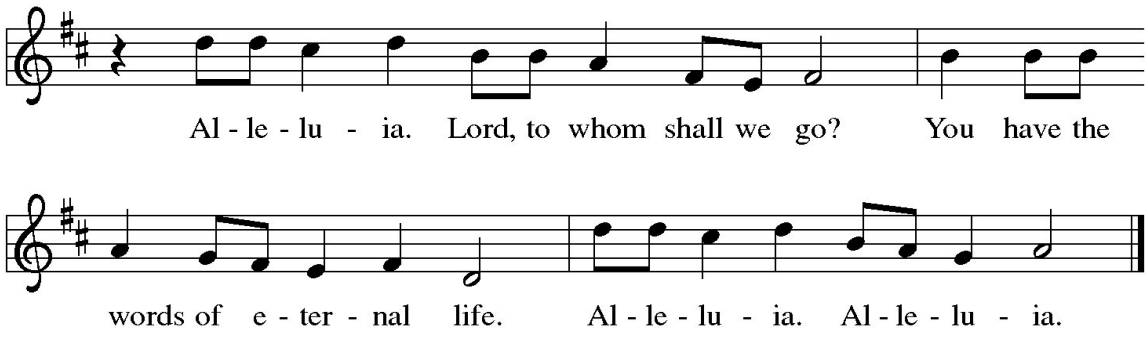
WORD

LESSON: Romans 3:19-28

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION:



GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to John 8:31-36

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: "Always Reforming" by Pastor Connie Tiede



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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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THE APOSTLES' CREED:

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition
God of mercy and grace…
Hear our prayer

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

ONLINE www.zionanoka.org
click on "GIVE TODAY"

ELECTRONIC GIVING
https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday
or

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

"Psalm 46,".....by John Ness Beck
Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Zion Brass Ensemble; Mary Jo Gothmann, organ

OFFERTORY: All Are Welcome, vs 4 641

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- *The ushers will invite you forward. Please take a cup from them and proceed to a communion station.*
- *The first server will give you a wafer. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let them know.*
- *The second server will pour wine into your cup. If you prefer white grape juice, go to the third server.*
- *After receiving communion, place your empty cup in the baskets provided as you return to your seat.*

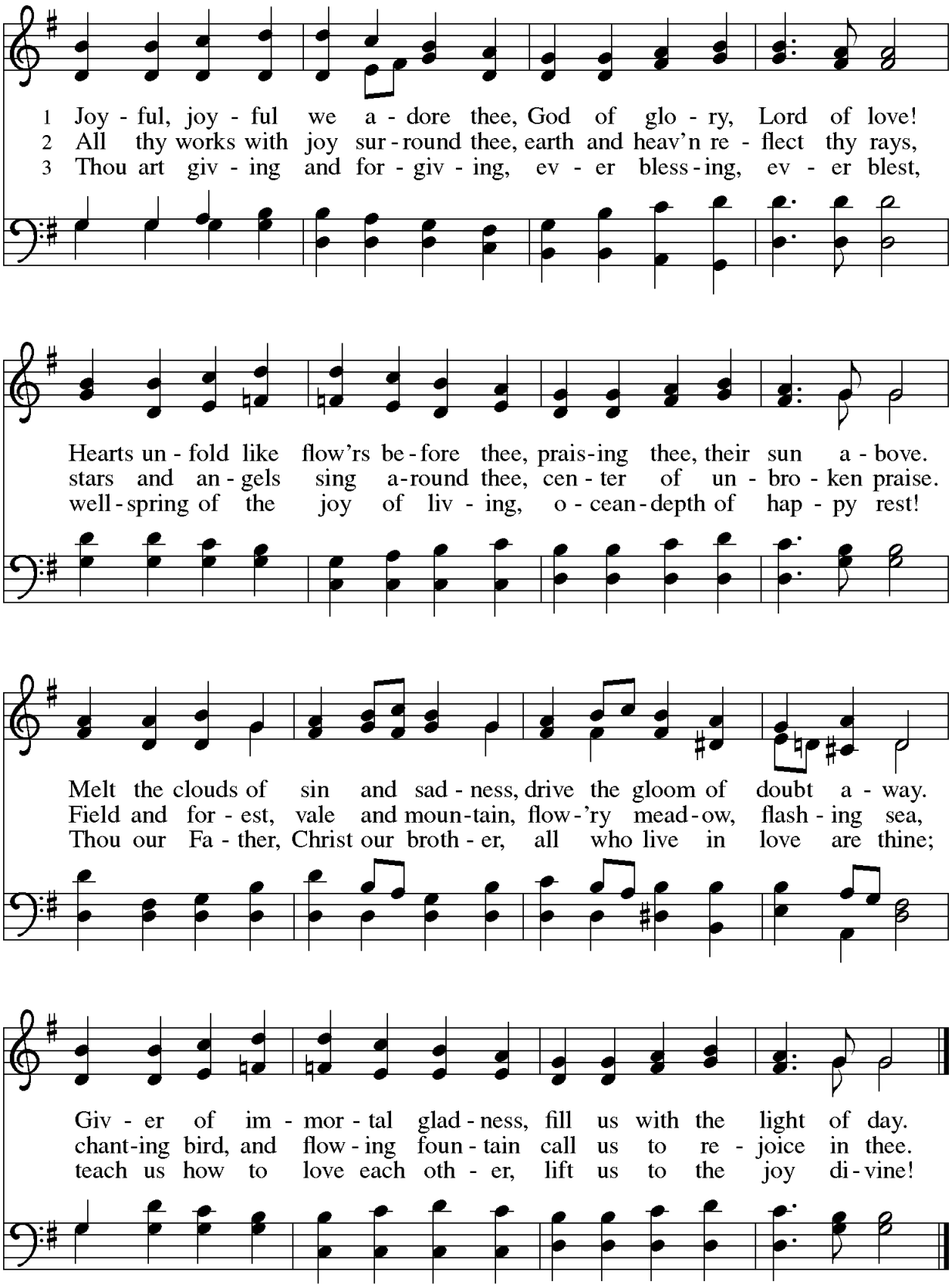
SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

"Saint Mark: Grave".....by Albinoni
Zion Brass Ensemble



Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842
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Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your grace, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION:

Go now in the confidence of God's grace, the courage of Christ's love, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Stand firm in the faith, rooted in God's Word, serving your neighbor with joy and hope.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Praise to the Lord , vs 4 858

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Christ is with you always.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (9 AM):

"A Mighty Fortress" ..... arr. Nelybel

Zion Brass Ensemble and Organ

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

LIVE STREAM

Sunday 9 & 11 am
www.zionanoka.org
(click "Worship Online")
- or-
www.facebook.com/ZionLutheranChurchAnokaMn
Available Anytime

CABLE TV

Metro Cable Network
Channel 6
Sunday | 5 pm

RADIO BROADCAST

106.1 BOB FM
Sundays | 9 am

OFFICE HOURS

M - Th: 9 am - 5 pm
Fri: 9 am - 12 noon

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HOSPITAL VISITS AND PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or have had a change in your health status and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 763-421-4656, email Kristine at kjohnson@zionanoka.org or Pr. Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff will be very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care. Thank you.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

One of Zion's most important ministries is reaching out to our homebound members. We do this by radio, Cable-TV and livestreaming of worship services, visits by our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, Zion's monthly online newsletter "The Herald" and monthly services at assisted living facilities. Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways we connect with our homebound members. Zion has a visitation team that provides this ministry. If you or a family member would like a monthly home communion visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656. We are also looking for kind, caring souls to add to our visitation team. Please contact Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org if you would like to become part of the *Home Communion Visitation Team.*

CAMP WAPO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Zion has a long history of supporting kids and youth active in our children and youth programming to go to Bible camp at Camp Wapo, and we need your help to be able to continue to support our families through the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Our main sources of funds for these scholarships are from Thrivent Choice Dollars and direct donations. If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you can look into your eligibility to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836, follow the prompts and a Thrivent representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars to Zion. You can also send donations to Zion for the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and "Scholarship Fund" written in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of our Bible camp scholarship fund at Zion!