# **Zion Lutheran Church**

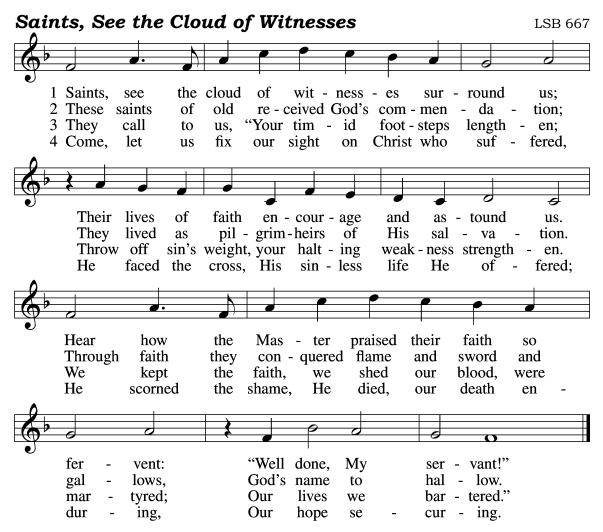
#### Sunday Worship

Organ Led . . . . . . 8:00 a.m. Worship Band . . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

# Reformation Sunday – October 25, 2020

Please observe a few minutes of quiet time as you prepare for worship. We invite you to **pray** and read the **Scriptures lessons** for the day.

Stand



- 5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending, On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending; Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us— With grace precede us.
- 6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory! Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story; Past, present, future—You, the same forever— You fail us never!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

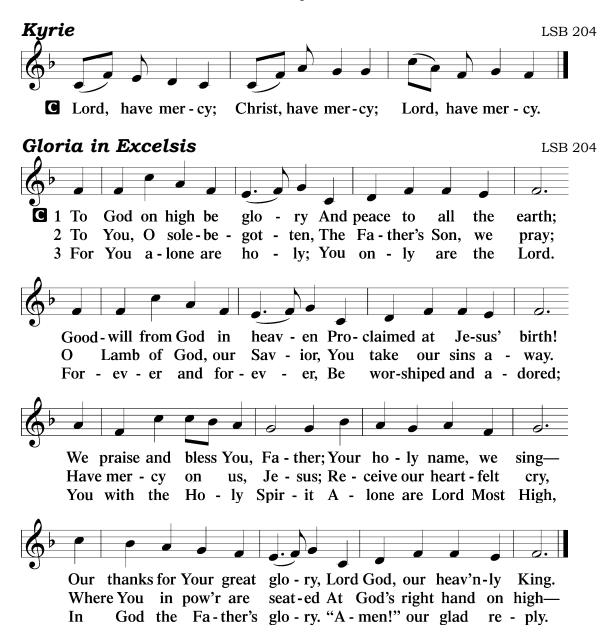
# **Confession and Absolution**

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- ▶ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on our need for forgiveness

- **P** We pray,
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Service of the Word



Preserve Your Word, O Savior





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### Holy Scripture

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>16</sup>"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

<sup>17</sup>"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' <sup>19</sup>The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

#### Children's Message

*Children please remain standing to better see what is happening up front.* 

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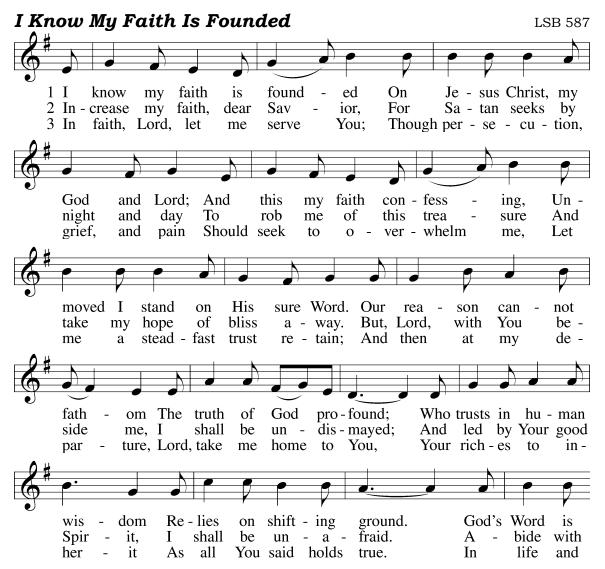
### Apostles' Creed

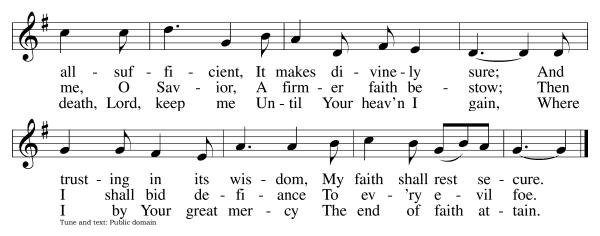
**G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sit





### Sermon

[Pastor's sermon is available for listening later this week at ZionLutheranNH.org under Sermon Audio]

# Offering

(You can also click on the Online Giving button at ZionLutheranNH.org to set up one-time or recurring payments when you are at home or even now in worship, which may take you only 2 minutes.)

Please send a representative from your family up with your completed yellow information sheet and any offerings as an act of worship in response to Christ's abundant kindness toward us.

# Prayers of the People

L With confidence that the Father has justified us by grace through faith in Jesus' name, we turn our hearts in prayer on behalf of ourselves, the Church and all people according to their needs.

That He would continue to faithfully raise up men and women in every generation to call His Church to repentant trust by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins on account of Christ both near and far, let us pray to the Lord:

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **L** That He would give to the sick healing, to the troubled relief, to the grieving comfort, and to the dying peace, having mercy especially on Emily, Dan, Zace, Stephanie, Robert, Edith, Janice, Layla, Jeff, and those we now name in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** That He would give ample gifts to His people, providing resources to meet their own needs and to raise the poor out of their poverty so that they may enjoy the fruits of their labors and honor Him with the works of their hands, let us pray to the Lord:

#### **C** Lord, have mercy.

- L Almighty God and Father, we pray You to grant us all good things that will benefit us in body and soul and to prevent anything harmful to us or to our salvation. Teach us to live in contentment with Your will and purpose and in the freedom You alone supply to love You with all our heart, mind, body and soul; all these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

#### Stand

#### 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.

#### Benediction

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.

Sit

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God LSB 657 sts. 1-4 might - y for - tress is 1 Α our God. A sword and shield vic -2 No might. We would be strength of ours can match his lost. re -Though hordes of land All threat-'ning to dev - ils fill the de bide. No thanks to foes, who 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal to cham-pion comes to fight, Whom God Himed. But now а iect We trem - ble not. stand; They un - moved we vour us. can - not For God Him-self fear it: fights by side With weap-ons our The va - tion glo - rious. old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to You this may self e - lect - ed. ask who be? The Lord of this world's ty - rant rage; Let o - ver-pow'r us. In bat - tle the Spir - it. Were they take our house, Goods, hon - or, of to work With craft and dread ful might He us woe. hosts He. Je might God's is Christ sus, y Lord. might we'll God's en - gage. His is doomed to fail; child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched They а way, him - self fight. qual. to On earth arms he has no e holds Son, a - dored. He the field vic - to on ly rious. One lit - tle judg - ment must pre - vail! word sub - dues him. win the day. The King-dom's ours for - ev er! can - not Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000463

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