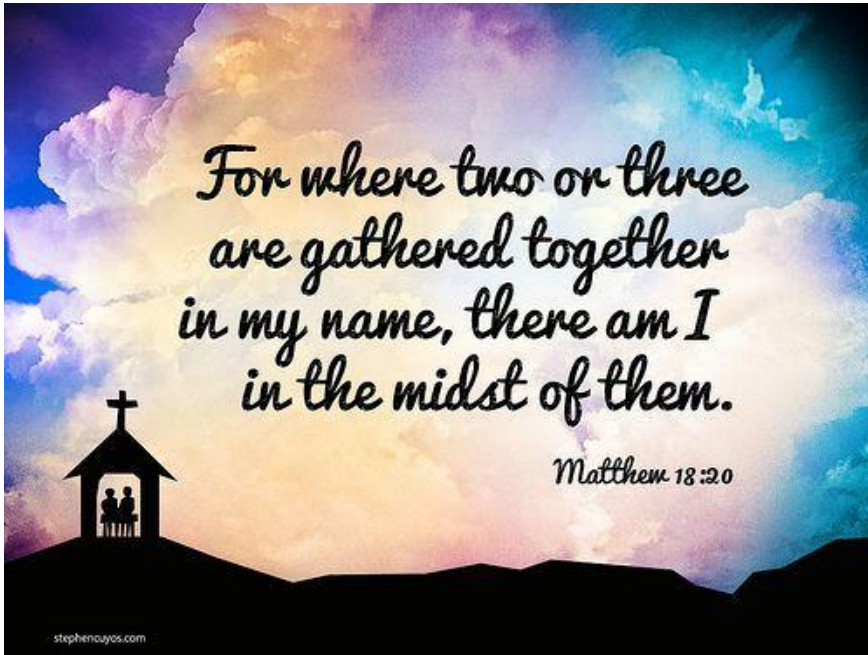


# Zion Lutheran Church



**September 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
***14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by The Klemash Family in Honor of Andrew & Nancy's Birthdays and The Oelschlager Family in Honor of Matthew's Birthday.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her niece Anastasia Godfrey and her mom Anna Louise Marinelli..

**THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...**is from CHRISTINE CHILCOTT. Matthew 6:34 NIV Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> is the first day of Sunday School! Complete registration and photo consent forms for all children ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All Sunday school families are asked to make 2 volunteer selections. Forms are located in the highlight corner at the back of the sanctuary. Email questions to sundayschool@gmail.com.

**2 WEEKS AWAY! ZION'S 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MINSITRY FAIR, "A Mighty Fortress" ... Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, in the Fellowship Hall between services. Expect good FOOD, great FUN, lively FELLOWSHIP, and FALL WEATHER!

**THE 2017 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM "And It Came to Pass"** is **Sunday, December 10 at 1 PM** in the Sanctuary. Lunch will be served following second service and prior to the program. The program will feature a Jesse Tree with ornaments that symbolize an ancestor or prophecy which foretold the coming of the Messiah. Come, Lord Jesus! **SAVE THE DATE!**

**SESSION ONE TAKEAWAYS** from Women's Bible Study on Peter: 1. Jesus chose fishermen (ordinary men) not Biblical scholars or full-time church workers to be His first disciples. 2. The first to be called, Andrew, did not accomplish much as far as we know, except that he brought his brother Peter to Christ, which accomplished much. 3. When witnessing to family, a life changed through the power of the Holy Spirit is the most effective witness.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for the upcoming 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reformation Celebration at Zion! We are having a celebration on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>!

**WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.

**STAY CONNECTED** with all that is going on at church. If your address, phone number or email address change please let the secretaries know at secretary@zlcg.org

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

- P** How great are your works, | O LORD!\*  
Your thoughts are | very deep!
- C It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\*  
and your faithful- | ness by night,  
to the music of the lute | and the harp,\*  
to the melody | of the lyre.**

For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;\*  
 at the works of your hands | | sing for joy.  
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** How great are your works, | O LORD!\*  
 Your thoughts are | very deep!

### Kyrie

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-9

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle – Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile

and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,



the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn – The Church’s One Foundation

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Sermon – "Forgiveness in Persecution!"

Rev. Charles Wokoma, LCMS Missionary to W. Africa

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** ...Lord in your mercy

**C** ...hear our prayer

## Offering

*If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

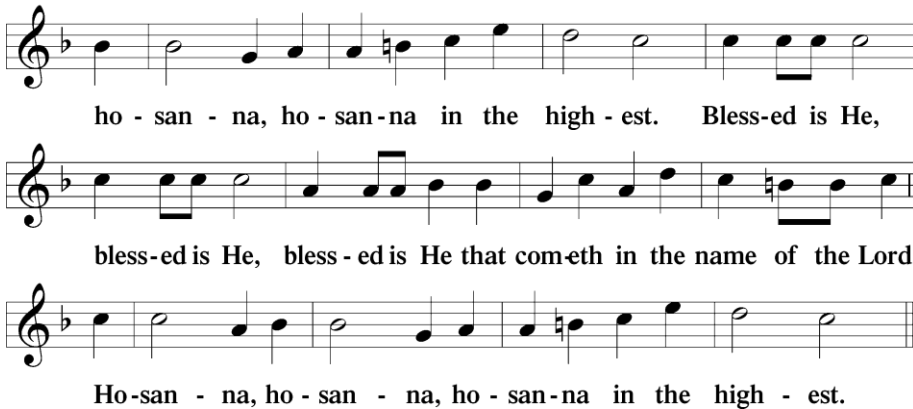
### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

### The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

# Sharing of Peace

## Distribution

*We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.*

*We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.*

*We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.*

*We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.*

*We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.*

*During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."*

*The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.*

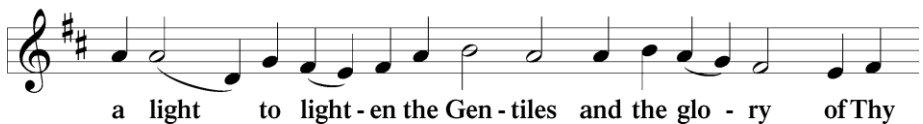
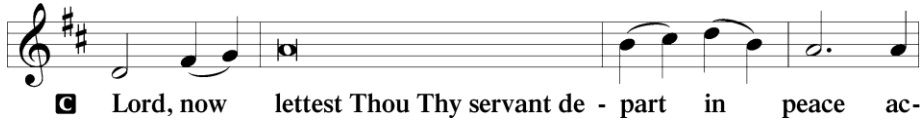
## Distribution Hymns

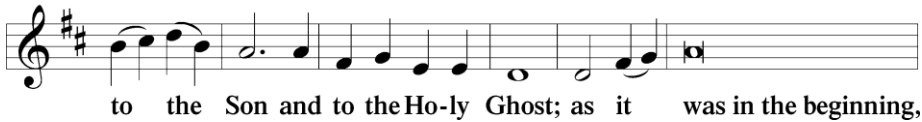
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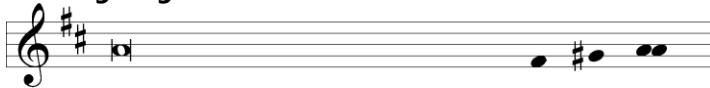
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## Nunc Dimittis





### Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** "The Lord..."



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn – Before You, Lord, We Bow

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## Prayer Request for Family & Friends

### **The Church:**

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.

-**Healing for:** Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Lois Klemash, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Robin Dunbar, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Bruce Klemash, Dave Hutula, Ron Lyons, Vince Miller, Beatrice Decker, Ryan McCaffrey, and Bonnie Lewis.

-For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

### **The World:**

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### **Our Nation:**

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For those affected by the recent hurricanes.

- For godly care of the earth.



† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Robb Oelschlager & Shane Bryant
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore(8:00) Augie Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Shane & Sandy Bryant (8:00) Jim & Mary Lou Neill (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Kari & John Gresh (10:30) Michael Kozak & Bill Koester
Altar Guild:	Diana Schmidt, Megan Pasquini & Barb Oechslein
Nursery:	Adele Goodge, Sharon Bogden & Tess Carter

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/3) – 160

Midweek Service Attendance (9/6) – 18

Sunday Offering (9/3) - \$4,477.00

Online Offering (8/28-9/1) - \$594.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

## Week of Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/10</b> <b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:00 AM – Pastor Wokoma Presentation & Breakfast 9:20 AM – Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>9/11</b>	6:00 PM – Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>9/12</b>	6:15 PM – Bell Choir (Grace) 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 8:15 PM – Bell Choir (Faith)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>9/13</b>	7:00 PM – Midweek Service and Bible Study
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>9/14</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Council Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>9/15</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>9/16</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/17</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion



## TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND ZION'S 2nd MINISTRY FAIR

**“A Mighty Fortress” SUNDAY, September 24 (9 AM- 10:15 AM)**

10. Pastor Grimenstein will be manning a booth...or two. Come chat!
9. 21 booths... 21 ministries!
8. One word...castles.
7. Free giveaways...enough said.
6. Put names, faces and titles together!
5. Answer that age-old question: “Just exactly what is going on around here?”
4. Two words...Martin Luther.
3. HOT BREAKFAST served....don't miss the deliciousness.
2. 500-Year Anniversary of the Reformation!  
*And the Number One reason to attend A MIGHTY FORTRESS...*

**It's a Lutheran Thing!**

