

Zion Lutheran Church



October 1st, 2017
17th Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Dottie Heslop in Memory of Loved Ones.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Brad & Jessica Boyle in Memory of Brad's father, Jerome Boyle.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...is from Linda Kroeger. Matthew 28:20 NIV And Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

GRACIOUS THANKS to all who served and were served at the 21+ ministry tables at **ZION's 2nd ANNUAL MINISTRY FAIR, "A Mighty Fortress"**.

SESSION FOUR TAKEAWAYS from Women's Bible Study on Peter. When we doubt God's forgiveness, we commit the sin of disbelief in the power of Christ to remove it.

SAVE THE DATE: 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.

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

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@zlc.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.zlc.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 The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

C Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;*

he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.
 He heals the broken- | hearted*
 and binds | up their wounds.
 He determines the number | of the stars;*
 he gives to all of | them their names.
 Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
 his understanding is beyond | measure.
 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] The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
 he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Kyrie



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

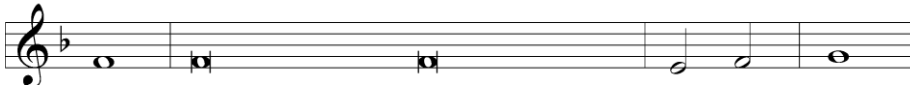


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



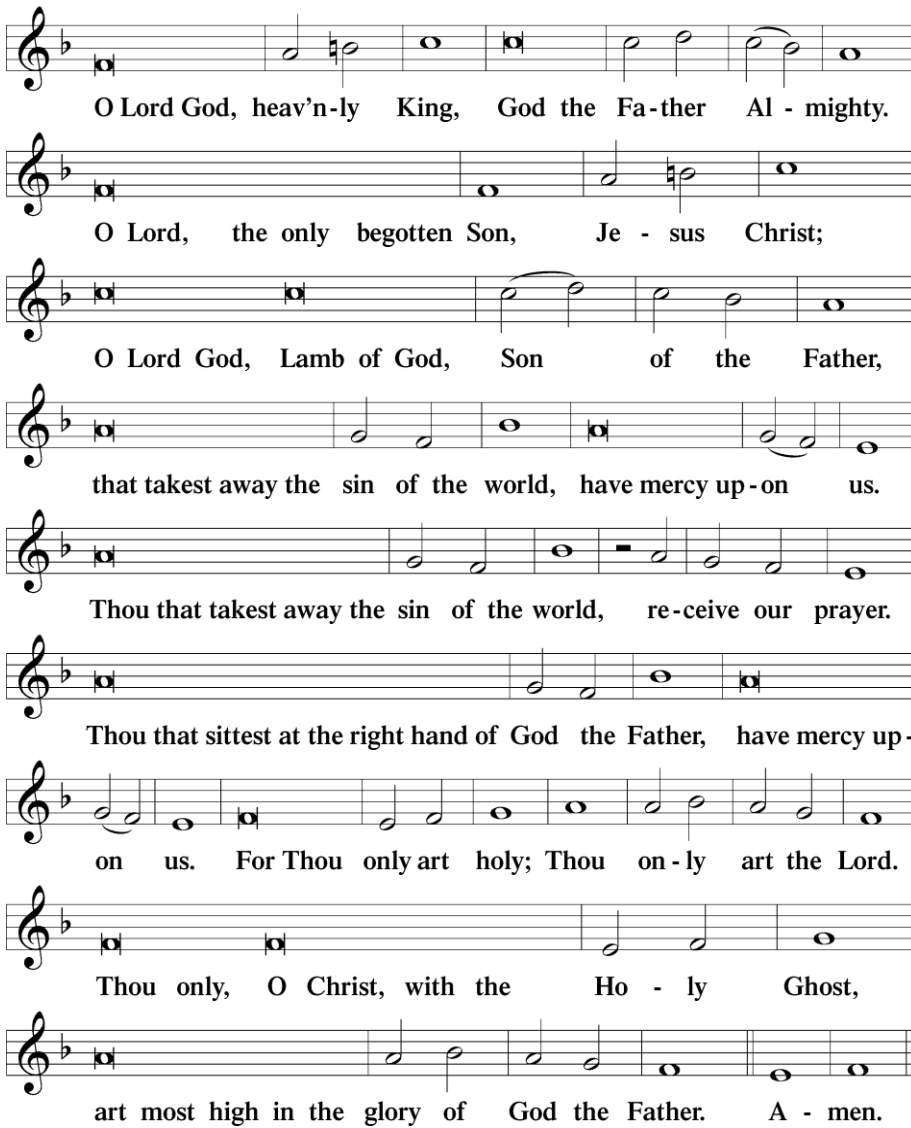
[P] Glory be to God on high: [C] and on earth peace, good - will toward



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.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?"

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P 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 twenty-first chapter.

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

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold

that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

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 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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Sermon

Offertory



C Cre - ate 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 ...let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord have mercy.

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

Pax Domini

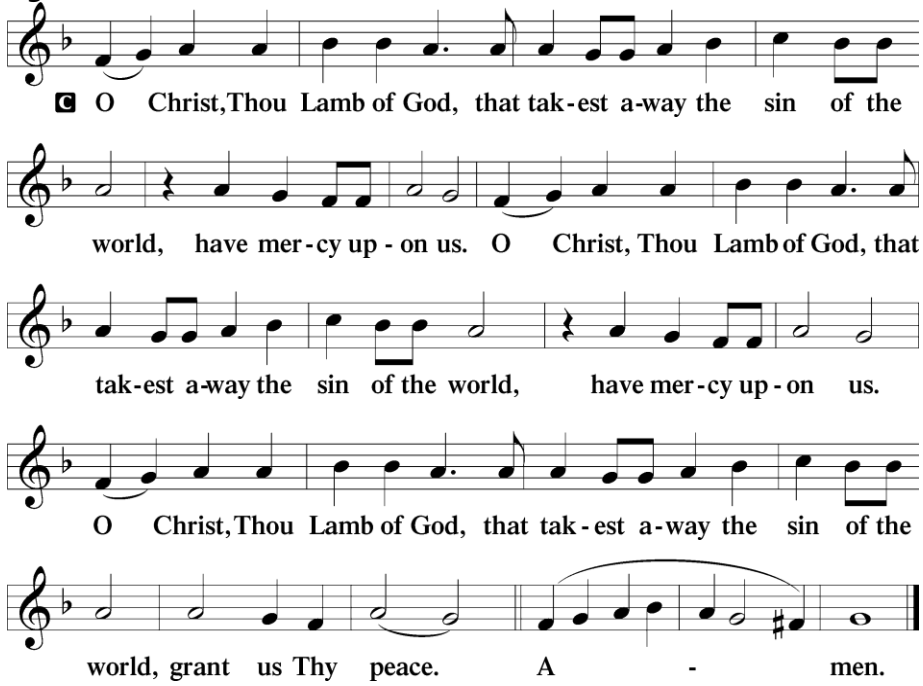


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



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.

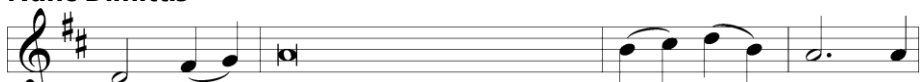
During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

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

Distribution Hymns

Beautiful Savior	537
In God, My Faithful God	745
God's Own Child I Gladly Say It	594

Nunc Dimittis




Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,




which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

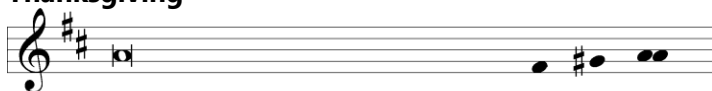


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

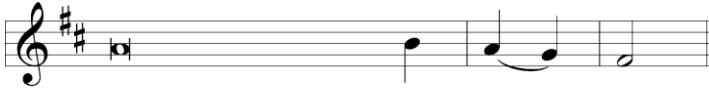


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving



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



C 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.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

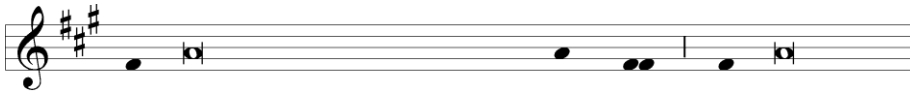


A Bless we the Lord.

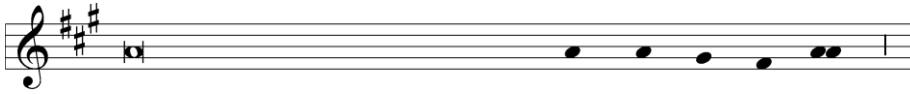


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

Recessional Hymn – Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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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, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, 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:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	Robb Oelschlager & Shane Bryant
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore(8:00) Augie Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Ron & Judy Meier (8:00) Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse (10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie & Bill Becker (8:00) Ed Malachosky & Dale Miller Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Dan Harris & Chuck LaJeunesse Judy Meier, Marianne Miller & Millie Thielet
Nursery:	Darla & Carly Rockovich

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/24) – 159

Midweek Service Attendance (9/27) –16

Sunday Offering (9/24) - \$3,636.75

Online Offering (9/11-9/15) - \$594.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Week of October 1st - October 8th

SUNDAY 10/1	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 10/2	6:00 PM – First Year Confirmation Class 7:00 PM – Second Year Confirmation Class
TUESDAY 10/3	6:15 PM – Bell Choir (Grace) 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 8:15 PM – Bell Choir (Faith)
WEDNESDAY 10/4	7:00 PM – Midweek Service and Bible Study
THURSDAY 10/5	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
FRIDAY 10/6	
SATURDAY 10/7	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 12:00-4:00 PM – Chili Cook-Off (Fairview Park)
SUNDAY 10/8 FOOD BANK COLLECTION	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

Join us on Sunday Oct. 29th!

REFORMATION FESTIVAL!

Zion Lutheran Church 3197 Washington Pike

Join us
for all
or some!

Special festivities to follow regular morning worship and Sunday School:

12:00-1:30 - Picnic Style Lunch

1:30-3:00 - Activities

3:00-3:30 - Reformation Vespers

3:30-4:30 - Activities

4:30-5:30 - Oktoberfest Dinner *

5:30-7:30 - Trunk or Treat & Outreach

7:30-8:00 - Reformation Compline

*** Paid Ticket Required for Oktoberfest Dinner, All other events & activities FREE**

**Hayrides!
Pumpkin Decorating!
Bounce House!
Face Painting!
Duck Pond!**

**Bible Bingo!
"Pin the Thesis on the Door!"
Luther Rose Toss!
Toss the Indulgence!
Lollipop Game!**

**Wheel of Fortune!
Quill Pen Writing!
Play games & earn
tickets to help us fill boxes for
Operation Christmas Child!**



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**REFORMATION
2017 It's Still All About
Jesus**

GREAT TAKEAWAYS from Lessons 1-4 of *Peter...from Fisherman to Fisher of Men*

LESSON 1

- Jesus chose fishermen (ordinary men) not Biblical scholars or full-time church workers to be His first disciples.
- 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.
- **When witnessing to family, a life changed through the power of the Holy Spirit is the most effective witness.**

LESSON 2

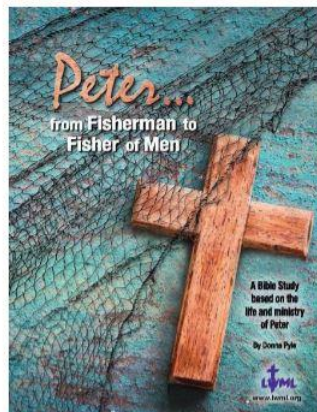
- A disciple's primary purpose is to proclaim the Gospel.

LESSON 3

- **Jesus went to church:** believers need to meet together and encourage one another in the faith.

LESSON 4

- When we doubt God's forgiveness, we commit the sin of disbelief in the power of Christ to remove it.



Drop-ins always welcome at Women's Bible Study on Thursday nights at 7:15-8:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall through October 19th. Please contact linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com or 281-684-9895. Thank you!

Greeters ☞ Ushers

THANK YOU!

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To all who served whether at ministry tables, in the kitchen, or elsewhere as needed...

I thank my God every time I remember you!