

ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.”

Ephesians 5: 15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6: 51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

WELCOME TO ZION’S REFORMED CHURCH

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**GROWING
IN GODS
WISDOM**



Welcome to worship!
We're glad you are
here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in memory of W. H. Knierman and Clara Jones, by the Baker Family.

Ushering this month are Debbie Woodworth, Lynn Rinella, Emily Rinella, Val Suntheimer and Noah Profater.

We do not hold Church Happening in the summer. The children are invited to stay for the entire service.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for coffee and conversation.

Large Print Bulletins and seat cushions are available in the back of the sanctuary. Coloring books and crayons are available for children.

The Pictorial Directories are on the table in the Anderson Lounge. Please help yourself!

I Kings 2: 10-12; 3:3-14

Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. ¹¹ He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places.

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

⁶ Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, August 19: Dinner at The Good Shepherd Center. If you are bringing brownies or sandwich buns, please bring them to the church.

Wednesday, August 21: Ministry of Youth and CE meeting at 4:00.
Ministry of Welcoming and Fellowship meeting at 5:30.

Sunday, August 25: Prayer Chain meeting after church.
Over 80's Tea at 3:00.

Thursday, August 29: Potluck and singing with Lori at 6:00.

Sunday, September 8: Rally Day!

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. Steven L. Craft, Senior Pastor Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

August 18, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Alex Brown, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT Emily Rinella, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

PRELUDE "Praise to the Living God" Lani Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

People: We come, rejoicing over God's many blessings poured out on us!

Leader: God's works are great!

People: We delight in learning about them.

Leader: Respect for God and all that God offers to us is the beginning of wisdom.

People: With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 436 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful Father, we come before you acknowledging our need for your mercy and grace. We ask for the strength to honestly examine our thoughts, words and actions. Help us to see ourselves through your eyes, without pretense or self-deception. Grant us the courage to confront the areas where we have fallen short and the wisdom to learn from our mistakes. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***A SONG OF PRAISE "Blessed Be The Name of the Lord"**

♩ = 63

Bless-ed be the name of the Lord. He is wor-thy to be praised and a -

dored. So we lift up ho-ly hands in one ac - cord, sing-ing,

"Bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name,

bless - ed be the name of the Lord."

~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 319 "Sing Them Over Again to Me"**

SCRIPTURES 1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14
Ephesians 5: 15-20
John 6: 51-58

SERMON "Growing Wisdom"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Prayer for Unity" Kevin Keil

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 471 "What a Covenant"**

***THE BENEDICTION and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

***THE POSTLUDE "Festive Postlude" Louis Claude Daquin**