

Zion Reformed Church
October 20, 2024 - Pastor Petri van Rooyen

THE APPROACH TO GOD

- Prelude & Silent Meditation Karen Carstens
- Welcome Robin Sweers
- *Greeting (**Unison**) #599 Spoken Calls to Worship Number 2
- *Call to Confession Robin Sweers

*Prayer of Praise & Confession (**Unison**)

God, you placed us in the world to be its salt. It gives taste to food. It retards spoilage. It is also a healing agent. But we have been afraid of committing ourselves, afraid of being stained by the world. We did not want to hear what "they" might have to say. And our salt dissolved as if in water. Forgive us, Jesus.

- *Words of Assurance Robin Sweers
- Children's Time (Fifth grade & younger) Robin Sweers
- *Hymn #60, "Morning Has Broken" (v1-3)

*Call To Worship (**Responsive**)

L: We are called to bring a new understanding of God:

P: that God so loved the world.

L: We are the salt of the earth.

P: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

L: Come, let us be the salt of the earth,

P: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

A: Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

- *Hymn #43, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (v1-3)
- Special Music Ann Lupkes

THE WORD OF GOD

Scriptures Genesis 19:24-26; Leviticus 2:13; Mark 9:49-50; Matthew 5:13
Message "Salty Christians"

Prayer of Blessing (To prepare for our prayer time today, let us sing, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" p. 335, softly and prayerfully)

Offertory

*Doxology (#625)

* Offertory Prayer (**Unison**) *God of all creation, source of every blessing: you have given us so much. As we bring our tithes and gifts to you today, these seem so small by comparison, unless we see that we are truly called to give ourselves back to the world. May we be the salt that brings value and flavor into relationships with those around us. We pray all of this in the mighty name of Jesus, who came to help us see all we could be. Amen.*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

- *Hymn #309, "Pass It On" (v1-3)
- *Benediction Robin Sweers
- *Ben. Response "Make Me a Servant"
- Announcements Elder
- Postlude

*Please stand if able.

Welcome to Zion! May God's Holy Spirit touch you today & inspire you to extend your hand in friendship to one another. Thank you to Robin for leading us in worship!

*Thank you, Ann Lupkes, for sharing with us today!
Everyone is invited to Fellowship Time following worship.*

- AUDIO/VIDEO:** Duane/Kendal Next Week – Jesse/Tonya
- CHILDREN'S TIME:** Robin Next Week - Molly
- CHILDCARE:** Shelly/Gavin Next Week Kirsten/Morgan
- Fellowship:** Teresa Schulz Next Week – Janette/Marli

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

THURS 6:30PM WOZ 2025 OFFICERS/CHAIRS/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
SUN 9:15am Service; SS children sing; Cemetery Offering

Please keep the following in prayer : ZION'S HOMEBOUND,
KELLY BENNETT, BRIAN LUPKES, ANGIE DEVRIES,
DIANE HUGHES, DUANE PAYNE, LENORA PAYNE ; SAFE
TRAVELS TO PASTOR PETRI

Announcements

November Floodlight articles are due: Tomorrow

***Sunday School Children:** Sing next Sunday. Arrive by 9am

***IMPORTANT:** There will be no Family Ministry for the month of October.

***Bids are due today on the following:** Snow removal (submit to Ryan Koenen) and Janitor (submit to Michael Halsne).

***WOZ 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** THURSDAY @ 6:30PM. ALL ORGANIZATIONS: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES WHICH INCLUDES CONTACTS AND CIRCLE CHAIRS PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. ***Annual Church Cleaning:** Please check your mailboxes!! If you have a sheet in your mailbox re: cleaning that means you are in charge of a group to contact to help clean a specific area. Deadline to do so is November. Q: See Jan VanHorn

***Zion's Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, Dec. 1, following service. The fiscal year ends on Oct. 31. **All organizational treasurers should have their yearend reports to the office by Sunday, Nov. 3.**

***Now is the time to nominate two elders and one deacon to the 2025 consistory.** Remember that they will serve a three year term. Those that are communicant members may nominate by next Sunday and place the ballot in the "catch all" box. Please refer to the letter in your church mailbox.

***Hampton Church of Christ:** Today, 6pm, free showing of "Always a Winner". All invited. Free popcorn. See Bulletin Board.

***SHEFFIELD LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** TODAY, 11AM-1PM @ WEST FORK HS.

***COULTER FUN DAY FALL MEAL:** TODAY, 11AM-1PM COULTER COMM CENTER. SERVING SALISBURY STEAK, POTATOES, CORN .

***Operation Christmas Child / Samaritan's Purse:** Shoeboxes are available and more will be set out soon. Cost to ship: \$10/please do NOT put them in the shoebox; please give to Marsha or "catch all box." Boy/Girl labels are available. Our goal is to pack 100 shoeboxes! Deadline is Nov. 24 – RCYF will deliver to Mason City.