

Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024



Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

Immanuel Lutheran Church



*Making known by Word and Action
The Healing Presence of God
And Christ Jesus
With us and with the world*



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When we celebrate Holy Communion we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins,

A MIGHTY FORTRESS *is Our God*

WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

“Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578

Please stand for the final stanza

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P For by grace you have been saved through faith.

C And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

P not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

C For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,

P which God prepared beforehand,

C that we should walk in them.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins, knowing that before God we should confess all sins, even those we are not aware of.

C I am a poor sinner, and I plead guilty before You of all my sins. I have served You unfaithfully. I have not done what You required of me. I have angered those around me and even provoked others to sin. I have been negligent toward others and have failed to do many things that were expected of me. At times my words and deeds have been offensive. I have quarreled with my peers. I have aggravated my spouse, my children, my friends and my co-workers. For these things, I am truly sorry, and plead for Your infinite grace and mercy.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that my forgiveness as pastor is God's forgiveness?

C Yes, I do so believe!

P Let it be done for you as you believe. By the command of our 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.

INTROIT

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,

C and shall not be put to shame.

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C let the humble hear and be glad.

P Come, O children, listen to me;

C I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

P The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

C none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise” **LSB 946**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and, through the eternal gospel of Your Son, grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated...

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

L The First Reading for Reformation is from Revelation, chapter fourteen.

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

P though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

C There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

P God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

C The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.

C He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.

P “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!”

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19-28

L The Epistle is from Romans, chapter three.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

by Marah Showers

Please stand...

VERSE

P Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,

C **for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

L The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated...

HYMN OF THE DAY

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

LSB 656

SERMON

HYMN

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”

LSB 655

Please stand...

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P So that believers would attain a better understanding of their faith, Martin Luther penned his Small Catechism, to aid pastors and heads of our households in relating the basics of Christianity to their families and flocks. So today we recite together the Apostles’ Creed and its meaning.

P The First Article turns our attention to the Creation.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

P We now recite The Second Article, focused on Redemption.

C **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.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

P And now The Third Article, Sanctification.

C 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.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For all those who are marked with the sign of the cross and sealed with the Holy Spirit, that the baptized children of God may hold forth the word of truth throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word.

P For all pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and servants of the Church, that they may lead God's faithful people with loving hearts and voices, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word.

P For Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, that we may see the great need for the truth of God's Word in our local community and shine Christ's light in our neighborhoods, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word.

P For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those who serve in our armed forces, that our Mighty Fortress would protect them as they serve to protect our freedoms, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word.

P For all those with illness of heart, mind, and body, that they may be set free from their infirmities and rest in the healing presence of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word.

P For these and all other concerns we have, that, as we bow before heaven's throne, we know that Christ alone brings our petitions before our loving Father, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word. Amen.

Please be seated...

OFFERING

Please stand...

OFFERTORY

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

LSB 582

THE 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.

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Brothers and sisters, you have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

C We rejoice in this gift of God!

P You are made to be His workmanship, walking daily in His Word.

C We rejoice in the Word that sets us free!

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837

POSTLUDE