



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Reformation Sunday



Saturday, October 24, 2020 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, October 25, 2020 – 7:45 am & 10:15 am

*“Making more and stronger disciples of Jesus Christ
through the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

Welcome to Immanuel!

Please turn off your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you!

If you are a guest, please fill out a guests' card located in the cardholder on the back of each pew and then place it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you!

Members, please help us love and care for one another by filling out an attendance card. Remember to include all the members of your family who are present in worship today. If you are communing, please check in the appropriate place. Thank you for filling out an Attendance-Communion card every time you attend Church.

We celebrate Holy Communion today! In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Holy Communion is also a sign of our shared confession of the Christian faith. If you have not communed with us before, please speak with one of our pastors before doing so.

During the communion service: If you're not able to drink wine, the lighter colored glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups contain water with a drop of wine. These special glasses allow communicants to celebrate the Lord's Supper according to Christ's institution, but have a very small amount of alcohol.

Worship at Immanuel is...

Christ Centered. We believe that at the heart of worship is the Good News that God has rescued us from our sins through Jesus' death on the cross and rising to life again.

Trinitarian. We believe that the object of worship is the only true God—The Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Multigenerational. We believe that it is a great blessing for family members to worship together. Taking seriously Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and so not forbid them" (Mark 10:14), we encourage children to worship with their parents and grandparents and provide resources such as children's bulletins and children's sermons.

Eclectic. Eclectic means, "selecting what seems best of various sources." We believe that we should strive to use the best hymns and practices that the church has to offer. Our worship may include hymns written 500 years ago as well as pieces written 5 months ago.

In preparation for worship we ask that you silence your cell phones and/or paging devices. Thank you. The time before service begins can be a good time to pray and prepare your heart and mind for worship. You will find helpful prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal located in the pew in front of you.

Preservice Music [(Sunday only) Saxophone, “Repose,” arr. by Weber (Elden Niemeyer)]

Bells / Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 656, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need
That hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there’s none other God;
He holds the field forever.**

- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow’r us.
This world’s prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He’s judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.**

**4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

Please stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. (Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])

Opening Sentences (Psalm 46:1a, 2a; Romans 3:23-24a; John 8:31b-32)

P God is our refuge and strength;

C **therefore we will not fear.**

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

C **and are justified by His grace as a gift.**

P If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,

C **and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**

Confession and Absolution

P Lord of hosts,

C **hear our confession of sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes our separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from Your present help. We ask it in the name of Jesus.**

P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Because that river of grace and power has flowed over us in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, in spite of our fear, the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

By grace God has created each of us and everything that exists, and in the person of His Son entered our history and paid for our every sin and sin itself. In Christ's resurrection, God's promises

have been made sure. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. The Lord of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit of the Day (Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46)

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

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.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

and shall not be put to shame.

Hymn of Praise, LSB 566 v. 1-2, “By Grace I’m Saved”

- 1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.**

- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you!

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And also with you!

P Let us pray...

C **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 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. Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading, Revelation 14:6-7

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."

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle, Romans 3:19-28

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.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Holy Gospel, John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th 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.”

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day, *LSB* 655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

- 1 **Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.**

- 2 **Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.**

- 3 **O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.**

Sermon, Rev. 14:6-7, "Reformation Gems!"

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their varied circumstances.

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, strengthen the Church here and wherever it gathers around Your Word and celebrates the blessed Sacraments. Grant confident faith to clergy and laity, pastors in congregations and missionaries in distant lands, elders in the faith and newly baptized alike. Help us to put all our trust in Your protection and power. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Strong Creator, wherever people call out to You as the earth gives way, mountains move into the heart of the sea, and mountains tremble, hear their cries and keep them safe. Awaken courage and wisdom in those who search and rescue, those who

provide physical and spiritual counsel, and those who offer long-term support of body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Holy Spirit, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, use the earthly powers that exist to move the nations and their leaders to seek ways toward peace with their neighbors and stability within their borders. You, who make wars cease to the end of the earth, provide courage and compassion to all who work for peace and protect those who serve us in the armed forces here and abroad [*especially...*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, stream joy and gladness to those who wait for the dawning of a new day, those dealing with long-term illnesses, unemployment, discrimination, unjust imprisonment, strife in their families, and the loss of loved ones, [*especially...*]. Assure them that You are with them, even now a very present help in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P (*Special petitions...*) Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, worthy to be exalted among the nations, into Your almighty hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. Hear our prayer for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offering (*You can place your offering in the plate in the narthex or mail it to the church anytime.*)

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Preface

P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, 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

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

C Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest. (*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”)

The Lord’s Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

All: 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.

Words of Our Lord (Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. (John 20:19)

C Amen.

Please be seated

Distribution Hymns

LSB 644, “The Church’s One Foundation”

- 1 The Church’s one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is His new creation
 By water and the Word.
 From heav’n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride;
 With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.**
- 2 Elect from ev’ry nation,
 Yet one o’er all the earth;
 Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses
 With ev’ry grace endued.**
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, “How long?”
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.**
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.**

**5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.**

LSB 633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!**

**2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!**

**3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!**

**4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!**

**5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!**

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

△ **8** Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we live with hope and confidence, showing forth Your love through acts of mercy. Support us in this life, and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn, LSB 966, “Before You, Lord, We Bow”

- 1** **Before You, Lord, we bow,**
 Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
 Boundless in pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring
 In joy and praise,
 Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!

- 2** **The nation You have blest**
 May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
 Protected by Your care.
For this bright day,
 For this fair land—
 Gifts of Your hand—
Our thanks we pay.

- 3** **May ev’ry mountain height,**
 Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word’s pure light,
 And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev’ry tongue
 Be tuned to praise
 And join to raise
A grateful song.

- 4** **Earth, hear your Maker’s voice;**
 Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
 And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride,
 Your sin deplore,
 And bow before
The Crucified.

5 **And when in pow'r He comes,
 Oh, may our native land
 From all its rending tombs
 Send forth a glorious band,
 A countless throng,
 With joy to sing
 To heav'n's high King
 Salvation's song!**

Bells / Postlude

We invite you to take the service folder and announcements home with you as you leave today so you can see what's happening this week as well as meditate on the Scriptures, prayers, and hymns from today's service as you go through the week. You can also find helpful information on our church website: immanuelwaterloo.org.

Worship Helpers

Saturday, October 24, 2020 - 5:30 pm

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server - Greg Wiegand

Organist - Ann Frank

Media - Greg Hoeffken

Sunday, October 25, 2020 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Server/Lector - Warren Frank

Celebrant/Liturgist - Rev. Merritt Demski

Music Director - Ann Frank

Acolytes - Kyle Rusteberg & Leah Worley

Media - Kelley Keller

Ushers - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer

Saxophone - Elden Niemeyer

Sunday, October 25, 2020 - 10:15 am

Preacher/Liturgist/Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup

Music Director - Ann Frank

Server/Lector - Rodney Clamors

Acolytes - Danny & Zachary Bundenthal

Media/Facebook Live - Lisa Clamors

Ushers - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

Saxophone - Elden Niemeyer

Trumpet - Jenna Hoeffken

Ushers - Sunday, November 1, 2020

7:45 am - Bill Stueve, Charles Lloyd, Kevin & Alex Whelan

10:15 am - Jason & Nick Valerius, Tyler Cooley

Acolytes - Sunday, November 1, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Sarah Alu

Sunday 7:45 am - Ashlyn Whelan & Ava Hemmer

Sunday 10:15 am - Carson Filipiak & Charli Major

Servers - Sunday, November 1, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Cal Neeman

Sunday 7:45 am - Chuck Keller

Sunday 10:15 am - Wayne Collmeyer

Media - Sunday, November 1, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Pam Nagel

Sunday 7:45 am - Cathy Whelan

Sunday 10:15 am - Tim Scheibe

Lectors - Sunday, November 1, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Hayden Brown

Sunday 10:15 am - Olney Mueller, Jr.

Altar Guild - Sunday, November 1, 2020

Saturday 5:30 pm - Marilyn Collette

Sunday 7:45 am - Sandy & Wendy

Sunday 10:15 am - Susan Hargrave

SERMON OUTLINE
REV. 14:6-7
“REFORMATION GEMS!”

1. Yet as worthwhile as these three traditions are, they aren't the only _____ of the Reformation. That is to say, they're not the only blessings to come out of the Reformation.
2. It's not something that just developed. Something we just made up. It's not something that _____ in the day of _____. This gospel has been around from the beginning, from the foundation of the world. It was God's plan all along to save the world through his Son.
3. What it means is, we've got to be honest with people and say to them, "Listen, I'm a _____. I don't love God the way I should and I _____ to love other people. So often I'm just full of myself. But this I know and trust. Jesus died for my sins and rose to give me new life.
4. Another great gem of the Reformation is the importance of not reading our _____ into Scripture. We have to let Scripture, the Bible, speak for itself.
5. The last gem I want to share with you today is the teaching we generally call "vocation." A Christian's vocation is his _____ to God and God's people in all the _____ and tasks God has given him.
6. During the Reformation people came to understand that all these vocations are important. We're all working together, like a _____.

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