



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WATERLOO, ILLINOIS

Reformation Sunday



Saturday, October 30, 2021 – 5:30 pm
Sunday, October 31, 2021 – 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) “Prelude on ‘A Mighty Fortress’” by W. Held]

Bells / Welcome

Please stand

Processional 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.**

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

(John 8:31-32)

- P** Jesus said, "If you abide in My word,
C you are truly My disciples,
P and you will know the truth,
C and the truth will set you free."

Confession and Absolution

(John 8:36)

- P** With humble hearts, let us approach our Father's throne of grace.

Silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior

- P** Together, we pray:
C Gracious Father, because our entire lives are to be ones of repentance, we bow before You and confess our sins. We have turned away from the truth of Your Word, choosing to go our own way. By what we have thought, by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have broken Your commands and are deserving of Your wrath and punishment. By the mercy of Christ, Your Son, set us free from our captivity. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live under You in Your kingdom and to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Amen.
P Just as Christ is risen from the dead, He lives and reigns to all eternity! It is most certainly true that He died and rose again for you to make you right with God, to adopt you as children of the heavenly Father, and to set you free from sin and death. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you

all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C

Amen.

P

“So if the Son sets you free,

C

you will be free indeed!”

✠ **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 578 v. 1 & 6, “Thy Strong Word”

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1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;

At Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee,

While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia without end!

△ **6 God the Father, light-creator,**

To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten,

Praise be sung eternally.

**Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!**

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Message (Parents of young children may also come forward with their children.)

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, "Facing Judgment: No Worries!"

Please stand

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.

Lord Jesus, You have freed us from the captivity to sin and death, from the delusion of trying to earn our own salvation, and from the chains of condemnation and fear. That is why we rejoice in Your Word: If the Son sets you free,

C **you will be free indeed!**

P Lord Jesus, only Your mercy and grace enable us to know, find, and live in the freedom of Your eternal Gospel. Send Your Spirit upon Your Church that we continue in the truths of the

Reformation, and that, to all the peoples of the world, we proclaim this truth: If the Son sets you free,

C **you will be free indeed!**

P Lord Jesus, free us from self-centeredness and pride. Turn our focus toward You first in faith and then toward others in love. Bless all who serve You and others in their homes, in the church, in the workplace, and in our community to rejoice in knowing that if the Son sets you free,

C **you will be free indeed!**

P Lord Jesus, You proclaim freedom for the captives and recovery for those with infirmities. Grant Your healing, in both soul and body, to those we name before You, [*especially...*]. Rejoicing in Your healing touch, grant that all who receive Your Good News boldly say: If the Son sets you free,

C **you will be free indeed!**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, for these and all other concerns we have, please hear and answer our prayers according to Your gracious will

C **that we live each day in the freedom we have come to know.
Amen.**

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

Offertory, 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.

✠ 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, for the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, which is being proclaimed in all the world and has been revealed to us also. Jesus overcame Satan, sin, and death that we may be made righteous in Your sight by grace through faith in Christ alone. 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 585, “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

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- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light,
Shine forth undimmed into the night.**
- 2 In these last days of great distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent
Your holy Word and Sacrament.**
- 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace
Into each dark and loveless place.**
- 4 May glorious truths that we have heard,
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,
Bold, unified in act and song.**
- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.**
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through—
Your Word alone our heart’s defense,
The Church’s glorious confidence.**

LSB 636, “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

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- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight’s splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev’rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.**
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ’s true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.**
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ’s own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!**

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

Please stand

Dismissal

P Now...Go in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this saving gift of Your Son's body and blood. Knowing the freedom of sins forgiven, send us out from this place as we walk by faith alone and share Your Word with the world Christ died to save; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

(John 8:31-32, 36; Numbers 6:24-26)

P Jesus said, "If you abide in My word,

C **you are truly My disciples,**

P and you will know the truth,

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

P So if the Son sets you free,

C **you will be free indeed."**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.

Recessional Hymn, *LSB* 664, "Fight the Good Fight"

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.**
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.**

- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.**

Bells

Postlude [(Sunday only) “Ebenezer/Thy Strong Word,” arr. by Rose]

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 30, 2021 - 5:30 pm

Preacher/Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup Pianist - Ron Jones
Server - Cal Neeman

Sunday, October 31, 2021 - 7:45 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski
Server/Lector - Warren Frank Music Director - Ann Frank
Acolytes - Reagan Wilhelm, Jacob Dethrow & Nicholas Hoeffken
Ushers - Chuck Keller, Craig Mehner, Larry Taake, Dawn Rubemeyer
Media - Lisa Clamors

Sunday, October 31, 2021 - 10:15 am

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Tony Troup Celebrant - Rev. Merritt Demski
Music Director - Ann Frank Server - Travis Henry
Acolytes - Jakson Gregory, Brielle & Jeriah Fink Media/Facebook Live - Cathy Whelan
Ushers - Rodney Clamors, Jenna Hoeffken, Wyatt & Masson Fink

Ushers - Sunday, November 7, 2021

7:45 am - Robert Mesnarich Jr., Pam Nagel, Don & Carol Matzenbacher

10:15 am - Charles Lloyd, Kevin & Alex Whelan

Acolytes - Sunday, November 7, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Trinity Drewes & Jensyn Collmeyer

Sunday 7:45 am - Nicholas Hoeffken & Logan Kettler

Sunday 10:15 am - Ava Hemmer & Liam Garner

Servers - Sunday, November 7, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Greg Wiegand

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - Dean Harbison

Media - Sunday, November 7, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm -

Sunday 7:45 am - Pam Nagel

Sunday 10:15 am -

Lectors - Sunday, Nov 7, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - n/a

Sunday 7:45 am - Warren Frank

Sunday 10:15 am - n/a

Altar Guild - Sunday, Nov 7, 2021

Saturday 5:30 pm - Dinah Pflasterer

Sunday 7:45 am - Barbara Altes

Sunday 10:15 am - Linda Gutknecht

SERMON OUTLINE
REV. 14:6-7
“FACING JUDGMENT: NO WORRIES!”

1. Facing a _____ is a scary thing... It's a thousand times worse for people who have committed a crime and are about to be _____.
2. But in his younger days, Luther viewed God as an _____ judge and dreaded facing him.
3. My point is, when Luther cut his leg, he was terrified that he'd _____ and have to face God, the _____.
4. As he studied the Bible, particularly the book of Romans, Luther began to understand that, while God is the judge of the world, he declares believers in Christ _____ of their sins because of Jesus' work on the cross and his resurrection.
5. The fact of the matter is, the Bible talks about _____ judgments. Judgment after _____ and the Final Judgment on the Last Day.
6. The Final Judgment is what you might call a very _____ event. Everyone will see what's going on.

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