

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

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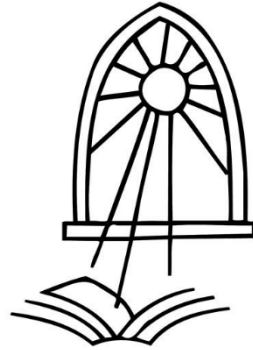
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Sunday, October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday,

Year B



Please welcome Kathy Robinson as she leads us in Worship today.

Prelude

Announcements

Introduction

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Please stand if able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** **#504**

Greeting: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Corinthians 13:14).
C: And also, with you.

Kyrie **Have Mercy On Us Lord** **pg. 203**

Prayer of the Day

P: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus

Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

R: Word of God. Word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

¹God is our ref-^luge and strength,
a very present ^lhelp in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the ^learth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths ^lof the sea;**

³though its waters ^lrage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble ^lwith its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-^ly of God,
the holy habitation of ^lthe Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall ^l not be shaken;
God shall help it at the ^l break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the ^l kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth ^l melts away. R**

⁷The LORD of ^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ^l is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works ^l of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- ^l on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in ^l all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ^l shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that ^l I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted ^l in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of ^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ^l is our stronghold. R

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is

righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

R: Word of God. Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Kathy Robinson

Hymn of the Day

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

#673

Please stand if able.

Apostles’ Creed

See the yellow sheet in the back of your hymnal.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share the Peace however you feel comfortable.

Please be seated for the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Read by our Lector today:

Doug Helling

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

After "God of grace", please respond with "Hear our prayer".

A brief silence.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn

"Rejoice, for Christ is King"

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The usher will bring up the offering plate.

Please stand if able.

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Attendance on 10/20/2024: 35

Prayer Concerns: We pray for healing and comfort for Dan Gibbons, brother of Jane Riley-Smith. (For updates, please contact the ILC Office)

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Our Sister Church is the Lobatla Parish. Pastor Elijah Lekwate. Email for Justice Pule: pulejustice74@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to Host Coffee Hours. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

Serving us Today

Leader: Kathy Robinson

Organist/Pianist: Judy K.

Reader: Doug Helling

Usher: Dan Westaby

Altar Guild: Kathy Knox, Joanne Distelhorst, Pattie Bricko and Holly Westaby

Welcome to Immanuel! We’ve been waiting for you! If you are interested in becoming a member here, please stop and pick up one of our Welcome packets on the table in the Narthex. We are eager to know you and we’re excited to share with you the marvelous ways God is working in our church.



The flowers on the altar are given by Arzelee Drown in honor of Reformation Sunday today.

There is still time to add items to the November 2024 Newsletter. If you have anything to add, please submit by October 28, 2024, to the Church Office. Thank you!

Immanuel: Open for Business...(God's Business)



Are we good stewards? Try the Immanuel brand! Get on board, stewardship is active, not passive. Immanuel needs you! Take an active part in the Immanuel stewardship campaign and plan your stewardship for 2025. Estimate of Giving cards should be handed in on Commitment Sunday

Commitment Sunday and celebration coffee - - November 3



It is that time of year! Time to start thinking about Christmas, and that means it's time for Poinsettias! Let's beautify our church for the holiday season. The order form is on the Narthex entry table. There are three choices: Red, Red Glitter and White. 4" pot is \$7 and 6" pot is \$11. Orders must be placed by Sunday, November 10, 2024.

Coats and Other Items for Kids. All items collected will be distributed to Wausau & DC Everest schools through **October 27, 2024**. The drop off table is set up in the Gathering Room. Listing of items needed (gently used or new – sizes for little kids to adult kids): Coats, Jackets, Snow Pants, Sweatshirts, Hooded Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Boots and **NEW Underwear and Socks**.

Food Pantry Donations

The Neighbors' Place welcomes donations for their food pantry. They are especially in need of toilet paper, shampoo, lotion, laundry soap, dish soap, juice, beef stew, mayo, cookies, canned fruit, and sugar. If you would like to donate non-perishable foods or basic supplies, you may place them on the black cart next to the pew near the Gathering Room and they will be delivered to the Neighbors' Place.

The Men's Discussion Group meets Thursdays at 7:30 am, in the Koinonia room. New participants are always welcome.

Strong Bones Senior Exercise Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the old Nursery at 10:30 am. The class is open to anyone wishing to improve balance and maintain strength to prevent falls. New faces are happily welcome.