

Reformation Sunday

Emanuel St. John Lutheran Church
October 27, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins,
Receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

A brief silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Hymn – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – LBW 229

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvations glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot over-pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment most prevail! One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

The Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts.

Hymn of Praise

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call.
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all.

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day – Reformation Sunday -- Oct 27, 2024

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or

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.**

Scripture Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46 -- Reformation -- Oct 27, 2024

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;

God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;

God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,

what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Romans 3:19-28

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel

John 8:31-36

*Spoken response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Spoken response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – The Church's One Foundation – LBW 369

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.

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.

Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rest 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.

Though 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.

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

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

Offering

Thank you for your continued offerings. They are much appreciated.

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering Prayer

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, and he gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death for our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: ;give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Distribution – Freely, Freely – Insert

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His love as He told me to.
He said "Freely, freely you have received; Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, Others will know that I live."

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name, In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His pow'r as He told me to.
He said "Freely, freely you have received; Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe, Others will know that I live."

Post Communion Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord grant you his favor and give you his peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word – LBW 230

Lord keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son
And bring to nought all he has done.

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 triumphantly.

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.

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Bulletin Announcements

**Reformation Sunday,
October 27, 2024**

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL-ST. JOHN

SUNDAY, October 27th

8:45 a.m. Confirmation and Adult Bible Class
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

MONDAY, October 29th

7:30 a.m. Men's Group

THURSDAY, October 31st

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group
6:00-7:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat in church parking lot

SUNDAY, November 3rd

8:45 a.m. Confirmation and Adult Bible Class
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Worship Attendant: Kari Musselman
Greeters: Ryan Wheelock Family
Acolyte: Brinley Riley
Organist: Candace Booth
Lay Reader: Ryan Wheelock
Children's Sermon: Rev. Ben C. Worley
Presiding: Rev. Ben C. Worley



Prayer concerns: Our prayers are with the following people with ongoing health concerns: Gary Ausborn, Ricky Dettmann, Kevin Frederick, Laurie Glasnapp, Aaron Grossehme, Julia Jacobs, Dale Scharn, Ethan Simonson, Marjorie Stewart and Gracia Willis ... We remember also our homebound & nursing home members: Joleen Harmon and Mildred Purdie... We pray for our farmers and all involved with the fall harvest that all may be safe and the harvest bountiful... We pray for all affected by Hurricane Helene and Milton... We pray for peaceful resolutions to the wars in Israel/Palestine and Ukraine... We pray for the peace of Jerusalem... We pray for America: that God would guide us through troubled times, renewing our faith in Him and respect for one another... We pray for the safety and well-being of all law enforcement personnel and first responders... And for our Nation and the men and women serving in the armed forces at home and abroad especially Shiloh Meyer, Hannah Hildreth and Samantha Potts.

All who believe that Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead for them and that His body and blood is present in the bread and wine are invited to come forward for Holy Communion. Children who do not yet receive the bread and wine will receive a blessing. The inner ring of glasses in each tray contains grape juice. Please complete a communion registration card and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher.

Daylight Savings time ends next Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 a.m. Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

Members celebrating their birthday this week:

Oct. 27 Jake Ackerson, Sam Adams, Emily Bailey, Morgan Hillmer, Marlyn Purdie
Oct. 28 Dennis Johnson
Oct. 29 Brittany Garcia, Paul Toms
Oct. 30 Earl Bartels, Matthew Gibson, Daryl Glasnapp, Kari Lantz
Nov. 1 Carson Pibal
Nov. 2 Kade Smith

Looking ahead to November: Mission Festival will be held on Nov. 17th. Our guest speaker will be Christy Hillmer Weaver who will share her experiences during her recent mission trip to minister unto the People of the First Nations in South Dakota. A pot-luck meal will follow the 10 a.m. service. More details to follow in the November Vine and subsequent bulletins.

Last performance of the Sac Community Theatre's "Hansel & Gretel" will be this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Sac City. Free will donation.

The Sac City WA TAN YE will be holding a Harvest Chicken Dinner on November 1st from 5-7 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Sac City. Chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salads, dessert and drinks will be served. Adults \$18.00, kids 5-10 years \$13.00 and 4 and younger free. Prepared by Lidderdale Catering.

The Church of the Damascus Road Prison Ministry Fall Celebration will be next Sunday, Nov. 3 at St. Olaf's Lutheran Church, 239 N 11th St., Fort Dodge beginning at 5 p.m. RSVP 515-955-3579 or codroffice23@gmail.com

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Sunday, October 27th: *Reformation Sunday* Praise God for being patient with us through the challenges and changes of being the church and discerning God's truth.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Monday, October 28th: Pray that the Spirit will work through the traditions, rites and practices of the church, which, evolving over time and from generation to generation, affirm God's saving grace and inspire us to share it.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Tuesday, October 29th: Lament that we sin and fall short of the glory and expectations of God, then shout prayers of thanksgiving and joy that we are forgiven, freed and saved by the gift of God's grace.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Wednesday, October 30th: Throughout history God has acted with steadfast love, forgiveness and concern for humankind. Alleluia, thanks be to God!

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Thursday, October 31st: *Reformation Day* Give thanks for the legacy of Martin Luther and other reformers who demanded that the theology and practices of the church be faithful to God's word and the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will never stop reflecting on Scripture or the gospel message, and that our ministries and faith communities might best respond to their call to do God's work in the world.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Friday, Nov. 1st: *All Saints Day* Remember and give thanks for saints who are now in God's eternal, loving care. Praise God for their significance in your life — their influence, example and faith.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Saturday, Nov. 2nd: *American Indian Heritage Month* Give thanks for our Indigenous neighbors and siblings in Christ, whose diverse gifts, traditions and wisdom help shape and enrich society and the church. Pray for the work of ELCA Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations and the Association of American Indians and Alaska Natives of the ELCA. Ask God to guide and further the work of our church and society to build better, right and just relationships with Indigenous peoples.