

Reformation Day

October 26 and 27, 2024



THE WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Scott A. Zeckzer
Lector: Seminarian John Carpenter
Organist: Doug Reynolds, Director of Parish Music
Choir: Adult Choir (8:00, 10:30)
Trumpet: Steve Gernhardt, Joe Gernhardt (8:00, 10:30)
Acolytes: Camden Brooks, Hayden Dambra (8:00)
Tenly Rorick, Hadley Dager (10:30)
Elder: Ben Oberlin (5:00)
Benjamin Castens (8:00, 10:30)
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Group 2 (Ben Koeneman) (8:00)
Group 1 (Sam Bender) (10:30)

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Vision Statement

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.

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Divine Service IV with Communion – LSB page 203

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

AS WE GATHER ~ In Psalm 12, King David cries out, "Save, O LORD, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man" (v. 1). The Lord God's anointed king lives in a troubling world! Many centuries later, Martin Luther paraphrased the words of David, writing in a hymn text in 1523: "O Lord, look down from heav'n, behold and let Thy pity waken; . . . dark times have us o'ertaken" (*TLH* 260:1). Looking at our world today, we can relate to both King David and Martin Luther. Yet both men expressed hope in their written words. In his psalm, David writes, "The words of the LORD are pure words, . . . You, O LORD, will keep them" (vv. 6a, 7a). And Luther confidently writes, "So through God's Word shall men endure each trial and temptation" (*TLH* 260:5). Reformation Day echoes the call to faithfulness heard by God's people through the ages. May we listen well!

PRELUDE

GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ **OPENING HYMN** ↓ *Built on the Rock* **LSB 645**
**Built on the Rock the Church shall stand even when steeples are falling,
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, but above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.**

**Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.**

**We are God's house of living stones, built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.**

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**Here stands the font before our eyes, telling how God has received us.
Th'altar recalls Christ's sacrifice and what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.**

**Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, that, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know MY own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ~ Page 268 ↓ (10:30) *Elizabeth Jayne Carlson*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ Page 203 ↑

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. (Matthew 28:19)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. (Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

People: Amen. (John 20:19-23)

INTROIT FOR THE DAY ↑

Pastor: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame. (Psalm 119:46)

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Pastor: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

People: let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me;

People: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Pastor: The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

People: none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. (Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22)

All: 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.

Pastor: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame. (Psalm 119:46)

♪ KYRIE ~ Page 204 ↑

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. (Mark 10:47)

♪ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Page 204 ↑

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;

Good-will from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing --

Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.

Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heart-felt cry,

Where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high --

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.

Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;

You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,

In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply. (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (Ruth 2:4)

People: And also with you. (Luke 1:28)

Pastor: 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 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.

People: Amen.

ANTHEM ↓ (8:00, 10:30) *Listen, God Is Calling*

Listen, God is calling through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Jesus gave His mandate: share the good news that He came to save us and set us free.

Let none be forgotten throughout the world. In the triune name of God go and baptize.

Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast, walking in Your precepts, led by Your Word.

FIRST READING ↓ Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV)

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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ↓ Romans 3:19-28 (ESV)

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ ALLELUIA and VERSE ~ Page 205 ↑

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, these things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

(John 20:31)

HOLY GOSPEL READING ↑

Matthew 11:12-19 (ESV)

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²[Jesus said:] “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓

Thy Strong Word

On Saturday, the congregation will sing all the stanzas. On Sunday, the congregation sings the stanzas in bold.

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.

*Lo, on men who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, breathed Thine own life-breathing breath:*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee, who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end.

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with Thine own holiness,

Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee, who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

From the cross Thy wisdom shining breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;

From the cross forever beameth all Thy bright redeeming light:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee, who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,

Throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak Thy holy name:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to Thee, who light dost send!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

↑ 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;

Men and angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

SERMON ↓

*Listening Through the Noise!*DISTRIBUTION OF CATECHISMS TO EMANUEL’S 5TH GRADE MEMBERS

NICENE CREED ~ Page 206 ↑ (5:00, 8:00)

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)



We welcome the opportunity to explain what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper. In order not to impose those beliefs on you, we ask that if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, you would speak with a Pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

PREFACE ~ Page 208 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly meet, right and salutary.....evermore praising you and saying:

♪ SANCTUS ~ Page 208 ↑

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored:

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER ~ Page 209 ↑ (5:00, 8:00)

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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 ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(John 20:19)

♪ AGNUS DEI ~ Page 210 ↑

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

(John 1:29)

♪ DISTRIBUTION ↓ (8:00) *I Will Dwell in You* (Gray)

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should come to me.

I am weak and in need, with no strength except in Thee.

So I come before this altar with grave humility.

And when I eat this food, this holy food, I am touched and healed by Thee.

Take and eat, take and drink. Do this when you remember Me.

For I am with you all the while, put your hope in Me.

Trust in Me, come to Me, know my mercy has no bounds.

So, take and eat, take and drink, I will dwell in you.

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566

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.

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.

By grace God's Son, our only Savior, came down to earth to bear our sin.
 Was it because of your own merit that Jesus died your soul to win?
 No, it was grace, and grace alone, that brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain; so long as God is true, it stands.
 What saints have penned by inspiration, what in His Word our God commands,
 Our faith in what our God has done depends on grace--grace through His Son.

By grace to timid hearts that tremble, in tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, the Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure if grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; in Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace alone.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

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.

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.

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.

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

LSB 582

God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
 To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
 Through life it guides our way, in death it is our stay.
 Lord, grant, while words endure, we keep its teachings pure
 Throughout all generations.

BLESSING ~ Page 210 ↑

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in
 body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

People: Amen.

♪ NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Page 211 ↑

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
 For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

COLLECT ~ Page 212 ↑

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste
 of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us
 firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His
 coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of
 the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
 our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
 forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION ~ Page 212 ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑*A Mighty Fortress*

LSB 656

**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.

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.

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.

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.

POSTLUDE