

BENEDICTION

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.

CLOSING SONG

Leader:

Hail, Jesus, You're my King.
Your life frees me to sing.
I will praise You all my days.
Perfect in all Your ways.

Hail, Jesus, You're my Lord.
I will obey Your Word.
I want to see Your kingdom come.
Not my will, but Yours be done.

Glory, glory to the Lamb.
You take me into the land.
We will conquer in Your name,
And proclaim that Jesus reigns,

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Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.

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The Gathering

Reformation Day

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Vision Statement

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

† Reformation Day †

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.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

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!

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *What Can Wash Away My Sin?*

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

Refrain: **Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain***

**Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain***

**This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain***

**Now by this I'll overcome— nothing but the blood of Jesus,
Now by this I'll reach my home— nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain***

**Glory! Glory! This I sing— nothing but the blood of Jesus,
All my praise for this I bring— nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain***

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OPENING SONG

Only by Grace

Chorus: **Only by grace can we enter; only by grace can we stand,
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into Your presence You call us; You call us to come.
Into Your presence You draw us, and now by Your grace we come,
Now by Your grace we come.**

Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand?

Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand?

Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. *Chorus*

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Psalm 41:13; 79:9, 13; 125:1–2; Psalm 130)

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

People: from everlasting to everlasting!

Pastor: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!

People: We Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.

Pastor: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

People: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.

Pastor: In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

People: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Pastor: God has promised His forgiveness of sins to those who repentantly confess their sins, imploring His grace and mercy for the sake of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PSALM 46

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Pastor: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Pastor: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

Pastor: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

Pastor: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

People: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Pastor: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light,

'Til from heaven You came running - there was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word,

From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus: **Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.**

**To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering You saw to the other side,
Knowing this was our salvation - Jesus for our sake You died. *Chorus***

**And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.**

**And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. *Chorus Twice***

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

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."

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.

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. *Repeat*

GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36 (ESV)

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.”

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. *Repeat*
You're the Light unto my path.

SONG OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'er taken.
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 over pow'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.**

MESSAGE

DISTRIBUTION OF CATECHISMS TO EMANUEL'S 5TH GRADE MEMBERS

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LORD'S PRAYER

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.