

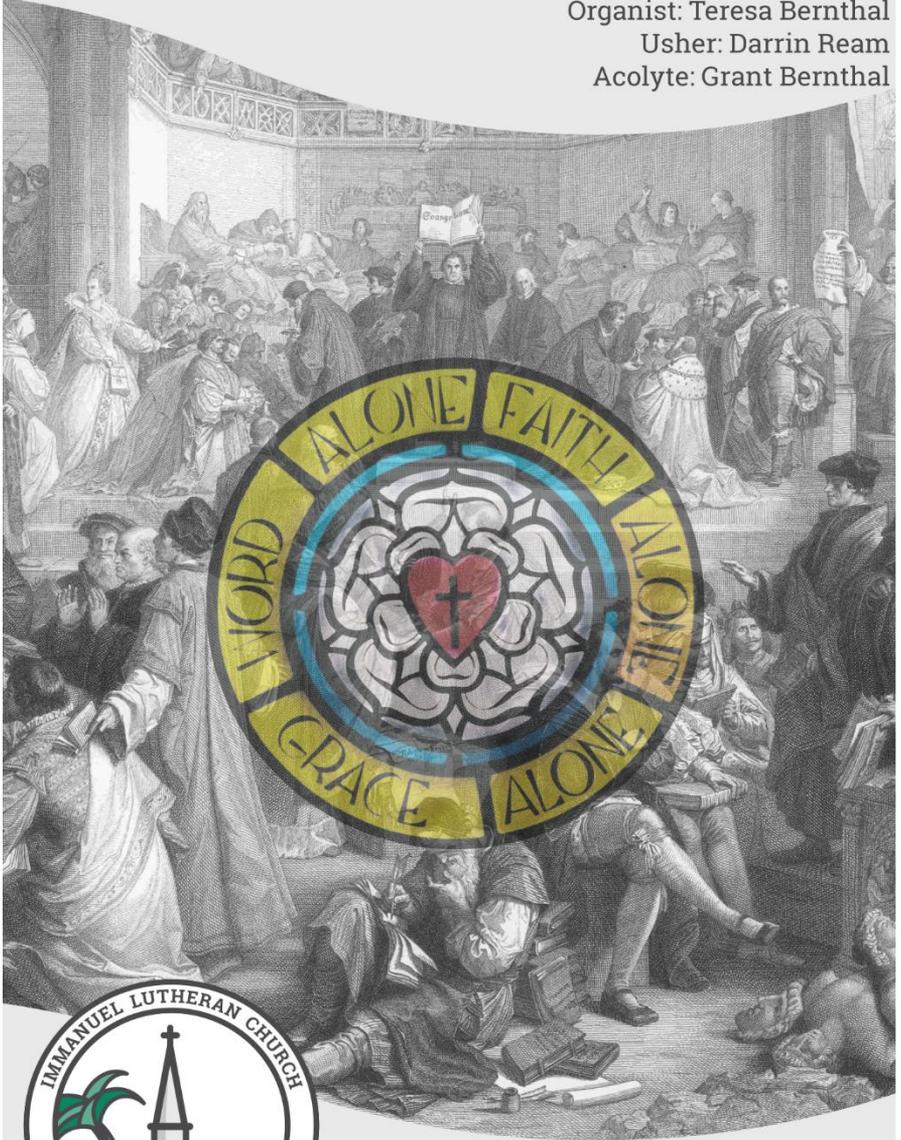
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Reformation Sunday

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 103:1-5, 8-13

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: WS #775:1-4

"Thy Strong Word"

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

G Amen.

Responsive Readings from the Psalms

Ps. 119; Ps. 2; Ps. 31

P Oh LORD, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

G **You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me.**

P I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.

G **I understand more than the ancients, because I keep your precepts.**

P How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

G **Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

P Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

G **♪ Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who gain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.**

TLH 261:1

P Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

C **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,**

P Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

C **“Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.”**

P He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision.

C **Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:**

P “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”

C ♪ ***Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.***

TLH 261:2

P In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness.

C **Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock of refuge a fortress of defense to save me.**

P For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name’s sake, lead me and guide me.



C **Pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for You are my strength.**

P Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

C ♪ ***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.***

TLH 261:3

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God indeed is our refuge and strength, our help and our fortress. Yet we often choose to flee from the refuge of the Lord. We abandon the strength and safety of God, trusting in our own strength and power. The apostle Paul writes that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

And Jesus says that everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. As we enter the house of the Lord and call upon Him for His good and gracious gifts, let us consider our enslavement to sin and our continued shortcomings as God's people.

G Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned as individuals and as a community. We have ignored neighbors in need. We have caused divisions among Your people. We have sought refuge in the things of this world and not in You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, our refuge and strength.

P While we have indeed all fallen short of the glory of God, we are all also justified by God's grace as a gift. Though we have been slaves to sin, God has set us free in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen. The Son has set us free, and we are free indeed! Amen.

Day School Children: TLH #262 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

The children sing verses 1 & 3. The congregation sings verses 2 & 4.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

GOSPEL READING – Luke 22:7-20 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹ They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰ He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹ and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you,

Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³ And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴ And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I



have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit

of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Justification by Faith

We boldly confess what we believe using the following words from the Formula of Concord — on Justification by Faith.

“We unanimously believe, teach, and confess the following about the righteousness of faith before God:

A poor sinful person is justified before God, that is, absolved and declared free and exempt from all his sins and from the sentence of well-deserved condemnation, and is adopted into sonship and inheritance of eternal life, without any merit or worth of his own.

This happens without any preceding, present, or subsequent works, out of pure grace, because of the sole merit, complete obedience, bitter suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Christ alone. His obedience is credited to us for righteousness. These treasures are brought to us by the Holy Spirit in the promise of the holy Gospel.

Faith alone is the only means through which we lay hold on, accept, apply, and take them for ourselves. This faith is God’s gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel and trust in Him. We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved.”

Hymn: TLH #311:1-2,6-8

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

SERMON – 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

“Jesus Gave His Body and Blood for Me”

- I. This sacrament proclaims Jesus’ presence
- II. Worthy participation receives Jesus’ blessing

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

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

Hymn: WS #754

“Come, Risen Lord”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

C  **We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER

✠ Order of Holy Communion ✠

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts!
- C** **We lift them up to the Lord!**

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!
Amen.



Words of Institution & Distribution



Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

After the distribution, we will continue with the next hymn:

COMMUNION HYMN: TLH #313:2-3 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #387:1,2,4,5 "Dear Christians, One and All"

✠ Announcements ✠

Welcome! While 2017 was the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, our celebrations continue into the 501st year since Martin Luther posted the Ninety-five Theses on the practice of indulgences. The Reformation is a celebration of freedom in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Even though we are all miserable sinners, we are declared "not guilty" by God's grace, as a gift.

CLC Call News Pastor Michael Wilke, of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw MI, has returned the call to Our Redeemer's, Red Wing MN. <> Pastor Doug Libby of Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN has received the call to Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Pastor Roland Gurgel of Bethel, Humble, TX has been removed from the CLC clergy roster for neglect of pastoral duties as outlined in Scripture.

Looking Ahead...

- ✚ **Today:** Fellowship Snack
- ✚ **Today:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✚ **Today:** Quarterly Voters Mtg
- ✚ **Nov. 11:** Orlando Service
- ✚ **Nov. 22:** Thanksgiving Service at 10:15 am

“How does the Lord’s Supper forgive sins?” Jesus earned the forgiveness of sins on the cross once for all -- the Means of Grace (the Gospel in the Word and the Sacraments) deliver it. The Bible of itself does not save (it's paper and ink), but it delivers Jesus and forgiveness of sins to me. Water of itself does not save, but with the Word in baptism it delivers Jesus and forgiveness of sins to me. Bread and wine of themselves do not save, but with the Word they deliver Jesus and forgiveness of sins to me.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Loye Issitt** continues to battle for good health with a kidney condition. **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** is back at his rehab facility and remains shut-in. **Delores Seger** is battling severe back pain; she has been approved for and is preparing for surgery. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Liz Hartmann** is recovering from eye surgery.

The Cover Art is from “The Age of the Reformation” by Wilhelm Kaulbach. Represented are the many artists, scientists, philosophers, and poets of the day busy at discussing various topics. Near the back, Martin Luther stands alone holding up the Word of God.

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November Usher: Darrin Ream | **Acolyte (11/11):** Hayden
| **Cleaner (11/10):** Ireland