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REFORMATION

Sunday



Immanuel Lutheran Church



***Making known by Word and Action
The Healing Presence of God
And Christ Jesus
With us and with the world***



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When we celebrate Holy Communion, we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins or call during the week.

WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*

PRELUDE

CHOIR – *“A Mighty Fortress”*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE – *We share a brief greeting of the Lord's peace with those around us.*

OPENING HYMN

“Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578

Please stand for the final stanza

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P For by grace you have been saved through faith.

C And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

P not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

C For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,

P which God prepared beforehand,

C that we should walk in them.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P The Word of God announces both His punishment and His pardon, His judgment and His grace. The Law of God, summarized in the Ten Commandments, reminds us of our continual need for the Lord's forgiveness. As we gather for worship, let us first pray to the Lord, confessing our sins to Him and calling upon Him to have mercy upon us.

P With humble hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

C Heavenly Father, Your Word of truth confronts us in our sin. It convicts us of the bad things we have thought, said, and done, and of the good things we have failed to think, say, and do. Forgive our sins against You and our sins against one another. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us. By the power of His death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave, reunite our lives to Your life. Equip us by Your Holy Spirit to love and to serve others as You have first loved and served us. Amen.

P Jesus said, “*If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*” Friends in Christ, let us abide in Jesus’ Word, which brings us the freedom of His forgiveness. Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for Jesus’ sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord,

C and shall not be put to shame.

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C let the humble hear and be glad.

P Come, O children, listen to me;

C I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

P The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

C none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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.

KYRIE – “Kyrie! God, Father”



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove, You a - bound in gra - cious love,



Of all things the mak - er and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal - va - tion for all You came to bring.



O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, Our me - di - a - tor at the heav'n - ly throne:

Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli-ca-tion. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!

Ky-ri-e! O God the Ho-ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the

gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this

sin-ful world with glad-ness. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

“All Glory Be to God on High”

LSB 947

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated...

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

L The First Reading for Reformation Day is from Revelation, chapter fourteen.

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.”*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19-28

L The Epistle is from Romans, chapter three.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

by Jo Robinson

Pease stand...

VERSE

P Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,

C for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated...

HYMN OF THE DAY *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

LSB 656

SERMON

Please stand...

THE NICENE CREED

C 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

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For all those who are marked with the sign of the cross and sealed with the Holy Spirit, that the baptized children of God may hold forth the word of truth throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word.

P For all pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and servants of the Church, that they may lead God's faithful people with loving hearts and voices, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word.

P For Immanuel Lutheran Church, that we may see the great need for the truth of God's Word in our local community and shine Christ's light in our neighborhoods, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word.

P For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those who serve in our armed forces, that our Mighty Fortress would protect them as they serve to protect our freedoms, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word.

P For all those with illness of heart, mind, and body, that they may be set free from their infirmities and rest in the healing presence of our Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word.

P For these and all other concerns we have, that, as we bow before heaven's throne, we know that Christ alone brings our petitions before our loving Father, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord Jesus, may we abide in Your Word. Amen.

Please be seated...

OFFERING

Please stand...

OFFERTORY

"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

LSB 582



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to 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. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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. This do 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."

SANCTUS

"Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old"

LSB 960

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated...

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" **LSB 618**

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" **LSB 655**

Please stand...

CANTICLE *"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"*

LSB 937

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have nourished our souls and set us free from our sins through the body and blood of our Savior. As we abide in Your Word of truth, work through our lives to share the freedom of Christ with all the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Brothers and sisters, you have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

C We rejoice in this gift of God!

P You are made to be His workmanship, walking daily in His Word.

C We rejoice in the Word that sets us free!

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

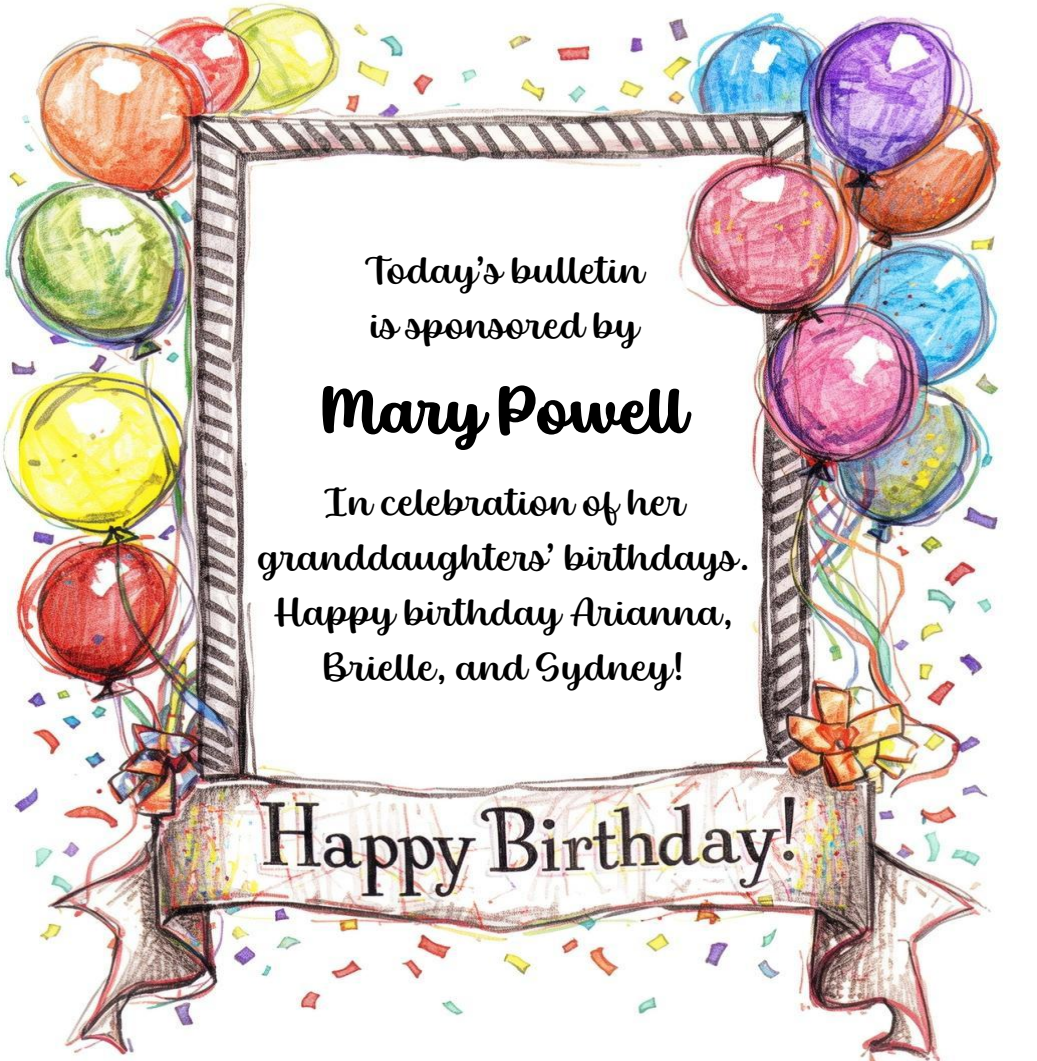
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"By Grace I'm Saved"

LSB 566



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is sponsored by

Mary Powell

In celebration of her
granddaughters' birthdays.
Happy birthday Arianna,
Brielle, and Sydney!

Happy Birthday!

Reformation Sunday

Therefore, since we have
been justified through
faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we
have gained access by faith
into this grace in which we
now stand.



Romans 5:1-2 NW

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