

REFORMATION DAY

OCTOBER 25, 2020

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Sunday
Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

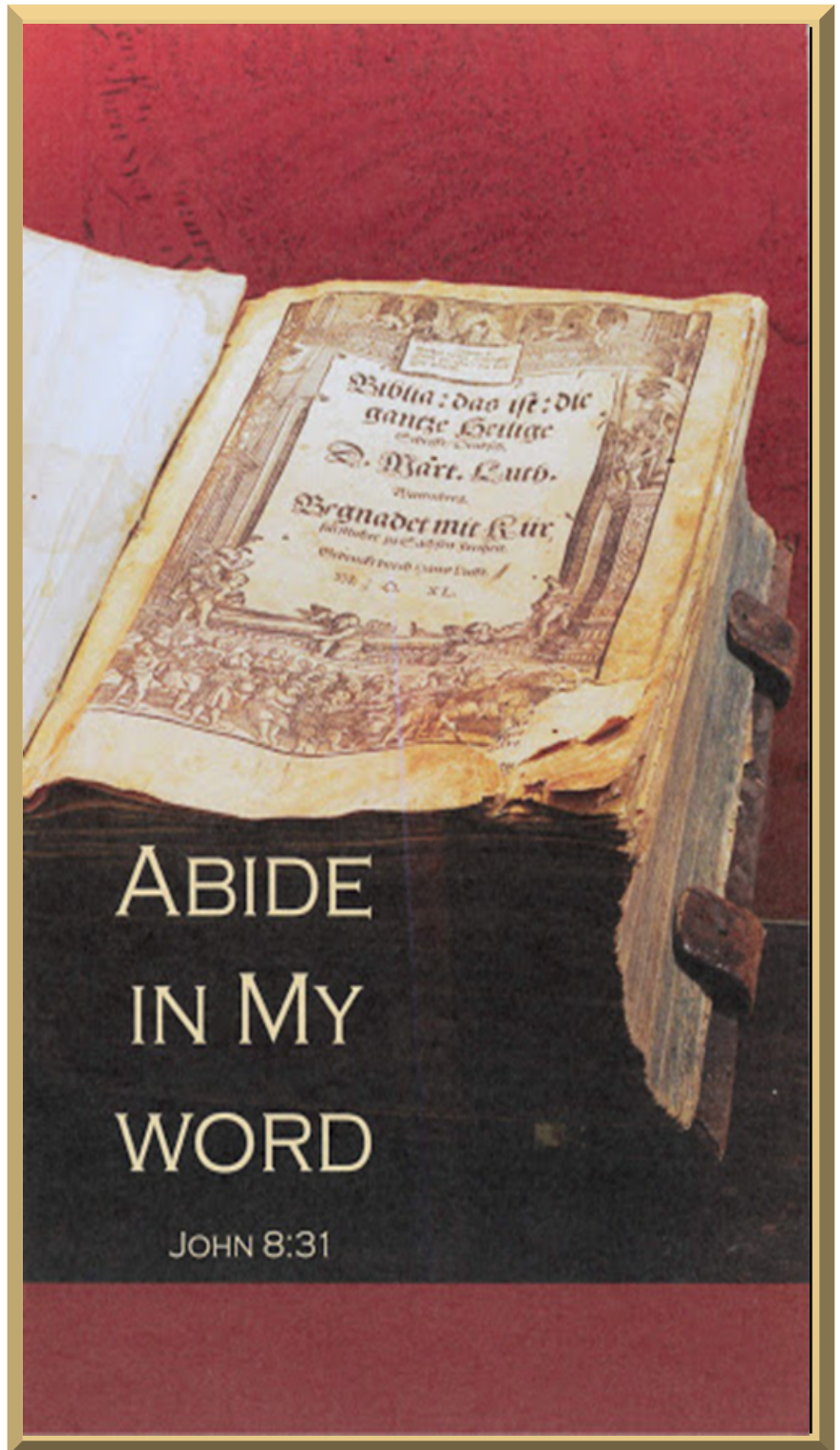
Adult Bible Class
Sunday School
10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

Next week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - O God, my refuge and strength, always present in trouble, silence my fears when Your good creation seems out of control and evil appears to run rampant. Like the dawning of a new day, dispel the darkness of my heart and renew confident faith in Your constant presence and gracious protection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - To the consternation of His opponents, Jesus announced that those who abide in His Word know the truth, which sets them free. And the truth, Paul points out in the Epistle, is that God has declared us justified, not guilty under His Law, because of His gracious gift of faith in Christ. That gift frees us from fearing God's righteous wrath; we are confident that the Lord of hosts is with us. Sure of His presence and protection, we need not fear the forces of nature, the conflicts of people and nations, and the wiles of the devil. Rather, in all that we think, say, and do, we are free to respond to the angelic invitation we hear today: "fear God and give Him glory . . . and worship Him who made heaven and earth" (Revelation 14:7).

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644

1 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.

2 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.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent 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.

4 Through 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.

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

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△ INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

△ OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 46:1a, 2a; Romans 3:23–24a; John 8:31b–32*

P God is our refuge and strength;

C therefore we will not fear.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

C and are justified by His grace as a gift.

P If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,

C and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

△ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

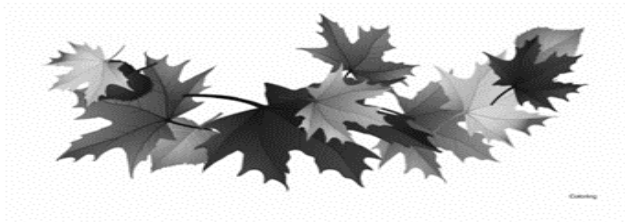
(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P 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. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.



+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

HYMN

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

St. 1: LSB 668

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,
O Christians, lest the foe destroy you;
For Satan has designed your fall.
Wield God's Word, the weapon glorious;
Against all foes be thus victorious,
For God protects you from them all.
Fear not the hordes of hell,
Here is Emmanuel.
Hail the Savior!
The strong foes yield
To Christ, our shield,
And we, the victors, hold the field.

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△ INTROIT *Psalm 46:1-3, 7; antiphon, Psalm 119:46*

P I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

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

P Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

C Though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.

P The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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.

P I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

△ KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

△ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

△ SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

△ PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

(An angel announces the time for judgment.)

6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—

7 saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM

Psalms 46; antiphon: v. 7

P The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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

P Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

C Though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.

P There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

C God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

P The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

C The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

P Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has made desolations in the earth.

C He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.

P Be still, 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 refuge.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Children remain seated)

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19-28

(We need not fear the Law’s accusation, for we are justified by grace.)

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before

God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is

revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.


P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Δ ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Δ HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

(We are freed from slavery to sin; we are free indeed.)

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

C **Glory to You , O Lord.**

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free?'" 34 Jesus answered them, "Most

assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

△ APOSTLES CREED

All 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation 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.

1s Castillo fuerte es nuestro Dios,
defensa y buen escudo;
con su poder nos librar a
en este trance agudo.
Con furia y con af an
ac osanos Sat an;
por armas deja ver
astucia y gran poder:
cual  el no hay en la tierra.

2 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.

2s Nuestro valor es nada aquí,
 con él todo es perdido;
 mas por nosotros pugnará
 de Dios el escogido.
 ¿Sabéis quién es? Jesús,
 el que venció en la cruz,
 Señor de Sabaot,
 y pues él sólo es Dios,
 él triunfa en la batalla.

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

4 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!

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SERMON "////////////////////"

(John 8:??)

OFFERING **(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you leave.)**

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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△ SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* (John 20:21) [using ASL (American Sign Language)]

△ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Incorporating Psalm 46)

P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their varied circumstances.
O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, strengthen the Church here and wherever it gathers around Your Word. Grant confident faith to clergy and laity, pastors in congregations and missionaries in distant lands, elders in the faith and newly baptized alike. Help us to put all our trust in Your protection and power. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Strong Creator, wherever people call out to You as the earth gives way, mountains move into the heart of the sea, and mountains tremble, hear their cries and keep them safe. Awaken courage and wisdom in those who search and rescue, those who provide physical and spiritual counsel, and those who offer long-term support of body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Holy Spirit, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, use the earthly powers that be to move the nations and their leaders to seek ways toward peace with their neighbors and stability within their borders. You, who make wars cease to the end of the earth, provide courage and compassion to all who work for peace and protection as they are deployed abroad and all who maintain concord and order within our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, stream joy and gladness to those who wait for the dawning of a new day, those dealing with long-term ills, unemployment, discrimination, unjust imprisonment, strife in their families, and the loss of loved ones, [especially . . .]. Assure them that You are with them, even now a very present help in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, worthy to be exalted among the nations, into Your almighty hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. Hear our prayer for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

△ LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

All **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.**

△ BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

△ BENEDICTION

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.**

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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IT'S POPCORNE TIME!



Orders being taken in the Office if not approached by a student member of Immanuel Church and School.

Order and money due in office by Monday, Oct. 26th by 12 p.m.

Mini Bag	\$5
Small Bag	\$8
Large Bag	\$12
Giant Bag	\$20

November

Happy Birthday

Members

- 1 Carolyn Green
- 10 Vivi Garcia
- 11 Rafael Reyes
- 22 Ken Eilers
- 24 Shirley Weber
- 26 Rose Ann Cisneros
- 29 April Perez

Immanuel Lutheran School

- 8 Daniela Herrera
- 17 Isabella Cavazos
- 20 Kati Anzaldua
- 25 Mercedes Perez

Winter Texans

- 5 Vera Voss
- 23 Donald Glock

Happy Anniversary

Winter Texan

- 27 Jerry & Ioadell Stevenson



*Portals of Prayer
for October to December 2020 are
available in the Narthrex or office.*

Memory Verse Challenge

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

This week's memory verse: **1 Peter 1:24-25**

"The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever."

All are welcome!

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School

at 10:30 a.m.

Lead by Pastor Weber

Sunday, October 1st



Time to Fall Back



The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:18-19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32).

10/18/2020		
Sunday Worship	19	
Plate:	\$	20.00
Envelopes:	\$	3,650.00
Donation:		
Total:	\$	3,670.00
Bible Class:	7	N/A

All Saints' Day Readings:

*Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17
Psalm 149
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12*

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	October Sunday Servants:	November Servants:
Elder:	Dan Wehling	Earl Neuhaus
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	Loretta E & Suzanne W.
Music:	Bonny Winston	
This Week	Reformation Day	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	All Saints' Day	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am