

REFORMATION DAY

OCTOBER 28, 2018

**IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN
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Sunday

9:00 AM

Worship Service

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

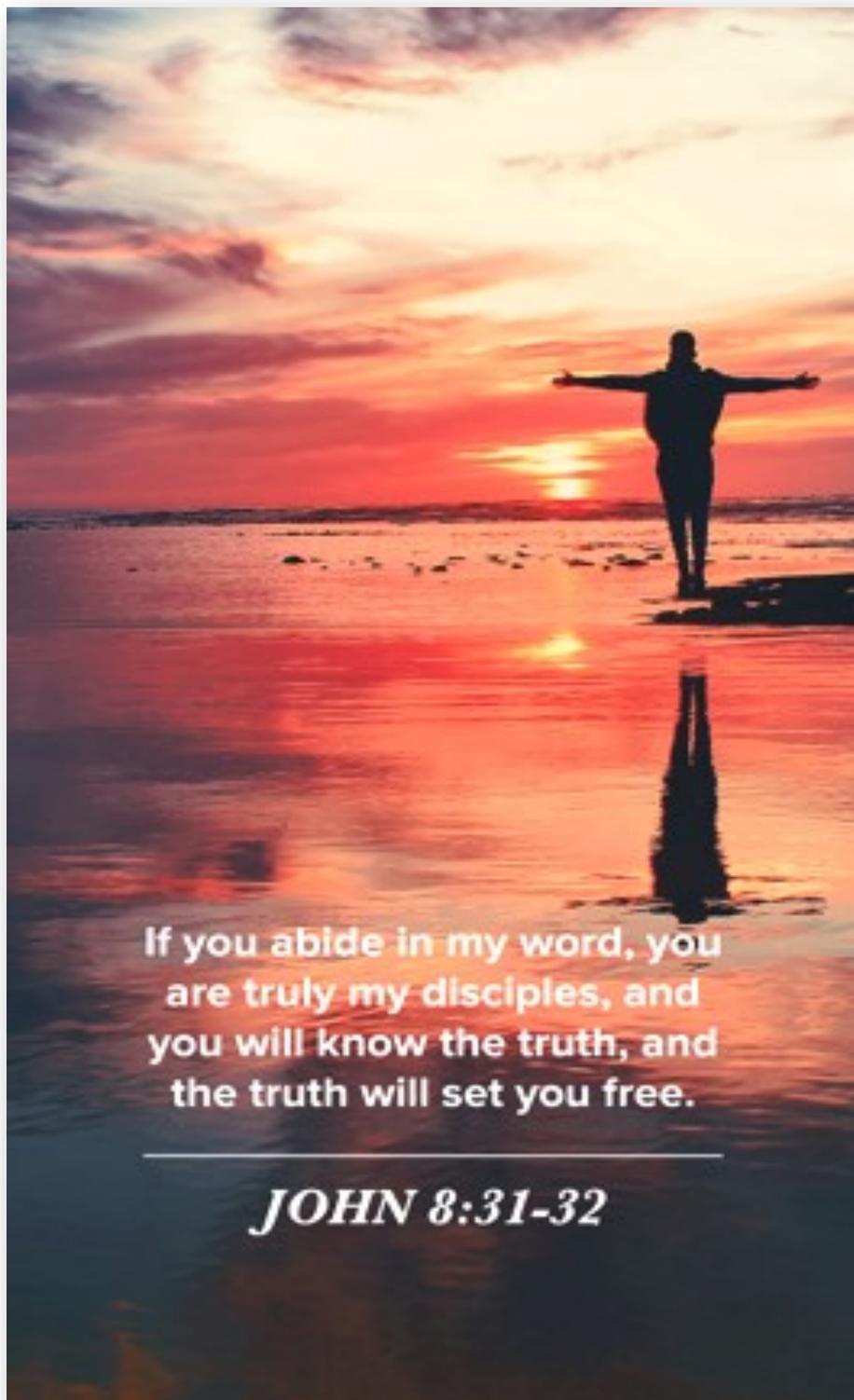
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8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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**If you abide in my word, you
are truly my disciples, and
you will know the truth, and
the truth will set you free.**

JOHN 8:31-32

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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 the 3x5 white cards 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 - Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to free me from my enslavement to sin. Help me to abide in Your Word and bring others by Your Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ, so that every nation, tribe, language, and people will know the saving power of Christ and His resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

AS WE GATHER - 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. This can particularly be found in today's Epistle from Romans 3. In a marvelous, great exchange, Christ takes our unrighteousness and gives us His righteousness. Even though we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, we are justified by God's grace, as a gift. We celebrate God's love and activity on our behalf to save us.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

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OPENING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

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.**

INTROIT *Psalm 1:1-3; antiphon: Psalm 1:6*

P For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

C **Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;**

P But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.

C **He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.**

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 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

KYRIE



☐ 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 - shiped 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
("Fear God and give Him glory.")

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 *Psalm 46*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

P 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.

C **Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!**

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE *Romans 3:19–28*
(All have sinned; all are justified by His 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.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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



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



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



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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

(Listen to Jesus and be set free.)

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 in Our God

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SERMON

"Abiding in Jesus' Word"

(John 8:31-32)

OFFERTORY



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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.

Lord, You are our refuge and strength. Defend Your Church from the attacks and accusations of the devil. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, since the fall into sin, all creation groans for restoration. Earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, floods, and other disasters cause great fear. But You are the God of all creation. Calm our hearts and be in our midst when the earth gives way. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, in this fallen world, nations rage and kingdoms totter. War, violence, and division plague the earth. But You are the Lord of hosts, and You are with us. Defend us from conflict and be our King of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, death remains a curse until You come again. Many mourn the death of loved ones. [Today we remember the families and friends of . . .] Comfort all who grieve with the hope of the promised resurrection in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, we exalt You among the nations for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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

The Church's One Foundation

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Sunday, November 4, 2018

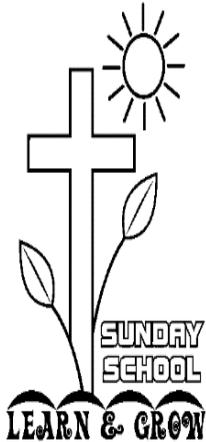
Time to Fall Back



End of Daylight Savings

From Pastor's Desk:

Portals of Prayer for October to December are available In the Narthrex.



Sunday School:

After service in the Fellowship Hall.

Enrich your spiritual life with the Word.

Pastor Weber will be leading the Adult Bible Study.

Children's Sunday School

is available with lots of fun activities.

Confirmation Classes

6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, in the Pastor's Office

All Valley Youth Event

All Saints' Eve Festival

Wednesday, October 31st

Fishers of Men, Port Isabel

@ 6:00 p.m.

Coming Soon

Bridge of Hope Children's Choir

Sunday, November 18, 2018

at 4:00 p.m.



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About the Choir

In Summer 2018, Bridge of Hope Africa Ministries plans to bring its first children's choir from Uganda to the United States! The children will share their hope for a bigger and brighter future through song, dance, and the playing of musical instruments, while also desiring to show the world the hope of the good news of Jesus Christ, despite growing up in disadvantaged communities. That they too, can live meaningful and abundant lives!

From June to November 2018, eighteen Ugandan children will tour the Western and South Central regions of the United States. The children will perform at schools and churches to spread the Gospel of Jesus and raise awareness and support for their communities back home. The focus will be to help Ugandan children in their communities through BOHAM's sponsorship program — providing Christian discipleship, educational opportunity, and microenterprise support to better assist their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Throughout the six-month tour, there will be opportunities for the children to stay with different host families as part of a cultural and educational exchange. It is our hope that the children will hear from host families regarding their line of work, exposing them to various skills and expertise, to inspire and open the children's eyes, and have the seeds of interest be planted so they may discover what they enjoy and what career paths could fit their unique gifts. Their time with host families will also connect them with people who could help them in a myriad of ways as they seek their life's ambitions!

Through BOHAM's first children's choir tour, our hope is to not only impact families with the love of Jesus Christ, but to help these children become future change agents for their society and help their communities back home be lifted out of poverty.

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, has justified 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, that we might 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).

10/21/2018			<i>All Saints' Day (observed)</i>
Sunday Worship	23		<i>Twenty-fourth Sunday</i>
Plate:		\$ 8.00	<i>after Pentecost</i>
Envelopes:		\$ 800.00	<u>Readings:</u>
Donations:			(Proper 26)
Memorials:			<i>Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17</i>
			<i>Psalm 149</i>
			<i>1 John 3:1-3</i>
			<i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>
Total:		\$ 808.00	
Bible Class:	14	\$ 10.00	

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	Nov. Sunday Servants
Elder:	Dan Wehling <i>Earl Neuhaus</i>
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez <i>L. Eilers & S. Wehling</i>
Music:	Bonny Winston
This Week	Reformation Day/Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Usher:	Dan Wehling
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
Next Week	All Saints' Day/Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
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