

**Reformation Day (observed)
October 29, 2023**

Divine Service, Setting Three (p. 184)

The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship, & Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 657 "A Mighty Fortress" *vs. 1-4*

Invocation

Exhortation *LSB 184*

Confession of Sins *LSB 184*

Absolution *LSB 185*

A Hymn of Praise: "O Church Arise" (Getty)

Verse 1

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Verse 2

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Verse 3

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

Verse 4

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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Salutation and Collect

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.*

Hymn: God is Our Refuge and Strength (Congregation and Choir) See Insert

The Epistle Reading:

Romans 3:19-28

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.

Alleluia

LSB 190

The Holy Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



P Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

The Sermon Hymn: 786 “Lord of All Good”

Sermon (During the sermon, children who are ages 3 through grade 2 are invited to participate in KIDZ Time. Children can make their way to the back of the sanctuary where the KIDZ Time teacher is waiting. The children will return to the service following the sermon.)

Offering (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

Prayer of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 621 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Announcements and Blessing

Hymn: 555 “Salvation unto Us Has Come” *vs. 1, 4-6, 9-10*

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

Pax Domini *LSB 197*

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

Distribution

Post Communion Liturgy *LSB 199*

Hymn to Depart: 567 “Not What These Hands Have Done”

This Week at St. James

- Today (10/29)** Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM
Communion Service – 9:30 AM
Bible Study – 11:00 AM
- Monday (10/30)** **Communion Service** – 6:30 PM
- Wednesday (11/1)** Darrell Bible Study – 10:00 AM
- Thursday (11/2)** Adult Bells – 6:00 PM
Adult Choir – 7:15 PM
- Saturday (11/4)** **Donna Nacke Service** – 11:00 AM
- Today (11/5)** Gizmo on FB – 8:00 AM
Communion Service (Mites Sunday) - 9:30 AM
LWML Meeting – 6:00 PM

Looking Ahead

Serving Today (10/29)

Officiant Pastor Glenn Schaeffer
Lector Cherie Hood
Organist Beth McKay
Deacon(s) Craig Popma / Dave Hood
Ushers Jim & Nancy Spears / Grace & Dale Rosema
Video/Sound/Recording Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
October Altar Guild Butler Family
KidzTime Needs to be Filled.

Serving Next Sunday (11/5)

Lector Charles Kirt
Organist Beth McKay
Deacon(s) Bryan Ensing / Jerry Talen
Ushers Sherry Schmidt
Video/Sound/Recording Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss
October Altar Guild Butler Family
KidzTime Sandra Schaeffer

Financial Discipleship: October 22 & 23, 2023

General Fund	\$2,028.90
<i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (-\$3,740.10)</i>	
TOTAL Contributions	\$2,028.90

Announcements

Thank You: Thank you to all who participated in our Trunks of Treats and who donated candy to hand out to the children.

Donna Nacke: The viewing for Donna will be on Saturday, November 4th. The viewing will start at 10:00 am and the Service will start at 11:00 am with a luncheon to follow.

A New Four Week Bible Study Will Begin October 29th!

An integral part of our stewardship emphasis, **Stewards Living with Purpose**, is a four-week Bible study. The first of four Bible studies will begin on Sunday, October 29th. The Bible study is entitled, **“Do All to the Glory of God”** --“*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”* (1 Corinthians 10:31). In all we do, we should strive to give God the glory that He deserves. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live lives that seek to please and honor the Lord. As people of faith, our purpose is not to live for ourselves but for Jesus.



The other Bible studies in this discipleship emphasis are:

- Be My Witnesses (November 5)
- Serve One Another (November 12)
- Be Generous in Every Way (November 19)

Reformation celebration of the Lutheran church, I'd like to invite you and your congregation to join us at Immanuel Lutheran Church in downtown Grand Rapids on the afternoon of October 29, 2023. I do apologize for the extremely late invitation (this month has gotten away from me!). We'd still love for you to join us! Join us at 3 pm as we explore some of the main themes of the Reformation that Martin Luther focused on - Sola Scriptura (scripture alone), Sola Fide (faith alone), Sola Gratia (grace alone), and Solus Christus (Christ alone), as we give all glory to God alone - Soli Deo Gloria! We'll celebrate with some favorite hymns, spend some time in God's Word and prayer, and enjoy the music of Immanuel's choir! No RSVP is required, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Adam Peitsch, at music@immanuelgr.org. I've attached a flyer or bulletin insert if you'd like to use it...for the one week of notice I gave you! God's blessings to you as you serve Him and His church, and I look forward to hearing from you and lifting songs of praise to our Savior! **Adam Peitsch** Director of Worship

Focus Group for ISJ: ISJ Academy is conducting a focus group on November 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the gathering room. We invite anyone to come out and join in a discussion about ISJ. If you are a parent of a current student or a relative of a former student (or former student), we want to hear from you! If you are someone who is interested and committed to the ministry of ISJ Academy, we want to hear from you. Light refreshments will be provided. Please use the QR code to RSVP.



A Statement on Holy Communion

We rejoice in the celebration of the LORD'S Supper as the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very personal manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) It is out of love and care for every individual who comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to refrain from attending the Lord's Supper.

Members of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations, who:

- Repent of their sin;
- Believe in Jesus as their Savior;
- Trust that they are receiving, not only bread and wine but also the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of their sins; and
- Intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as forgiven sinners resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the newness of life;

are invited to partake of this Holy Meal with us. We request that ALL guests who desire to commune, kindly speak to the Pastor before the service.

If you prefer to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion, please do so. We ask that you cross your arms over your chest so that Pastor knows you want to receive a blessing.

NOTE: We provide gluten-free communion host and non-alcoholic grape juice. Just let the Pastor and/or the assistants know when you come for Holy Communion.