

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888

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Immanuel Lutheran Church is a

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Sunday Schedule

Sunday School for all ages 9:15AM

Worship for everyone 10:30am

Wednesday

Junior High & High School

Refuge Meet from 6:00PM-8:00PM

Immanuel means ‘God With Us’

Reformation Sunday/Confirmation Sunday

October 27, 2019

Wheelchairs, walkers and canes are available for use during worship. Ask any usher for assistance. We also have a nursery and attendant available if needed in the back of the church.

*Welcome to all who worship with us today. The service will be taken in its entirety, from this folder. **Everyone** please fill out a **Worship Registration Slip** that is on the last page of your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Also, please sign our **Guest Book** in the church entryway if you are a visitor. If you have a **prayer request**, please fill out a prayer request form that is found in the pew book racks and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering.*

Introduction to Today’s Service

On the celebration of Reformation Sunday, we commemorate the day, October 31st, 1517, when Martin Luther nailed to the church doors in Wittenburg, Germany the “95 Thesis”. This was the “spark” that set the Reformation on fire, for what was intended to be a disputation amongst scholars ended up in the hands of the common people, and the rest is history. The church in Rome promoted “works righteousness” and found its way into buying one’s way into heaven through the sale of indulgences. John Tetzel, the Pope’s emissary declared, “When the coin in the coffer clings, the soul from purgatory clings.” Luther’s parishioners were getting hoodwinked into this unbiblical practice, and this moved Luther to write the 95 Theses.

Luther’s message was, “**Grace Alone, Faith Alone. Word Alone.**” We are saved by **grace** alone. We accept the salvation by **faith** alone. The sole authority for faith and life is **the Word** alone.

Today we will witness two of our young people making Luther’s commitment. They will affirm their baptism. They will commit themselves to the Risen Savior. They will acknowledge that they are saved by the **grace** of God alone. They will declare their **faith** in Jesus, thereby accepting salvation into his/her life. They will commit their life to the guidance of the **Bible**. They will show themselves to be ready to be adult members of **the Church of Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Word Alone.**

The People of God Gather For Worship

Ms. Laurel Jacobsen

(The parishioner may pray the following prayer)

God of worship, you have called on us to come together and praise your name. Accept the praise I bring this day. Prepare my heart and soul that my worship this morning may be a fit witness to your glory. Bless each and every one of us as we sing praises to you. Place your Holy Spirit into those young people that are confirming their faith this morning. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ringling of the Bells Announce the Worship of God to the Community

Welcome to Visitors and Newcomers

The Confirmand's Prayer

Michelle Hollenbeck

(the congregation will please stand)

Opening Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Lutheran Book of Worship #229

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.

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.

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower 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.

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!**

Glory To The Holy One CD Introduction

by R. C. Sproul

The Prayer of the Day

Aaliyah Bell

L. The Lord be with you.

ALL. And also with you.

L. Let us pray; Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us against all our enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Emmerson Gardner

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The New Testament Lesson

Romans 3: 19-28

Michelle Hollenbeck

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

(the congregation will please stand)

The Gospel Lesson

John 8:31-36

Pastor John Saethre

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

(The congregation will please be seated)

The Children's Sermon

Jacob Wood

The Sermon

Aaliyah Bell

Emmerson Gardner

Michelle Hollenbeck

The Sermon/Offering Hymn

"Borning Cry"

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

The congregation will please stand for the last verse as the gifts are brought forward.

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
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The Confirmation of Aaliyah Bell, Emmerson Gardner and Michelle Hollenbeck

Fred Cogan. (President of the Church): Immanuel Lutheran Church, I present to you **Aaliyah Bell, Emmerson Gardner and Michelle Hollenbeck**, who have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P. **Aaliyah, Emmerson, and Michelle;** we rejoice with you that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. In Holy Baptism, our Lord, Jesus Christ, received you and made you members of His church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from His Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at His holy table and called to be witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

Confirmands: I do.

P. Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Confirmands:

I believe in God, Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands:

I believe in God, 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

P. Let us pray...Almighty Father, hear our prayer as we pray for **Aaliyah, Emmerson, and Michelle**, who are today affirming their baptism. We pray that they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death. Lord in your mercy,

ALL Hear our prayer.

P. We pray that the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to grace and truth. Lord in your mercy,

ALL Hear our prayer.

P. We pray that they may be kept in the faith and communion of your Holy Church. Lord in your mercy,

ALL Hear our prayer.

P. We pray that they may be sent into the world in witness to your love. Lord in your mercy,

ALL Hear our prayer.

P. We pray that they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord in your mercy,

ALL Hear our prayer.

P. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend, **Aaliyah, Emmerson, and Michelle**, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL Amen

P. **Aaliyah, Emmerson and Michelle**, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear His Word and share in His supper, to proclaim the Good News of

God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P. Let us pray...Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase their gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

ALL Amen

P. Father in heaven for Jesus' sake, stir up in **Aaliyah, Emmerson, and Michelle** the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering and bring them to everlasting life.

ALL Amen

P. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by your name, Your kingdom come. Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The Prayers of the Congregation

We Receive God's Blessing As We Go Out

The Closing Hymn

"Lift High The Cross"

LBW# 377

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory!

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

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(The congregation will please be seated)

The Announcements

Pastor John

P. Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God!**

The Postlude

Ms. Laurel Jacobsen

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Lunch will be provided after the service this morning.

Everyone is invited there is always plenty.

***Please come and join with us as we honor
our newest adult members.***

Prayers of the church

For Christ's Church: *Eternal God, we thank You for Your Church through which the gospel of Jesus Christ has been manifest in every age. As we move into a time of transition, help us to know that though the world around us changes, You do not change. And while we may not know what the future has for us, You know what that future looks like and are already there, so call us to Yourself and give us the courage and confidence to step out in faith.*

Members and their families serving in the military: *Kobe Bell, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.*

Those unable to travel about:

Tom Britter, Olga Hansen, Richard Hansen, Elsie Hoff, Marilyn Iversen Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, Helen Mackersie, and Howard Nielsen.

Those in need of healing: *Bobby Bell, Tom & Sandy Britter, Joyce Butterfield, Luanne Byrd, Dalles Cline, Clara Cooper, Susan Hooper, Betty Jensen, Kathy Ann Little, Janet & Bill Messenlehner, Isaac Orozco, Eva Orum, Clifford Ostergard, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Virginia Pilegard, Ryan Tofteland, Tim Trickett, & Joe Wozniczka.*

Those battling with the mental illness.

Continue to Pray for our Call Process:

For our Interim Pastor and the Call Committee as well as the new Pastor the Lord will send to Immanuel.

Name _____	Date _____
Address _____	Phone _____
City / State / Zip _____	Email _____
Names / ages of Children living at home _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Time or Regular Attender
Home Congregation _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Member I came as a guest of _____

Altar Flowers today are provided by Ron & Marie Salwasser for glory and honor to God and in honor of Mark's birthday tomorrow.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

9:15AM Grace in Action for all ages
10:30AM Worship for Everyone
11:30AM Lunch in Social Hall!

Monday

1:30PM Tai Chi in Grace Hall
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday

8:00AM Breaking Grounds Café
12:20PM FCA Lunch in Social Hall
6:00PM Refuge in Grace Hall

Thursday

6:00AM Men's Bible Study in Social Hall
10:00AM Women's Bible Study in Grace Hall

Next Sunday

9:15AM Grace in Action for all ages
10:30AM Worship for everyone with Communion
11:30AM Fellowship Time Outside

Worship Assistants This Week:

Ushers: Don Pettitt & Lee Terkelsen

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Hialry Gardner

Fellowship: All Church Celebration Lunch in Hall

Worship Assistants Next Week

Ushers: Lee Terkelsen & Don Pettitt

Greeters: All of Immanuel

Crucifer: Marcus Orum

Acolyte: Kaylee Bennetts

Children's Sermon: Sandy Marthedal

Altar Duty: Dorcas Bible Study

Fellowship Servers: Kay Jensen

Lead Deacon in November: Richard Cisneros

Lock up for November: Richard Cisneros

Please check the appropriate box and write your message in the space below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to learn more about faith. | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to learn more about baptism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to receive the monthly newsletter ("The Chimes") | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to become a member of Immanuel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am receiving communion today | <input type="checkbox"/> I want a visit from the visitation pastor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I want to speak with the parish nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> I want to speak with the pastor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a message for (circle:) the office / the pastor | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have a prayer request: _____ | |

I have hymn suggestions: _____