



*Sunday, October 31, 2021*  
*Reformation Sunday*  
*Holy Communion*

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**October 31, 2021 • 9:00 am Service**

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## **WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

### **A GLAD SURPRISE**

*Imagine how Martin Luther felt when, in his careful study of Romans 3:21-28, he discovered the incredible gift of God's amazing grace in the words of scripture! What a glad surprise we are reminded of today for our own lives! In a society where competition is a major way of relating to one another, we hear today from the pages of scripture that receiving God's love is not a competition; that our salvation is not dependent on our winning anything; that our rightness in God's sight is not something that we earn—but that indeed, it is all because of God's amazing grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus.*

### **PRELUDE**

*Ein Feste Burg*

**J. S. Bach**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TRINITARIAN CHIMES**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

### **GATHERING SONG**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**ELW 504**

### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 3:19–28

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**God's Word Is Our Great Heritage (tune: A Mighty Fortress)**

God's word is our great heritage  
and shall be ours forever;  
to spread its light from age to age  
shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way;  
in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while time shall last  
your church may hold it fast  
throughout all generations.

**GOSPEL: John 8:1-11: 31–36**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

The holy gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Rick Bliese**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

**ELW 779**

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.  
*Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.  
The peace of Christ be with you always.*

### **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.  
During this time, the table is set.*

## OFFERTORY

### ***We Are an Offering***

**ELW 692**

*The assembly is invited to sing along.*

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering

Lord use our voices  
Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives they are Yours  
We are an offering

All that we have  
All that we are  
All that we hope to be  
We give to You, We give to You

We lift our voices  
We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You  
We are an offering, We are an offering.

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

Unite them with the offering of our lives

to nourish the world you love so dearly;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE (SUNG)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY (SUNG)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of pow'r and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

*Jesus Christ is the host of this Holy Communion, in which we celebrate the Real Presence of Our Lord among us. Jesus' presence is in the sanctuary. Jesus' presence is also real in your home. Please have bread and wine available and ready (or juice). All the baptized are welcome to participate this morning in their homes during the livestream worship. Follow the presiding pastor for instructions.*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.

### **COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers in the sanctuary and at home will say*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond Amen.*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG:

*We Are Marching in the Light*

ELW 866

1—*We are marching* 2—*We are dancing* 3—*We are praying* 4—*We are singing* 5—*We are marching*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*A Mighty Fortress*

arr. MacDonald

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