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Sunday



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As We Gather

In Psalm 12, King David cries out, "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men" (v. 1). The Lord God's anointed king lives in a troubling world! Many centuries later, Martin Luther paraphrased the words of David, writing in a hymn text in 1523: "O Lord, look down from heav'n, behold and let Thy pity waken; . . . dark times have us o'ertaken" (TLH 260:1). Looking at our world today, we can relate to both King David and Martin Luther. Yet both men expressed hope in their written words. In his psalm, David writes, "The words of the Lord are pure words, . . . You shall keep them, O Lord" (vv. 6a, 7a). And Luther confidently writes, "So through God's Word shall men endure each trial and temptation" (TLH 260:5). Reformation Day echoes the call to faithfulness heard by God's people through the ages. May we listen well.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

774 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 41:13; 79:9, 13; 125:1-2

P Blessed be the LORD God of Israel

C From everlasting to everlasting!

P Help us, O God of our salvation, For the glory of Your name; And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, For Your name's sake!

C So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations.

P Those who trust in the LORD Are like Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

C As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;

C The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

P Come, you children, listen to me;

C I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

P The LORD redeems the soul of His servants,

C And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

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.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 46

- P** God is our refuge and strength,
C **A very present help in trouble.**
P Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed,
C **And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;**
P Though its waters roar and be troubled,
C **Though the mountains shake with its swelling.**
P There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God,
C **The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.**
P God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;
C **God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.**
P The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved;
C **He uttered His voice, the earth melted.**
P The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**
P Come, behold the works of the LORD,
C **Who has made desolations in the earth.**
P He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
C **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;
C **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!**
P The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19-28

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.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

261 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

Sermon Text

Matthew 11:12-19

¹² And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear! ¹⁶ “But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, ¹⁷ and saying: ‘We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not

lament.’¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is justified by her children.”



Sermon

Mourning and Dancing

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your
pres-ence, and take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -
hold me with Your free spir-it. A - men.

Hymn

377 (1-2, 5-6, 10) – Salvation unto Us has Come

Offering



Offering Hymn

441 (1-2)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What -
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As
e'er the gift may be; All that we have is
stew - ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as Thou
Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
bless - est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

283 – God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule

October 27	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
November 1	6:00 pm	Fall Festival
November 3	9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting/Elders' Meeting/Ladies' Meeting
November 8	10:30 am	Learning with Littles Playgroup
November 10	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **November 3** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting/Elders/Ladies' Meeting
- **December 1** – Education/Trustees
- **January 5** – Annual Voters' Meeting

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday. We'll explore Jesus' words in Matthew 11:12-19 where He warns about the challenges His church face in the world. We'll also discover how Christ comforts and strengthens us to endure faithfully and be bold witnesses in our increasingly contentious world.

Immanuel Fall Festival: Our school fall festival will be held Friday, November 1st at 6:00 pm. This year, families with children that don't attend our school are also invited. There will be games, candy, and prizes for the kids as well as some additional snacks. Many kids come in costume. You're invited to come join the fun and meet our school families!

Learning with Littles: We had 10 children and a beautiful day for our playgroup session on Friday! We're also excited that Bay News 9 is coming for a bonus session this Monday at 12:30 pm to film for their Pursuit Unlimited segment. The air date will likely be sometime in November. The next regularly scheduled session is November 8th and we are looking for a volunteer to help as a greeter 9:30-12:30 that day. Please continue to pray for this outreach program!

2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: mht.lutheranmissions.org.

CLC Call News: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be installed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Fruits of Faith		October 20, 2024	Attendance: WH – 19	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$902.98	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,423.00	Weekly Need	\$57.69	Weekly Need	
-\$520.02	-Under / +Over	-\$57.69	-Under / +Over	
\$64,925.41	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,565.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$59,766.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,422.98	Year to Date Need	
+\$5,159.41	Year to Date (+/-)	+\$142.02	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		
	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Outreach		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

October 28 – November 2

Monday: Luke 10:17-20 – When the Lord sent out seventy to prepare for His coming, they returned rejoicing in the victory over Satan which He shared with them. He points them to a cause for joy far greater!

Tuesday: Luke 10:21-22 – Jesus rejoices that knowing God as Father does not depend on human wisdom or intellect, but is given by God through His Son even to little children.

Wednesday James 5:7-11 – As we wait for the Lord's return, James urges us all to exercise patience, not only toward the Lord who comes, but also toward one another and in the face of suffering.

Thursday: John 8:30-36 – During these days we remember Martin Luther's joy to discover that God has called us His children, and freed us from our sins.

Friday: Hebrews 13:7-9 – We remember Martin Luther, although he is gone, because he brought us to Jesus, who remains the same yesterday and today and forever (verse 8).

Saturday: Zephaniah 3:14-20 – The Lord's glorious grace promises rescue for His people. "The Lord your God is with you as a hero who will save you" (verse 17). What joy then to learn that God is our Father!



