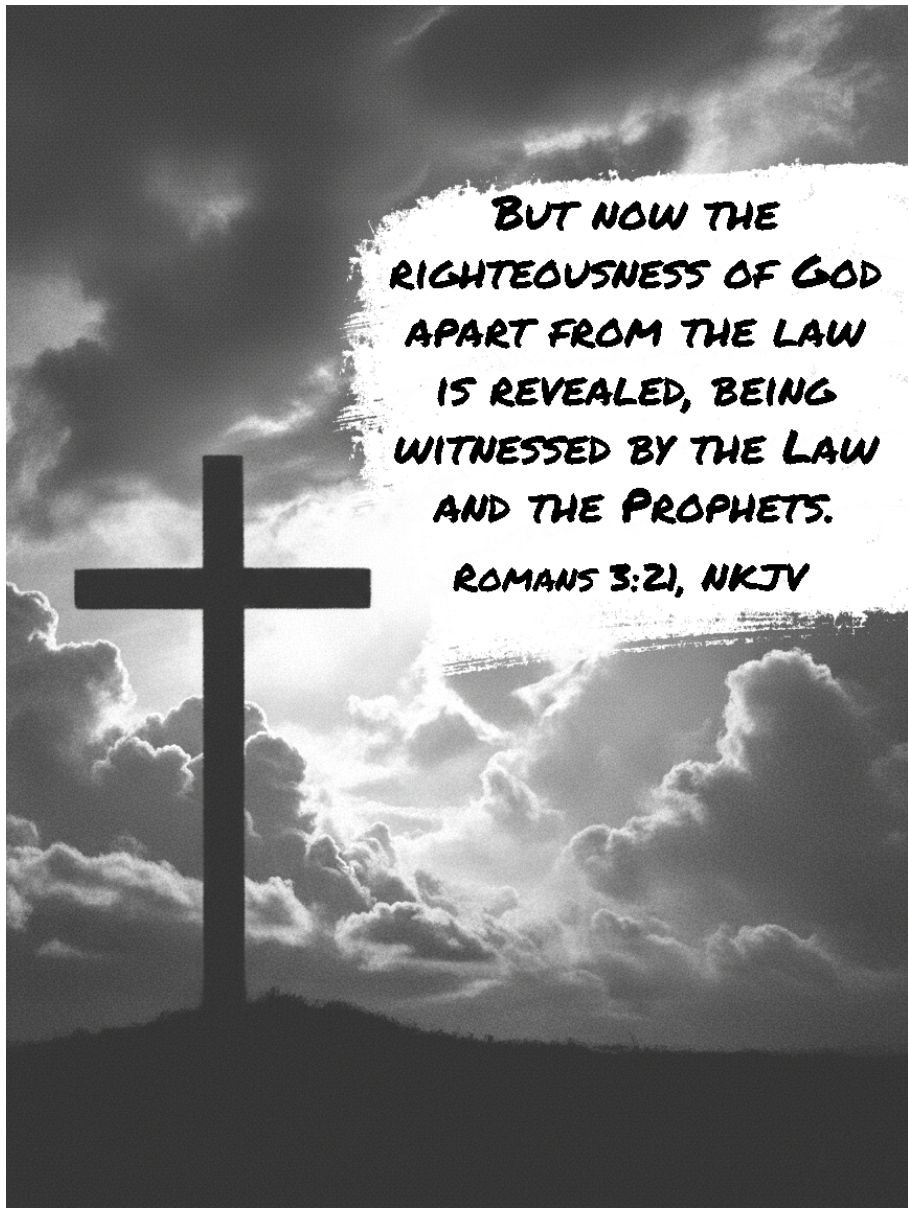




**BUT NOW THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD
APART FROM THE LAW
IS REVEALED, BEING
WITNESSED BY THE LAW
AND THE PROPHETS.**

ROMANS 3:21, NKJV



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As We Gather

As we gather for worship this Reformation Sunday, we reflect on the masks we so often wear. In our daily lives, it is easy to put on a face—a mask of self-righteousness, of capability, of “having it all together.” We hide our weaknesses and our sins, hoping to justify ourselves before God and man. But the law of God, as St. Paul reminds us in Romans 3, silences every mouth and reveals all pretense. It shows us that under every mask is a sinner in desperate need of a Savior. Thanks be to God, this day we celebrate the freedom Christ gives! His perfect righteousness is credited to us by faith alone. In Him, we are truly “Free to Live Unmasked.”

✠ 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 32:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,

C **Whose sin is covered.**

P Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,

C **And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P Now the Lord is the Spirit;

C **And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**

P But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,

C **Are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory.**

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! We have gathered before our triune God, from whom no secrets are hidden. His Law reveals our sin and declares the whole world guilty. Since the Scriptures declare, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us,” let us now cast off all pretense, humbly confessing our sins to God our Father and imploring His mercy for Christ’s sake.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities, for which I justly deserve Your punishment. I confess that I have hidden behind my own works and self-righteousness, fearing to trust in Your grace alone. I have failed to love You with my whole heart and my neighbor as myself. I am heartily sorry for these sins and I sincerely repent. I pray You, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me.

P God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us. He did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all. For His sake, God has justified you freely by His grace, apart from any work or merit of your own. He has removed your sin and clothed you in the perfect righteousness of Christ. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, therefore, 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 ✠

Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son'. The second staff continues with 'and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-ginning,'. The third staff concludes with 'is now, and ev-er shall be for - ev-er more. A - men.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis – 238 (1)

All glory be to God a - lone, For - ev-er more the Highest One,
Who doth our sin-ful race be - friend And grace and peace to
us ex-tend. A-mong man - kind may His good will All
hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The third staff continues the melody: C3 (half), B2 (half), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (half), C2 (half). The fourth staff continues the melody: B1 (half), A1 (half), G1 (quarter), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (half), B1 (half). The fifth staff continues the melody: A1 (half), G1 (half), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (quarter), B1 (half), A1 (half). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;
C **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.**



Gospel Reading

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.”

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

387 (1-4) – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Sermon Text

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.



Sermon

Free to Live Unmasked

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 (1-6) – Salvation unto Us has Come

Offering

Offering Hymn

443 (1, 8)



1 O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea, To
2 To Thee, from whom we all de- rive Our
Thee all praise and glo- ry be. How
life, our gifts, and our pow'r to give. Oh,
shall we show our love to Thee, Who giv-est all?
may we ev- er with Thee live, Who giv-est all!

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

261 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

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✠ Announcements ✠

Schedule		
October 26	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
November 2	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting/Education/Elders
November 9	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)

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

- **November 2** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting/Education/Elders
- **December 7** – Trustees/Church Council
- **January 4** – Annual Voters' Meeting

In Our Prayers: Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Johanna Jaehnigen, David & Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield. May the Lord strengthen their faith, grant them His peace.

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: As we look ahead to All Saints' Sunday, what comes to mind? Stained-glass figures? Spiritual heroes long past? We rightly honor their memory, but what about the saint looking back at you in the mirror? Next Sunday, our sermon, "Saints in the Mirror," draws from 1 John 3:1-3 to challenge us to see ourselves as God sees us. The Apostle John urges, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!" This isn't a title we earn; it's a holy status given by grace through faith in Christ. Join us as we rejoice in who we are right now in Him and the glorious hope of what we shall be.

Southeastern Women's Retreat: Registration is now open for the Southeastern Women's Retreat, to be held in Sherrills Ford, NC, February 13-15, 2026. The theme this year is "Sisters in Christ". To register, please head over to women'sretreat.clclutheran.net, click on SOUTHEAST, and scroll down to the link for the online form. If you would like to register over email or you have any questions, reach out to southeasternwomensretreat@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

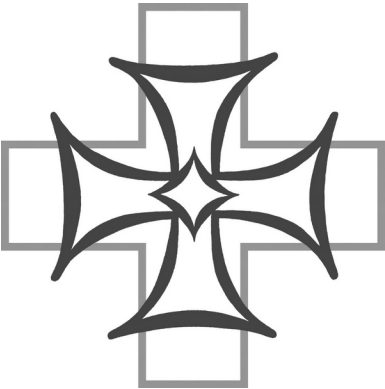
Nominations for ILC Professor Call: The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate a male or males to fill the vacancy which has been created by the resignation

of Professor David Schaller. A plan is already in place to fill this void during the current 2025-26 academic year. As such, the person would start serving in this role during the 2026-27 academic year. It would be preferable for this male to be seminary trained and/or musically trained. Courses to be taught depending on the abilities that the Lord has given this person for use in His Church, may include courses such as music classes, religion classes, college Greek, and other potential disciplines. The person may serve as the director of the mass and tour choirs, also teaching piano and organ. Those submitting nominations should include information regarding the nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

Nominations for ILC President: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2026. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2026. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com

CLC News: Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel, Jr. has received the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has returned the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Professor Mark Weis has returned the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Fruits of Faith		October 19, 2025	Attendance: WH – 32	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>		
<i>General Budget</i>		<i>General Budget</i>		
\$1,166.00	General Budget	\$200.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
-\$334.00	-Under / +Over	+\$132.69	-Under / +Over	
\$64,532.51	Year to Date Offerings	\$2,050.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$63,000.00	Year to Date Need	\$2,827.02	Year to Date Need	
+\$1,532.51	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$777.02	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)	
\$40.00	Benevolence Fund		CLC Kinship	
	Learning with Littles		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

October 27 - November 01, 2025

Monday - *Luke 15:11-24*

The younger of two sons went to a far country and wasted his birthright. When he returns repentant, his father rejoices because he "was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found" (verse 24).

Tuesday - *Acts 28:16-31*

Paul is under arrest in Rome, but speaks of Jesus to the leaders of the Jews there. Some were convinced, but others continued in unbelief. Nevertheless Paul's ministry continued for two years.

Wednesday - *1 Kings 19:4-18*

Elijah is discouraged when opposition continues after the triumph on Mt. Carmel. God tells him there is more work for him to do, and he is definitely not the only believer left in the land.

Thursday - *Deuteronomy 24:17-22*

The LORD instructs Israel to make provision for the non-Israelites, the fatherless, and widows in the land, remembering that they were all once strangers in the land of Egypt.

Friday - *John 2:3-17*

This day Luther posted the 95 Theses to glorify Jesus Christ. After Jesus revealed his glory at the wedding of Cana, He went on to reform some of the current temple practices in Jerusalem.

Saturday - *2 Corinthians 3:12-18*

When Moses received the law from God, his face glowed for a while. But there is a greater glory, and those who reflect the Lord's glory (verse 18), revealed in the gospel, still shine!

