



# REFORMATION SUNDAY

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Forest City, Iowa

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October 31, 2021 9:15am in person / live stream / on the radio

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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*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.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: God our comforter:

**C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: **“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”**

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### 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 *I will write my law in their hearts, says the Lord*

PSALM: Psalm 46 [read responsively]

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

**<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**<sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28 *Justified by God’s grace as a gift*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **“Halle, Halle Hallelujah”**

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GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 *Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth*  
*Announcement: Glory to you, O Lord. Conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

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**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.**

PRAYERS: *L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

baby Ruby Sue Albertsen

Carolyn Newcom

Isaac Schneider

Liam Bartleson

Kathryn Olson

family of John Strand

Donna Gilbertson

Ashley Rayhons

Ralph Westerberg

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Tim Schmidt

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallenes  
Missionary Karen Anderson

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The House We Built for the Lord"

Choir

OFFERTORY: "I Offer My Life" Claire Cloninger, Don Moen

OFFERING STATEMENT / PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

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"The Church of Christ, In Every Age"

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"Built On A Rock"

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COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: "Rise, Shine You People"

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BLESSING

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

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### **Worship Participants:**

Assisting Minister: Kathy McEnelly

Piano/Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

Scripture Reader: Bruce Mielke

Altar Care: Mary Lund

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Organist: Amy Thorson

Song Leaders: Choir, Dave Melby

Audio/Video: Brody Hopp/Ken Ferjak

Communion Servers: Mary Kingland, Melanie Westerberg

Ushers: Tina Berg, Gary McCarthy

Coffee Fellowship: Kitchen Service Group