

Reformation & Confirmation Sunday



Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA
Forest City, Iowa
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October 27, 2024 9:15am
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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

C: We praise you for the gift of water that enriches life!

L: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C: We praise you for the gift of water that transforms life.

L: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

C: We praise you that through water and your word, we are washed and given new and abundant life now and forever. Amen.

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

KYRIE / HYMN OF PRAISE

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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]

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

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

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

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

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

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

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**⁸Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold 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.

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

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION pg. 205

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52 *Christ healing the blind man Bartimaeus*
*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON Pastor Zech Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“A Mighty Fortress”** #504

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM pg. 227

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM ~ for those affirming their faith pg. 234
Levi Lennon Heckes Sophia Marie Strommen

L: Let us rejoice with *these sisters and brothers* in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: *L: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

Liam Bartleson

Donna Kvale

Tim Schmidt

Hayden Despenas

Jim Lund

Jennie Spencer

Michaela Farus

Mary Lund

family of Darlene Tobey

Doris Johnson

John Monson

Lucky Truong

Joyce Kasper

Jill (Lewison) Nedved)

Missionary Karen Anderson

Karen Kofron

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

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

OFFERING: "Born in Zion"

Mark & Joy Newcom, Amy Thorson

OFFERTORY: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grate heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son, [repeat]

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,
"I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us; [repeat]
Give thanks.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Holy, holy, holy / The Lord's Prayer / Lamb of God

COMMUNION SONGS:

"Borning Cry"

#732

"The Church's One Foundation"

#654

"The People Walk"

#706

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: "We are Marching in the Light"

#866

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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