

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 46

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness

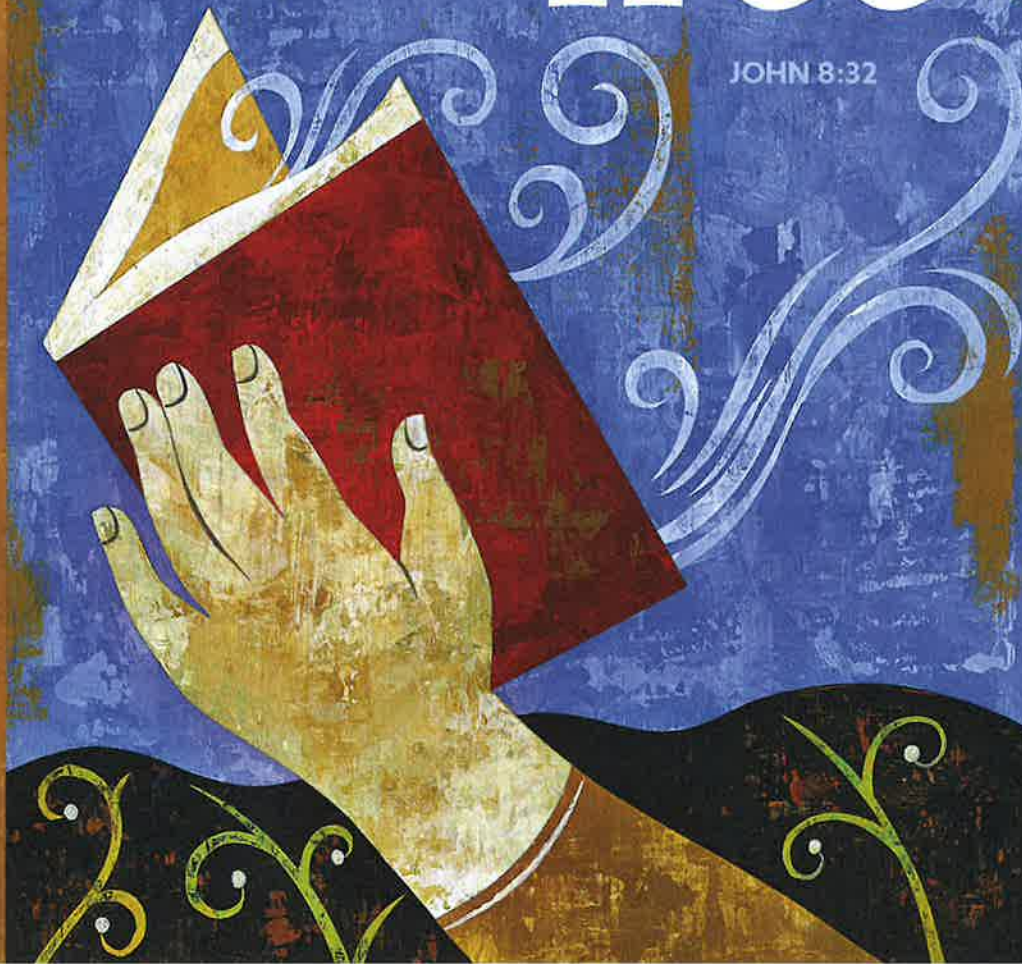
of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The
truth
will make
you
free

JOHN 8:32



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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel - We are delighted to have everyone worshipping with us today. Please join us for fellowship following the service.

Prayer before Worship: Heavenly Father, you know what is on my heart and on my mind today. Please be with me, my family and my friends so that we may feel your presence and take comfort in knowing that you walk with us daily. Amen.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, (offered on the 1st Sunday of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of wanting a blessing. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

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This Week at Immanuel 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School

Sunday, October 26, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: TBD
Lay Reader: Karen Harms
Greeters: Kent & Rebecca Casson
Ushers/Acolytes: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck
Communion: na
Organist: Cindy Wilson

Sunday, November 2, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: PASTOR JIM CHRISTIAN
Lay Reader: Ty Harms
Greeters: Dan & Tracy Harms
Ushers/Acolytes: Phil & Angie Kratochvil
Communion: Erin Ifft, Eli Petersen
Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Lois Barker, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), Cindy Harris, and Rebecca Casson, Kris Barnett, Betty Petersen.

[Please share known updates for any changes to this list.]

Announcements

Next Sunday we celebrate All Saints' Day. The book of names we use each year is on the lectern at the back of the pews. You are invited to write the names of those who have died and we will include them in our prayers next Sunday.

Newsletters will be published soon. If you have reports or information to include for events happening in the next few weeks, please share with Cindy Wilson by this Tuesday, October 28th. Thank you.

Luther League will meet at 10:00 am on the first Sunday of each month.

Any new high school members and parents are encouraged to join the Luther League team reach with code: LLeague1 for updates!

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

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.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

L: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

*GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

*THE KYRIE (spoken)

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L: In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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*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.*

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 46

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

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

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

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

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

READING

Romans 3:19-28

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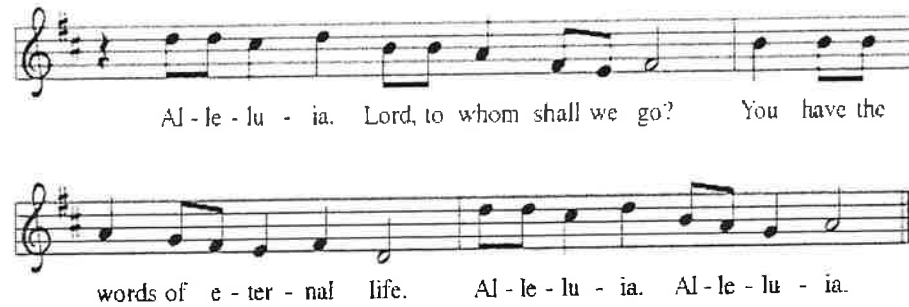
*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other
Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through
works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the
divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace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

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

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The Gospel is announced:

L: The Holy Gospel according to John ...**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF DAY

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

*APOSTLES' CREED *please stand as you are able*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS

*OFFERING SONG *Please stand as you are able*

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray... Lord of the harvest,

**C: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope
not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply
what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all
creation.

After each petition: L: God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

L: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

* BLESSING

L: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

* HYMN

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE