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REFORMATION **Sunday**

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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Our Ministers This Morning Include:

Pastor Mark Schuring

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Sound Technician: Doug Ross

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to worship this morning. We thank you for your efforts in making this a safe place to worship. As we move on through this pandemic we will now be allowing for quiet prayer in unison and we will be having one person singing the hymns.

Prelude

Allan Lust

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*" #504

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage;

in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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Greeting

P: *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.**

Prayer of The Day

A: 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.**

Special Music

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The 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

- L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- L: though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- C: **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- L: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- C: **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- C: **Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
- L: 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.

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

L: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now 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.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach.

⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father — the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Children's Sermon

*Please stay in your seats.

Sermon “*Re-forming the Modern Church*” Pastor Mark

Hymn “*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*” #779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright
shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's
praise than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

Apostles Creed

**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 of Intercession

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer**

Peace

*Please remain seated

P: *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

C: **And also with you.**

Offering Music

*There will be no offering collected by the passing of collection plates. Please either place your offering in the boxes at each entry/exit point or continue to give as you have been, by mail, your bank's online bill pay, our new online giving tool, or mobile app.

Offering Prayer

The 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.

Blessing

P: *Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. Amen.*

Sending Hymn “*How Firm a Foundation*” #796

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then,

when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs
they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated. Ushers will release you by row.

Postlude

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We Remember With Our Prayers: Mary Click, Mary Richardson, Marcia Geyer, Shirley Baldauf, Jack Hale, Pat Thomas Sr., Denise Johnson, Stephanie Steele Sheridan, Jack Bull, Jeanette Mawer, and Kathy Sherman.

A Gift has been given to Emanuel by Steve & Geri Lust and James, Rachel, & Sadie and Harper Long, in loving memory of Maxine Roberts who was called to her heavenly home on October 21, 2012.

Today is Consecration Sunday! (No omelets this year) You were mailed information regarding Consecration Sunday which included an estimate of giving card. Please return the card in the self-addressed stamped envelope to the church or, if you brought your card with you today, please place it in the offering box on your way into or out of the Sanctuary as you would with your offering envelope.

The Bishop's Fall Gatherings will be going virtual this year! All are welcome to join NWOS staff and Bishop

Daniel for virtual fellowship and conversation about what it means to be On the Way together! Remaining gatherings will be October 29 at 7:30 a.m., and November 5 at 9:00 p.m. Email info@nwos-elca.org for login information.

Communion to Return to In-person Worship: The Board of Spiritual Life met regarding resuming communion at Emanuel at the in-person worship services. We have arrived at a safe way for this to happen; we will offer individual cups of grape juice and individual wafers. As soon as the product arrives, we will resume communion. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to find safe ways to return to some of our normal practices.

Waldo Fresh Food Distribution is continuing on Friday, November 6 and Friday, December 4 at All Occasions. It is drive-thru from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m. *Volunteers are needed.* If you have any questions please contact Jackie Price at 740-361-5373 or email her at jsprice2@frontier.com or Chris Seiter, church secretary, who is in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 740-726-2770. The church is collecting bottled water and toilet paper for November. Items can be brought anytime to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waldo and placed between the two back doors.

Scholarship Opportunities: High school seniors and current college students are encouraged to apply for the **Robert and Margaret Mather Scholarship Fund, Agnes Baldauf Scholarship Fund, and The Hollensen/Dennis Fund** if you plan to attend or are already attending an accredited ELCA college or you are pursuing a career in Christian ministry or social services. This scholarship is open to any young and confirmed

Emanuel Lutheran Church member. Applications may be picked up at the church office. **The application and other support information are due no later than Monday March 1, 2021** to the chairperson, Rae Andrews at 379 Brightwood Dr., Marion, OH 43302.

Please Note: If any who attend our in person worship services show symptoms of Covid 19 and test positive for the virus, they should contact the church immediately.

10:30 Broadcast Continues: The Radio Broadcast and live streaming of the 10:30a.m. service will continue each week.

Our 9:15 Service is now available to watch through livestreaming on our website and Facebook, on weeks when that service is scheduled to take place.

Reminder of the In-Person Worship Dates:

October	November	December
10/4 @ 10:30	11/1 @ 8:00	12/6 @ 10:30
10/11 @ 8:00	11/8 @ 9:15	12/13 @ 8:00
10/18 @ 9:15	11/15 @ 10:30	12/20 @ 9:15
10/25 @ 10:30	11/22 @ 8:00	12/27 @ 10:30
	11/29 @ 9:15	

We invite you to attend any in-person worship service!