

Reformation, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Zoom Service 10:30 AM

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Prelude Built on a Rock, ELW 652

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
many may come to hear your Word,  
who here this promise is bringing:  
“I know my own, my own know me;  
you, not the world, my face shall see;  
my peace I leave with you. Amen.”

## **Announcements**

### **Litany of Thanksgiving on Reformation Day**

We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit  
whose light brought new understanding of both the Living Word and the written Scripture.

**We give thanks for the reminder of consistent grace and mercy from God through Jesus Christ.**

We are grateful for the inspiration that led to the printing press,  
enabling the spread of information and the sharing of the gospel in many languages.  
In these last days we are also grateful for the internet,  
that we may safely worship and invite others to join us in unprecedented times through Zoom.

**We thank God for the technologies that can be used for good for the support of communities and individuals and the spread of the gospel.**

Generous God, we thank you for open hearts that were prepared to hear and receive the good news of freedom in Christ.

**We also thank you for our continued freedom in the Son to share that same news of salvation through your grace and Christ's faithfulness.**

We thank you for the instruction that comes through our church heritage –  
the catechisms, the understanding of the saints, the gift of community,  
and a deeper appreciation of God's gift of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism.

**We thank you for the presence of Jesus Christ – in us, with us, and for us –  
and for the support of the Holy Spirit, ever-reforming us.**

God of stability and change, we thank you that true reformation is always your work  
and always being done in us out of your love for your whole creation.

We are ever reformed by the work of your love.

**We are ever reformed by the work of God's love.**

### **Greeting**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A And also with you!**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the

sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

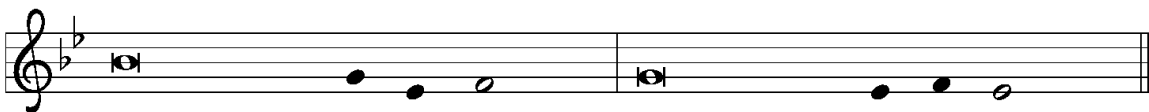
**A Amen.**

## Stewardship Temple Talk: “We Worship God” by Michael Kloster

### Reading from the Old Testament, Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>It 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. <sup>33</sup>But 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. <sup>34</sup>No 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



<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge 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 cit- | y 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 up- | on 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.

### **GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

### **Sermon**

# HYMN: A Mighty Fortress, ELW 504

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## **Prayers of the People**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, with voices both muted and unmuted, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. We pray especially for our bishops Elizabeth and Yehiel, pastor Kim, our president Scott, our council, call committee, and reopening team. Lord, in your mercy:  
**receive our prayer.**

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kinds, especially this week the new fires in Colorado. Lord, in your mercy:  
**receive our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and protect all in harm's way. Ensure that this November sees a fair election where all are able to vote. Lord, in your mercy:  
**receive our prayer.**

Relieve everyone afflicted by the pandemic. Bring meaningful work to those furloughed. Guide and watch over all first responders and essential workers. Surround with your presence family and friends who are anxious for those on the front lines of crisis. Inspire healthcare workers and medical researchers. Be a powerful presence with those in quarantine and all students, faculty and staff in academic communities. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing to those who are ill, especially Steve Andes, Maren Baylaender, Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Babs Deacon, Laura Burdick, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, John and Nancy, Judith Kratochvil, Ernie LeVon, Rowan Lopes, the Lamberg and Garcia Families, Alfhild Wikstrom, Elaine Nelson, Veronica Repasz, Darryl Simchak, Alyssa Steinberg, Leslie Thais, Scott Weidler, and those whose names we call out to you here, muted or un-muted: . . . *A brief silence.* Lord, in your mercy:  
**receive our prayer.**

In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy:  
**receive our prayer.**

And now, siblings, for what else shall we pray, silent or spoken aloud? *A longer period of silence.* Lord, in your mercy:  
**receive our prayer.**

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy:  
**receive our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

### **Offertory: Choir Anthem, Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word setting by Jeremy J. Bankson**

We worship God with our offerings. We give thanks for those who support Immanuel's life and mission. [We invite you to do that online](#) or by mail, and with your presence, prayer, and talents.

### **Offertory Prayer**

As we mute or unmute ourselves for the Great Thanksgiving, we pray:

Merciful God,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—**

**our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.**

**Receive them for the sake of the one who offered himself for us,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Prayer At The Table For Autumn**

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,

and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners

and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life given for us  
and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.  
For this we pray: **Amen! Come Lord Jesus!**

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.  
For this we pray: **Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!**

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**A Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Communion**

Come for all things are now ready; the gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**This is the body of Christ, given for you.**

*All communing may receive their bit of bread from God's hand, and may share with others in their household also using these words.*

**This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.**

*All communing may drink of the cup they have prepared, and may share with others in their household also using these words.*

*For those fasting, receive this prayer of blessing in God's presence:*

May God who loves you be truly present with the Spirit of grace, mercy and joy, uplifting and blessing you in the promise of your baptism.

### **Table Dismissal**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God, ELW 840

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## **Benediction**

For all that God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the Spirit wants to send us,  
**Thanks be to God!**

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you and on your way together,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace, serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **Coffee hour/Announcements**

### **TODAY AT IMMANUEL**

The color of the day for feast days related to the church is RED! Since we don't have an altar to dress today, you are invited to build our church of living stones, and dressing our assembly with the color red!

We give thanks for our joint choir – St Paul and Immanuel – and their directors who keep up our joint worship tradition in this time of covid.

Our stewardship campaign: Alive in the Spirit and Active in Mission begins today with a temple talk by member Michael Kloster on "We Worship God".

**Personnel Committee Meeting** – Sunday, 12:30 PM

### **THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL**

**Worship Committee Meeting**  
8 pm Tuesday

## **Midweek Adult Spiritual Growth**

7 – 8:15 pm Wednesday – Join us to look at our texts for All Saints Day

## **NEXT SUNDAY AT IMMANUEL**

**All Saints Sunday, November 1** We remember loved ones held in the circle of God's eternal life.

1. To have a name lifted up please fill out the (click) [Remembrances Form](#) and email it to [parish-admin@ilcevanston.org](mailto:parish-admin@ilcevanston.org) by Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. If you're unable to use email, just give Jane a call at 847-212-4574 any day Monday – Friday from 9:30 am – 1 pm.

We would love to have the faces of loved ones for the anthem slide show as we remember the gift of their lives during the offertory. Rename the photo by the person's name as you would like it to appear in the slides. Send them by October 27<sup>th</sup> to [Jimmy's Dropbox](#)  
<https://www.dropbox.com/request/qgJEiKhjJJk4lYVmlgo>

## **COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Free Little Pantry At Grace Lutheran Church**

Grace Church has received a grant to support an existing Little Pantry, modeled after the Little Libraries. While we're a bit distant from Grace, if you run into people who might benefit from the free food offered there, or if you have any questions please contact [conniewood44@gmail.com](mailto:conniewood44@gmail.com) or 847.869.2289