

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at 9 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class begins at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. (September-May)

Wednesday Evening Service is at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

Thursday Morning Worship is at 8:45 a.m. in the chapel.

Thursday Morning Bible Class is at 9 a.m. in Memorial Hall.

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◆ Facebook is another opportunity to get up-to-date information with what is happening at Emmanuel Lutheran. Like us at “Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Mo Synod.”

◆ Watch for Pastor’s Monday Minute in your email each Monday to receive the link to the Sunday service on YouTube. If you’re not receiving this message, or the Thursday email with the bulletin and announcements, please send your email address to



May God continue to reform our Church to His Word and bless our October!

“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.”

Psalm 90:17 (Bible reference inscribed on our church cornerstone, circa 1916)

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Emmanuel News

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

John 8:35

The Reformation

For many people, October 31st is a day to dress up in costumes and travel from door to door asking for candy. In some traditions, it’s even required that kids tell a joke before receiving a treat! For many Christians, especially those of the Lutheran tradition, October 31st holds a different significance. It’s Reformation Day. On this day we celebrate God’s work through his servant, Martin Luther, to preserve the message of the gospel as the free gift of God’s grace in Jesus Christ through faith alone.

On October 31st, 1517 Martin Luther nailed 95 theses, or disputes, on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, the location of the University at which he taught. The theses were written against the teachings of indulgences, purgatory, and other beliefs and practices of the church that were inconsistent with the clear teaching of the Bible. As a pastor of Wittenberg’s Town Church, Luther was concerned about the large number of believers who no longer came to confession and would justify this with the indulgence that they bought. Indulgences were slips of paper, sold by officials of the church and signed by the pope. These slips of paper granted God’s forgiveness of sins and reduced time in purgatory for the purchaser. The church was selling God’s gift of forgiveness of sins that was intended to be free!

Luther’s resistance to these practices was seen as a threat by the leaders of the church and led many in the Christian church at the time to disagree with him. The church eventually labeled him a heretic and excommunicated him. As a result, Luther took his reform movement outside the church in order to preserve the true teachings of Scripture. The Reformation movement and indeed the whole Christian church are founded on the following biblical teachings:

Grace alone:

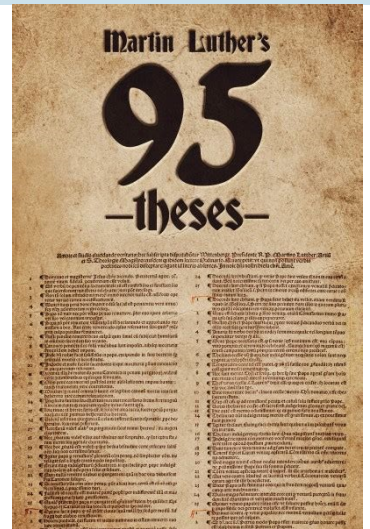
At the center of the Christian faith is the assurance that salvation is based on the unearned free gift of God’s grace. Though we are sinners, disobedient children, deserving of God’s wrath and anger, we receive the riches of his love and forgiveness.

Faith alone:

God’s gift of grace is received through faith in what Jesus has done for us. Our good works and the good things that we do flow out of having a right relationship with God, but these good things do not have the power to make us right with God. In St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians he says, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (2:8-9). This is the teaching that separates Christianity from all other world religions. Other religions point to what we have to do in order to be made right with God. Christianity points to what Jesus has done for us to make us right with God.

Scripture alone:

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It alone is the source for what we believe and what we practice in the Christian church. All other gifts that God has given to us and to the church such as tradition, experience, and human reason function to serve our understanding of the Holy Scriptures. Moreover, the Scriptures are used to judge the validity of these things, not the other way around.



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• Adell Village Trick or Treat Fellowship Event on October 28.
• Reformation Service and German Meal on October 29.
• Sunday School Children sing in church on October 29.

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Thursday Morning Bible Class

The class continues to meet at 9 a.m. and is currently addressing issues that affect the church and our culture. Upcoming topics include:
9/28—Immigration
10/5—Poverty & Wealth
10/12—Stewardship of the Environment
10/19—Burial & Cremation
10/26—End Times Prophecy

Sunday School

10/1—Noah and the Flood
10/8—Tower of Babel
10/15—Call of Abram
10/22—Reformation Lesson #1
10/29—Reformation Lesson #2 (children sing in church)

Snack Schedule

10/1—Schommer
10/8—Fischer
10/15—Michaels
10/22—Dolezal
10/29—Neumann

Sunday Bible Class

Sunday Bible Class meets after the Divine Service in Memorial Hall. We will be studying the basics of Lutheran theology through a course called “Lutheranism 101.”

Worship Attendance

Week of 8/27 91
Week of 9/3 76
Week of 9/10 109
Week of 9/17 106

Pastor’s Article—continued

Christ alone:

Our basis and assurance of salvation is the person of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection. Christianity is both inclusive and exclusive. The Gospel writer John tells us that, “God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (3:16). Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6). During the month of October I encourage you to take some time to remember Reformation Day and the core teachings of Christianity that were preserved by God through Martin Luther. Be comforted by the fact that God continues to work through particular people in particular places to turn people from sin and error so that they might flee for refuge and safety in the cleft of the rock of Jesus Christ alone. Take solace in the truth that God continues to curb you from sin and error and preserve your life in Christ alone through his holy Word and Sacraments. As Luther said in stanza two of his famous hymn, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God: “For us fights the valiant one, whom God himself elected. Ask ye, who is this? Jesus Christ it is, of sabaoth Lord. And there’s none other God; he holds the field forever.”

Blessings,

✠ *Pastor Marks*

The Rev. Martin Luther OSA

The Rev. Martin Luther OSA—born November 10, 1483; died February 18, 1546; a German priest, theologian, author and hymnwriter. A former Augustinian friar, he is best known as the seminal figure in the Protestant Reformation and as the namesake of Lutheranism.

Luther was ordained to the priesthood in 1507. He came to reject several teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church; in particular, he disputed the view on indulgences. Luther proposed an academic discussion of the practice and efficacy of indulgences in his Ninety-five Theses of 1517. His refusal to renounce all of his writings at the demand of Pope Leo X in 1520 and the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Worms in 1521 resulted in his excommunication by the pope and condemnation as an outlaw by the Holy Roman Emperor.

Luther taught that salvation and, consequently, eternal life are not earned by good deeds but are received only as the free gift of God’s grace through the believer’s faith in Jesus Christ as redeemer from sin. His theology challenged the authority and office of the pope by teaching that the Bible is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge, and opposed sacerdotalism by considering all baptized Christians to be a holy priesthood. Those who identify with these, and all of Luther’s wider teachings, are called Lutherans, though Luther insisted on Christian or Evangelical as the only acceptable names for individuals who professed Christ.

His translation of the Bible into the German vernacular (instead of Latin) made it more accessible to the laity, an event that had a tremendous impact on both the church and German culture. It fostered the development of a standard version of the German language, added several principles to the art of translation, and influenced the writing of an English translation, the Tyndale Bible. His hymns influenced the development of singing in Protestant churches. His marriage to Katharina von Bora, a former nun, set a model for the practice of clerical marriage, allowing Protestant clergy to marry.



Mission of the Month—October

Imagine trying to understand Scripture in all its richness without the benefit of Luther’s *Small Catechism*, or trying to teach young children basic Bible stories without Sunday School materials. For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are reality. They don’t have the basic books so vital to understanding the Lutheran faith, because no one has translated them into their languages. Through the mission gifts of people like you, *Lutheran Heritage Foundation* translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven.

LHF has published the catechism in more than 80 languages with dozens more requested. Thousands of people have come to faith in Christ because they’ve been able to read books like *The Good News About Jesus* or *Luther’s Small Catechism* in their own languages. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed nearly 3 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches—all at no cost to them.

Any gift on the mission line of your weekly envelope in October goes toward this important mission.



REFORMATION SERVICE AND GERMAN MEAL October 29, 2023

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◆ **Pastor Marks** can be reached at the church office or at (920) 400-0425 and is available for any pastoral needs that you might have. Feel free to reach out to him to schedule a visit or just stop by when the porch light is on. Monday-Wednesday mornings are generally good for visits, but he will always be happy to see you. Pastor also holds designated hours one Saturday morning per month for individual confession and absolution, counseling appointments, and general visitation. Also, let Pastor know if you are in the hospital, having surgery or a procedure, or simply desire prayer for any reason. He can also be reached by email at pastor@emmanueladell.org.

◆ **Youth Group Kick-Off Barbecue** was held on September 17th. In October, the Youth Group will go bowling on October 22nd at 4:30 p.m. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to these monthly events and encouraged to invite friends.

◆ **Fall Clean Up** has been scheduled for October 14, 2023, starting at 9 a.m. and ending with lunch at Noon. The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex soon. Please consider signing up to help.

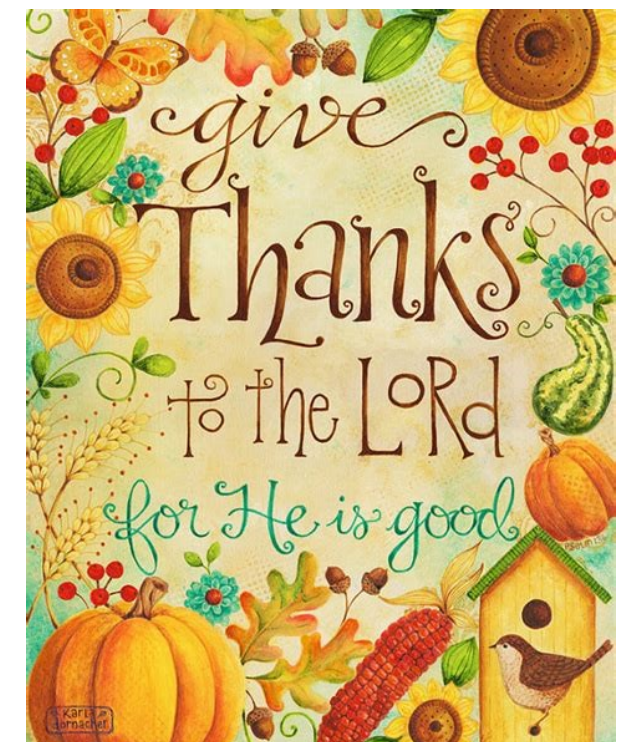
◆ Save the date for this year’s **German Meal** on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Sunday School/Bible Class will meet from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. The meal will be served at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Hall. Invite your friends. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex soon.



◆ **Pastor is available** for private confession and absolution and counseling the first Saturday of each month, or by appointment at other times. Consider taking advantage of these opportunities.

◆ **Adell Village Trick or Treat Fellowship Event** will be held on October 28 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. All are welcome to distribute candy and run games in our parking lot as we are engaged with our community.

◆ **August Mission, A Place of Refuge**, raised \$435. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.



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