



**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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WOV - With One Voice  
CH - Celebration Hymnal  
LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship

Pastor: Solveig A.H. Zamzow  
Lay Reader: Doris Ralph

Organist: Donna Schilling  
Acolyte: Camden Trenhaile

**Reformation Sunday  
October 27, 2019**

Prelude: "O Holy Blessed Trinity" arr. Jan Bender and "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" arr. Johann G. Walther

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness..... LBW p. 77

Entrance Hymn: *Rise, Shine You People*.....LBW # 393

Greeting & Kyrie ..... LBW p. 78

Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God* ..... LBW p. 79

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Choir Anthem: "Lord of the Dance"

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel Versicle "Ancient Words"

**Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart  
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.**

**Words of Life, words of Hope  
Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us Home.**

**Refrain:**

**Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts  
Oh let the ancient words impart.**



The Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

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Ancient Words: Ronnie C. Jr. Freeman, Tony W. Wood- Public Domain

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*..... LBW # 230

Apostles' Creed..... LBW p. 85

The Collection of the Offering: "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word" M. Praetorius

Offering Response: *Create in me*..... LBW p. 96

Prayer and Lord's Prayer... LBW p. 97

Benediction and Amen..... LBW p. 97

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*.....LBW # 229

(accompanied by the Brass Quintet/ sung by choir and congregation – Please note, verse 3 will be sung by the choir only.)

Chimes and Postlude: "All Glory Be to God on High" Johann Pachelbel

**Welcome to worship at Emmanuel!** We are pleased you are here and pray your time with us will be blessed. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

**Thank You...**to the choir and the Brass Quintet for adding to our beautiful music this morning. Members are: Merlin Bartz, tuba; Mark Fredrickson, trombone; Colin Zidlicky, french horn; Richard Neerhof & Mel Schroeder, trumpet.

**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**...will be All Saints' Sunday. We will honor those who have died the past year. On that day you will also have the opportunity to support the Grafton Cemetery with a donation.

**Mark Your Calendars...**for Mission Sunday on *Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>*. We will have guest speakers and a potluck dinner. Please see your November newsletter for details and reserve your Mission envelope for that day.

**Remember...**to pick up your *Operation Christmas Child* boxes on the round table in the entry and return by November 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for parents to teach children the true meaning of giving!

**Please note...**Thanksgiving service this year will be on Thanksgiving Eve, not Day.

**Sewing days...** have been rescheduled, watch for upcoming dates in the bulletin.

**Fall Festival...**St James Lutheran Church in Mason City. Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 a.m.-2 p.m. See information on bulletin board, across from church office.

**Soup & Pie Dinner...**Sunday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Northwood VFW Post on Hwy 65 North. Sponsored by Meals on Wheels/Congregate Meals Board of Directors.

**Lutefisk Supper...**Emmons Lutheran Church on Tuesday, November 12; servings at 11 a.m., and 12:30, 5:30, and 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$17.00 in advance/Children (10-under) \$5.00. Ticket and menu information can be found on the poster on the bulletin board.

**Benefit for Scott & Lisa Lestrud...**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Kensett Community Center from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Proceeds used for accessibility updates to their home after being involved in a serious motorcycle accident. See information on bulletin board.

**This Week at Emmanuel October 28-November 3**

Wednesday, October 30	4:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday, October 31	9:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, November 3	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Sunday School

<b>October 20, 2019</b>		<b>Attendance: 93</b>		
General: \$1.213	Sunday School: \$14	Noisy Offering: \$95.94	Building: \$35	Benevolence: \$65



*Remember to turn your clocks back an hour next Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>...*

In Germany, as around the world, Luther is honored and remembered as a national hero not only for his theology but also because his translation of the Bible into a language accessible to the common folk, influenced the development of the modern German language and in many ways laid the foundation for the educational system.

The printing press, perfected by Johann Gutenberg around 1450, was new to Luther's world and Luther made good use of it! Words poured out of Luther – lectures, sermons, statements, essays, pamphlets, hymns, the catechism, letters and much more. Today the scholarly German edition of Luther's writings number well over 60,000 pages in more than 100 volumes.

But above all, his words were about the Word of God, the inspired Word of Scripture and the Word made flesh, Jesus the Christ. Luther's hope always was to turn his beloved church to the truth of God so that all would come to know the salvation which comes by God's grace through faith in Jesus, not by our own efforts. As far as Luther was concerned, he did nothing to bring about the Reformation. "The Word did everything," he declared.



Hours before his death, Luther was asked if he wanted to die standing firm in Christ and the doctrines he had taught. His answer: "Yes". After his death, in his coat pocket, a scrap of paper was found. Luther had made notes about the humility in the presence of God's Word and the statement that we must never imagine that we have mastered God's Word. His final written words are these: "We are beggars. This is true." Yes, we have nothing to offer God in exchange of the blessings we receive. God alone saves us by the Word made flesh.

