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

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Acolyte: Brooklyn Hackbart

**Reformation Sunday
October 25th, 2020**

Prelude: "Reformation Chorale" Felix Mendelssohn Arr. Ellen Jn Lorenz - Piano/ Organ duet
by Charlotte Cole and Donna Schilling

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW p. 77

Apostolic Greeting

Admonition: Almighty God...Amen.

P: Most merciful God

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

Entrance Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress*..... LBW # 229

*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 overpower 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!*

Greeting.....LBW p. 78

Kyrie: P: In Peace... C: Lord have mercy...

Hymn of Praise.....LBW p. 80

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Congregation sings: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation.....LBW p. 82

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.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46 (read by Pastor Z)

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.**

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

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Hymn: *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*.....LBW # 355 vv.1,2, & 4

*1. Through the night of doubt and sorrow Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation, Marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness Gleams and burns the guiding light;
Pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim Stepping fearless through the night.*

*2. One the light of God's own presence On his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror, Bright'ning all the path we tread.
One the object of our journey, One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward, One the hope our God inspires.*

*4. Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; Onward, with the cross our aid.
Bear its shame, and fight its battle Till we rest beneath its shade.
Soon shall come the great awak'ning; Soon the rending of the tomb!
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows, And the end of toil and gloom.*

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* LBW # 457

*1. Jesus, priceless treasure, Source of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me:
Ah, how long I've panted, And my heart has fainted, Thirsting, Lord, for thee!
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb; I will suffer nought to hide thee, Nought I ask beside thee.*

*2. In thine arm I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, E'vry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Sin and hell in conflict fell With their bitter storms assail me, Jesus will not fail me.*

*3. Hence, all fears and sadness, For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Still in thee lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!*

**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 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**

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

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

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*.....LBW # 328 vv. 1,3,5, & 7

*1. All Hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.*

*3. O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.*

*5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.*

*7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.*

Welcome to worship at Emmanuel! May God bless our time together in prayer, praise, song, thanksgiving, and God's Word. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for conversation and refreshments.

We extend our sincere condolences... to the family of Bishop Emeritus Paull E. Spring who passed away last weekend. Bishop Spring was the first Bishop immediately following the inception of the NALC and served for one year until our first full-term Bishop, John Bradosky, was elected. Paull Spring was a church-man of the old school: his integrity and love for God's church was the guiding light of his many decades of service. Without him there most likely would not be an NALC as we now know it for over a decade. We pray comfort upon his beloved wife, Barbara, and their entire family. Rest in peace, faithful servant of the Lord.

Next Sunday... is All Saints' Day and we will take time to remember those from our midst who now rest at the footstool of God. As every year, you also will be afforded the opportunity to support the **Grafton Cemetery Association** with a monetary gift. Please be very sure to make your checks out to the Cemetery and NOT to Emmanuel Lutheran as we will not be able to cash them! You will find the collection box in the upper narthex next Sunday.

A reminder...to turn back your clocks an hour next weekend, you'll have a chance to "sleep in" before attending worship!



Our 2020 Mission Fest... will take place 'in-person' on Sunday, November 8th. Our guest will be a representative from the Caring Pregnancy Center in Mason City. While we will not be able to enjoy a potluck on that day, the Stewardship Committee is preparing "Tea and Crumpets" (or Coffee and Cookies, if you prefer) for the Fellowship hour when our guest will be sharing some details about their mission and answer questions. If you wish to support the program, please use your **Mission Sunday** envelope!!

LWR pickup...will be on Monday, November 9th from 9-11 a.m. in Mason City. Volunteers are needed to help load the truck in Mason City. Contact Charlotte if you are able to help.

November...is normally Thank offering month for the ENALCW. However, this year being different from others, we forgot to collect our Love offering in February and with low attendance for Bible study and an extended time of no fellowship after church, we are asking for a combined Love/Thank offering at this time. Money given to the ENALCW in the next month will be used towards our designated budgetary items, along with benevolence designations for the end of the year for local causes. We thank you for your support. Please note that we are continuing our Pew Sisters Bible study through November if you would like to join us.

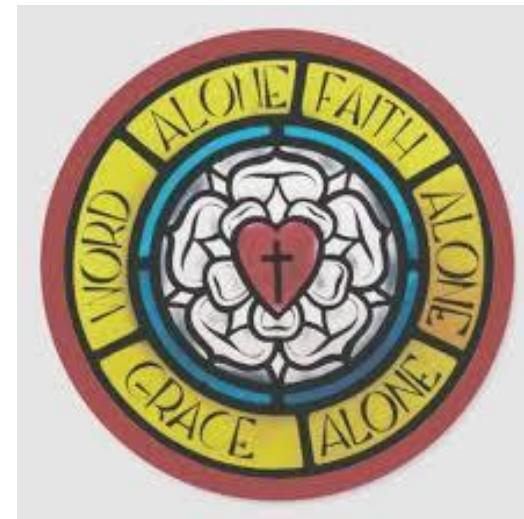
Operation Christmas Child Alert...we are collecting shoe boxes for children around the world once again. Perhaps this year our gifts are more important than ever. Boxes, labels, and all needed information can be found on the round table in the entry. The deadline to return your box is **November 15th**. Grab a box, have fun shopping, and bless those who are the least among us. This is a congregational effort and everyone is invited to participate!

This Week at Emmanuel October 26-November 1		
Monday, October 26	10:00 am	<u>Pew Sisters</u> Bible study
Wednesday, October 28	4:30 pm	Confirmation
Thursday, October 29	9:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, November 1st	9:30 am	Worship w/Holy Communion
(All Saints Sunday)	10:30 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Sunday School

Financial Statements...for third quarter are in your bulletin boxes, please pick them up at your convenience.

October 18 th , 2020	Attendance: 64
General: \$8,738	Benevolence: \$70

Sunday School offerings for Fall 2020			
9-27-20	\$20.55	10-4-20	\$5.80
10-11-20	\$9.75	10-18-20	\$9.25



THIS SEAL WAS DESIGNED BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER WHILE TEACHING AT WITTENBERG, AND IT HAS BECOME THE PRIMARY EMBLEM OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH. COMPRISING IT ARE: THE BLACK CROSS, FOR FAITH IN CHRIST CRUCIFIED; THE RED HEART, FOR FAITH IN THE SAVIOR; THE WHITE ROSE, TO SHOW THAT FAITH CAUSES JOY, CONSOLATION AND PEACE; THE BLUE SKY, TO DENOTE THAT SUCH JOY OF FAITH IN THE SPIRIT IS THE BEGINNING OF HEAVENLY JOY TO COME; AND THE GOLDEN RING SURROUNDING ALL, TO SIGNIFY THAT SUCH BLISS IN HEAVEN IS ENDLESS.

As Germany, Martin Luther's homeland, prepared for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, they chose this theme: "Am Anfang war das Wort" – In the beginning was the Word (John1:1). Although St. John certainly refers to Jesus, the anniversary committee wanted to celebrate the words of Martin Luther, the Augustinian monk who sought to reform his church. In Germany, Luther is honored as a national hero not only for his theology but also because his translation of the Bible into German influenced the development of the modern German language.

The printing press, perfected by Johann Gutenberg around 1450, was new to Luther's world and Luther himself would prove to be something of a gold mine for the publishing business. 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.

Luther's challenging and inspiring words touched many areas of life – church, government, education, family life and health care. 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 that salvation 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," Luther 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 with several sentences scribbled on it, 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.

