

WEST IDA IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
159 Years of Serving Together
Sunday, October 31, 2021
23rd Sunday After Pentecost, Reformation Sunday!

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Welcome
Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P) In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C) **Amen.**

P) Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Whose teaching is life, Whose presence is sure, and Whose love is endless.

C) **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept.

P) God our Comforter,

C) **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to You for help. Lead us by Your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen**

P) All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C) **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn – "A Mighty Fortress" #504

Greeting

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

C) **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P) 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.

C) **Amen.**

Children's Message

The Readings for This Day

AM) The first reading is from Jeremiah 31:31-34

AM 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.

- AM) Word of God, word of life.
C) **Thanks be to God.**

AM) The responsive reading today is Psalm 46

AM) ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C) ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

AM) ³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C) ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

AM) ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C) ⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

AM) ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C) ⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

AM) ⁹behold 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) ¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

AM) ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

AM) The Second Reading is Romans 3:19-28

AM) 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.

AM) The Word of the Lord.

C) **Thanks be to God.**

P) Please stand in body or spirit for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Acclamation for today will be sung:

C) **Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

P) The holy Gospel according to **John 8:31-36**

C) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P) ³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered Him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do You mean by saying, 'You will be made free?'" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

- P) The Gospel of the Lord.
C) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – "The Church's One Foundation" #654

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 to heaven, He is seated at the right hand of God 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

*Each prayer petition will end with the words, "Hear us, O God,"
The congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."*

Sharing of the Peace

- P) The peace of the Lord be with you always. C) **And also with you.**

The Offering is Gathered

Thank you to all who have sent or brought your tithes and offerings.

If, because of employment or financial difficulties, you are unable to bring or send your offerings at this time, please know the church will be helped by your offerings of prayers.

Thank you for giving from your heart – because God LOVES a cheerful giver!

(If you would like to donate electronically, you may do so at our website or Facebook page)

Offertory Hymn – "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW#884

Offertory Prayer

- P) God of abundance, You cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts You have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world You love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

- C) **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

- P) People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✚ one God, bless you now and forever.

- C) **Amen**

Sending Hymn – "A Mighty Fortress" #504

Dismissal

- P) Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

- C) **Thanks be to God.**



FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION
Saturday, November 6th, 4pm – 6pm
West Ida Immanuel Church

Join us for the celebration of a bountiful harvest and successful Farmers Market season!
Meat and drinks will be provided, please bring a dish to pass.
RSVP to gracefilled@lilve.com OR 734-269-2587

Looking Ahead

11/6 - Time Change (Fall Back)

11/7 - All Saints Sunday – Honoring those who have passed, Annel Horn, Virgil Hoppert, Tom Ruehs, Wanda Weiler, and Ruth Ruehs. Family members will have the opportunity to come forward to light a candle in their memory.

Upcoming Commemorations

Reformation Day

Sunday, October 31, 2021

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

All Saints Day

Monday, November 1, 2021

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed black slave from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.