

First Sunday of End Time Reformation Sunday

November 3, 2019



THEME: We defend the truth of justification by faith and share it with the world.

HYMN 200: *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on 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.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (EHV)

The Lord’s new covenant of forgiveness is based on the merits of Christ. The news of this saving grace is our great heritage.

31:31 Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.

33 But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

34 No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one teach his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD, for I will forgive their guilt, and I will remember their sins no more.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 46 (p.84) (sung in unison)

God upholds the Church through his holy Word. His name will be exalted throughout the world. This Psalm inspired Luther to defend the truth, even in the face of bitter opposition.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28 (EHV) (Sermon Text)

The “righteousness from God, apart from the law” mentioned in this lesson shows us the proper understanding of how a person is saved. Righteousness comes only “through faith in Jesus Christ.”

3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God’s judgment. 20 For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin.

21 But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, 23 because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. 26 He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus. 27 What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. 28 For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law. Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

CHOIR: *“In Christ Alone”*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 (EHV) Please Stand

Christ proclaims that holding to his truth is the only thing that keeps us free from the tyranny of sin-induced work righteousness.

8:31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples.

You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

“We are Abraham’s descendants,” they answered, “and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be set free’?”

Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.”

HYMN 390: *“Salvation unto Us Has Come”*

SERMON THEME: I Just Can’t Do It

1. Because God’s law condemns sin

2. Because God’s love forgives sinners

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OFFERING HYMN 485 Verses 1 & 2: *“We Give Thee but Thine Own”* (Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 401: *“Your Works, Not Mime, O Christ”*

BENEDICTION

HYMN 293: *“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”*

SILENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reformation

Serving Us Today ~ November 3, 2019

Organist: Marge Schroeder

Ushers: Karl Luft, Jim Daubert, Marty Waite & Tom Gregory

Altar Guild: Dave & Faye Leatherman & Ruth Reiter



The Flowers Adorning Our Altar Area have been sponsored by Judy Zarter in honor of her baptismal anniversary!

Our Thanksgiving Service will be held Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, Immanuel will have three Advent Services on Wednesday, December 4, 11 & 18 at 6:30 p.m. to prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas! Don't forget to sign-up for pre-service soup suppers.

Altar Guild and Usher Sign-up Sheets for 2020 are located in our Fellowship Hall. ANY confirmed member is welcome and encouraged to join our team. It's easy to do, please give it a try!

Check Out Our New Website At: www.immanuel-oshkosh.org Type this information in the ADDRESS LINE, not in the search line. Please feel free to take a look and provide suggestions to help this project to completion.

Decorate Our Church for Christmas is scheduled for Saturday, November 30. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Many helping hands make a big job a lot easier!

Christmas Hymn Survey: is located in your worship folder today. Please fill-out and return to the basket in the entranceway of our church. Thank you.

November 15 at Immanuel: Germanfest! Sign-up sheet and recipes (try something new or share one of your own favorites or just sign-up to attend) are located in our Fellowship Hall.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GIFTS		THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL	
Needed per week	\$3,379.00	Office Hours	Tues. Weds & Thurs. 8:00 a.m. -Noon
Budget Received 10-27	\$2,203.00		
Budget Need to date	\$145,297.00	Today	10:00 a.m. Adult Doctrine Study
Budget Received to date	\$125,026.91	Today	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
		Today	2:30 p.m. Packer Party
		Monday	6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
		Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
		Wednesday	5:00 p.m. GriefShare
		Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
		Thursday	7:30 p.m. Dartball
Attendance 10-27	75	Friday	Ladies' Guild serving meal at homeless shelter
Sunday Doctrine Study	10	Saturday	10:00 a.m. GriefShare-Surviving the Holidays
Sunday School	6	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Communion Service
Tuesday Bible Class	13	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
GriefShare	12	Sunday	10:00 a.m. Adult Doctrine Study

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