

## What is Reformation Sunday?



Each year, in October, we celebrate the Protestant Reformation, a movement that brought the church's focus back to God's free gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther was a 16th-century German monk, priest, professor, and prolific writer. He is one of the most significant figures in Christian history. On October 31, 1517, he posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg. It addressed abuses of the Catholic church, the Pope and the selling of indulgences. His beliefs helped birth the Reformation, which would give rise to Protestantism. Luther was not perfect. Luther expressed antagonistic, violent views towards Jews; these views have been confessed, rejected, renounced and refuted by the ELCA.

Martin Luther and the reformers proclaimed that a sinner (that is everyone) is justified (made right) before God by **GRACE ALONE** through **FAITH ALONE** for the sake of **CHRIST ALONE**, a truth revealed to us in **SCRIPTURE ALONE**. 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.

Though rooted in the past, we celebrate the Reformation today because 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.

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## RIC Educational Series

"Pursuing Racial Justice: Faith in Action"  
Sundays 11:30 am -1 pm (in person) or  
Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm (Zoom)



★ **Session 1** Meeting Each Other Again for the First Time: Exploring Identity and Privilege  
Sunday, October 27 | Wednesday, October 30

**Session 2** Sunday, November 3 | Wednesday, November 6

**Session 3** Sunday, November 10 | Wednesday, November 13

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 13  
9am - 3pm

Click this image to donate!

Want to help check people in?

Call Georgia at (406)360-5946

Sign Up to donate and volunteer via the Immanuel Website.



## Welcome to Immanuel!

Are you visiting? Please fill out a yellow card from the pew racks and place it in the offering plate so we can reach out to you. The purple pew cards are for electronic giving.

### Communion

While the meal of the baptized, Christ is the host and welcomes all. The promise “given and shed for you” requires a simple trusting heart. Those not receiving may come up for a blessing. White grape juice and gluten/dairy free bread is available. Please contact the pastors for further conversation about Baptism and Communion.

### Worship Assistance

Assisted listening devices, earphones, and reading glasses are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

### Children

We welcome children of all ages to our services. Busy Bags for kids are available from the ushers. Toys are in the family area by the Luther Wall. Children may bring their offering forward to place in the little white church by the altar.

**For prayer requests, visitation or a ride to church** please contact the church office.

## Announcements

**Prayers for Julie Sager and Family** Prayers of healing, comfort and guidance for Julie Sager, who will travel to Seattle for surgery and cancer treatment at Fred Hutch. On October 30 at 8 pm a prayer gathering is scheduled via Zoom, Please check your email for Julie’s message, and a link to the Zoom gathering. Julie and her family appreciate your prayers!

**Family Faith Gathering** Sunday, October 27, 4 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Parents/Adults attend with any ages of child. Songs, Games, Study, Parent Discussion, Family Connect, Dinner.

**Progressive Dinner for Lutherans** Sunday, Oct. 27, 4:00 p.m. Appetizers at Our Savior’s in Bonner; 5:00 p.m. Soup & Salad at St. Paul; 6:00 p.m. Lite Dinner at Immanuel; 7:00 p.m. Dessert at Atonement. Join anywhere along the way!

**All Saints Day Celebration** Friday, November 1 at 5:00 p.m. at UCC (405 University) Presented by Confluence & UCC

### Welcome Statement

Immanuel Lutheran Church is committed to seeing Christ in everyone. We are rooted and united in Christ. We grow by acknowledging and embracing our differences. We celebrate our human family’s diversity of sexuality, gender identity, marital status, race, ethnicity, age, faith story, economic status, physical and mental ability, education, and the many other identities that make our community beautiful. All people are invited to grow with us toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect - seeing Christ in everyone.

### Immanuel is a Reconciling Works Congregation

We advocate for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregations, and community.

**Please join us for refreshments after worship.**

**New Member Orientation:** Sunday, Nov. 17 at 11:15 a.m. Please contact the church office by Nov. 17 if you’d like to join. New Member Welcome at Worship on Dec. 1.

**Trunk or Treat,** Wed, October 31 at St. Paul, decorate your cars, dress up, or drop off wrapped candy at the St. Paul Office.

**Holden Evening Prayer Service, Wednesday, November 6** 6:30-7:00 p.m. After an intense election year, we will gather with familiar words and songs to find comfort, hope, and peace in Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, who scatters the darkness.



*Share the love of Christ with all!*

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## Welcome to Worship at Immanuel Tree of Life - October 27, 2024

10 am

### Gathering

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

**Gathering Song** “Come and Gather Beneath the Tree of Life” (Haugan)

### Apostolic Greeting

**Song of Mercy** “Kyrie” (Tree of Life)

**Song of Praise** “This is the Feast” (Tree of Life)

### Prayer of the Day

**Baptism of Cash and Murphy Long** “Child of Water”

### The Word

### Readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

### Gospel Acclamation

Mark 10:46-52

### Sermon

Pastor Molly Sasser-Goehner

### Children’s Message

**Song of the Day:** “A Mighty Fortress (ELW 504)

### Prayers of the People

### Sharing of the Peace

**Offering Song** “Come, Let Us Bring” (Tree of Life)

### Offering Prayer

### The Meal

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Preface (sung)

### Holy, Holy, Holy

### Eucharistic Prayer

### Words of Institution

**The Lord’s Prayer** (spoken, traditional)

**Communion & Songs:** “Lamb of God” (Tree of Life)

“All Things New” (Fielding and Usher)

### Post-Communion Blessing

### Prayer After Communion

### The Sending

### Ministry Announcements

### Benediction

**Sending Song** “Canticle of the Turning” (ELW 723)

### Dismissal