

FULL VERSION
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About The Cover:

Martin Luther's seal symbolizes the rock-solid confession of the Reformation. It was not about Luther. It was about Christ and His cross at the center of everything. Christ enlivens our hearts, makes us holy, gives us joy, and has won eternal life for us. We have a firm foundation of refuge and strength to stand on because Christ is our rock.

God is our refuge and strength



Psalm 46:1

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

Theme for Worship: As followers, especially if we are long time followers, sometimes we long for "the good ole days". But the reality is that every generation has had its challenges and its ups and downs. We stumble, we fall, we experience joy and pain. Yet, the promises of Christ the King are yesterday, today and forever. On reformation day we are reminded that Christ's promises are for every generation.

♪ Pre-Service Music: "Salt and Light"

Spiritwind

Ringin' of the Bells

Welcome

♪ Opening Song: "May Your Kingdom Come"

Refrain: May Your kingdom come, (May Your kingdom come);
May Your will be done, (May Your will be done);
On earth, as it is in heaven.
May Your kingdom come, (May Your kingdom come);
May Your will be done, (May Your will be done);
On earth, as it is in heaven.

1. Father, establish Your Kingdom;
Father, establish Your will in my life. *Refrain*
2. Jesus, establish Your Kingdom;
Jesus, establish Your will in my life. *Refrain*

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The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Apostles Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits

at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Introit

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

C and shall not be put to shame.

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C let the humble hear and be glad.

P Come, O children, listen to me;

C I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

P The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

C none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

P & **C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

C and shall not be put to shame.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

P & **C** Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

Service of the Word

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Children's Message

Pastor Mark Novacek

The Holy Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11: 12-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear. ¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷ “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’” ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

♪ Sermon Song: “Beautiful One”

1. **Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen no ear has heard
No heart could fully know
How glorious how beautiful You are**

Chorus: **Beautiful One I love
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing**

2. **Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous how wonderful You are**

Bridge: **You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You
You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You**

Chorus: **Beautiful One I love
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing
Beautiful One I love
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing**

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Sermon: “The Same as it Ever Was”

Rev. Mark Novacek

Confession and Absolution

- ¶** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- ¶** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Offering- *The plates are brought forward*

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

♪The Offertory

--Spiritwind

Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

♪The Closing Song: “Blessed be Your Name”

1. Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
2. Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

(Pre-Chorus) Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

(Chorus) Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name Jesus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

3. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
4. Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name *Pre-chorus/chorus*

Repeat Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name Jesus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

The Benediction

Silent Prayer

♪Postlude: “From the Inside Out”

PARTICIPANTS October 26, 2025		
Altar Guild: Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Musicians	Linda Conrad, <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi, <i>pianist & soloist</i>	Angela Pringnitz, <i>Spiritwind coordinator</i>
Pastor	Rev. Mark Novacek	Rev. Mark Novacek
Children’s Message	Rev. Mark Novacek	Rev. Mark Novacek
Acolyte	Aaron Martinez	Virgil Walker
Lay Reader	Don Haeseker	Jen Allen
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms	---
Videographer/Sound	Doug Nelson	Doug Nelson
Slides	Kevin Harms	Mia Yelich
Ushers	Jeff Bannister, Tom Sawyer & Taylor McWilliams	Dan Lohmeier, Will Michels & Dennis Maakestad

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLBK 1360.

Altar Flowers: “In honor of the marriage of Kevin Fuchs to Katie Boland on October 25, 2025. May God grant them a lifetime of love and happiness,” Love, Glenn, Julie-Ann, Ryan, Tayler, and Hayden Fuchs.

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