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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

October 1

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18
Matthew 21:23-27

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

*"If a wicked man turns . . . he will save his life."
"Look . . . to the interest of others."
Jesus and the elders; Parable of the man with two sons*

October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Song of the vineyard
"Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ."
Tenants of the vineyard*

October 15

Isaiah 25:6-9
Philippians 4:4-13
Matthew 22:1-14

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*"The Lord will prepare a feast."
"Rejoice in the Lord!"
Parable of the wedding banquet*

October 22

Isaiah 45:1-7
I Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

*"I am the Lord."
"He has chosen you."
"Give to God what is God's"*

October 29

Revelation 14:6-7
Romans 3:19-28
Matthew 11:12-19

Reformation Day

Fear God and give Him glory.
A man is justified by faith.
He who has ears, let him hear.

Ministry Notes

The 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation
On October 31, 1517, in Wittenberg, Germany, Martin Luther posted his thoughts about some theological topics and the practices of the Church. That simple action began the Reformation — a movement that changed Western society.

One man stood against the corruption of the establishment. Luther's fight was, of course, one of theology. But it was still one man, a monk, against the

massive Holy Roman Empire. Luther was threatened, exiled, condemned and labeled a heretic. But his teaching grew in popularity throughout his life.

Those who follow Luther's teachings number in the millions. Most Protestant churches today trace their lineage, in some part, to the teachings of Luther. The German language exists as it does today in large part due to Luther's translation of the New Testament.

Luther's writings on the freedom of the Christian to serve the government, and the role of the government to establish justice and to protect citizens, have greatly influenced our view of authority. Though he was a theologian, Luther wrote and thought about all of life. He was concerned for the children in his town. He was involved in the politics of his day. He was an academic. He was a family man. He was a revolutionary. He was involved in the lives of the poor and the common man.

Yet this Reformation anniversary is not a celebration of Luther. Even the Lutheran church does not celebrate Luther. Lutheran does not mean a follower of Luther, but of his theological teachings.

Luther and the other Reformation theologians believed that all mankind is sinful, that everyone is guilty of error in God's sight. They also believed that God will punish those who do what He forbids. The problem is not only that everyone sins, but that mankind's sinful condition means there is no way to do enough good things to earn God's love.

The Reformation proclaimed that the solution to the problem is not in man, but in God. Luther and his followers taught that the Bible teaches salvation by God's grace, through faith, because of Jesus. The message of the Reformation is that the Scriptures teach that God has grace on sinners. He gives forgiveness freely to all who believe in Him. This forgiveness is given through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. All who believe in Jesus as their Savior receive forgiveness and eternal life. All of this is a free gift from a loving God.

Luther's teaching, and that of the Reformation, is often summarized in three "solas." *Sola gratia, sola fide and sola scriptura* — by faith alone, by grace alone and by Scripture alone. The key to Reformation theology is found in God's love for people.

By grace alone means that God gives His love freely. People can't earn God's love. People can't earn forgiveness. God's love is not gained by human efforts, but given freely by God's grace.

By faith alone means that those who believe in Jesus as God's Savior for all of mankind receive forgiveness and eternal life. Faith is something God gives to people through His Holy Spirit, working in the Word of God and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

People do nothing to earn God's love, but receive it by grace through faith.

By Scripture alone means that God has revealed His truth through the Holy Bible. Scripture is the one trustworthy source for the truth about God. The Scriptures are properly read in light of Jesus as the Son of God in the flesh. The Bible teaches that His death and resurrection is the key event in all of history, because there, Jesus died to gain the forgiveness of everyone's sins. This does not mean that Christians should only read the Bible. *Sola scriptura* means that the Bible is the only trustworthy source for doctrine and life.

The three solas, by grace alone, by faith alone and by Scripture alone, are all summarized in one more phrase from the Reformation, *solus Christus* — through Christ alone.

This is really the focus of the Reformation. God's grace, our faith and the Scriptures are all focused on Jesus Christ. The Reformation moved the focus from the Church to Jesus. Luther and the reformers taught that Jesus is how God relates to us and how we relate to Him. The reformers taught that Jesus is our salvation, that Jesus is the way that God loves.

When Martin Luther understood Jesus as the center of all of Scripture and man's relationship to God, he saw everything in light of this relationship between God and man. This moved him to teach about the Christian's role in society, the role of the government, and how individual Christians live out their faith.

Luther cared for the people in his town and worked to provide materials for them, writing the *Small Catechism* to teach the basics of the faith, and translating the Bible into German so that everyone could read the Word of God.

Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses in Wittenberg, Germany, 500 years ago. Much has changed since then. Many things we encounter daily were influenced by the Reformation. The heart of the Reformation was theology. It was a return to God as the source of mankind's salvation. It was a focus on God's love. 500 years later, Lutherans still teach this theology, and rejoice in God's love.

BALTIMORE AREA LUTHERAN REFORMATION SERVICE

The Baltimore area congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod will gather October 29th to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The joint service

will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Catonsville. The service will begin at 4pm. A mass choir composed of the area congregations will sing. Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker, special assistant to President Matthew Harrison, will be our quest proclaimer. A dinner will follow the service. Please make plans to attend this once in a lifetime celebration!

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

We continue our video based course, A Man Called Martin, this month. We continue to look at Martin Luther, The Man in this first series. Who was Luther? What struggles did he face? How did these struggles shape the future of the Lutheran Church. Please join us Sunday Mornings 9am in the fellowship hall for this course.

As an added treat, October 29th Reverend Doctor Jon Vieker will be our guest to share with us some of his insights on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

COMING SOON: "DISCIPLES LIVING AS GRACE-FILLED STEWARDS"- STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS BEGINS ON OCTOBER 22

How do you answer the question, "Who are you?" Most often we identify ourselves by our relationships—I'm a father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife—or our profession—I'm a carpenter or teacher or businessperson or work in another of the myriad of professions now available to all. As believers our identity is in Jesus. The Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel, and we believe. Through God's gracious gift of Baptism, the Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts so that we believe that Jesus is the Son of God Who came to earth to save us from sin, death, and the devil.

Our stewardship emphasis for this year, "Disciples Living as Grace-filled Stewards" focuses on our identity as disciples and stewards. It is humbling to realize that God has created us and redeemed us through His Son, Jesus, and sustains us, calls us and gives us the privilege of being His disciples and stewards. The definitions of disciple and steward are different, but the ultimate purpose of both is to serve God by helping all people come to faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Through Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit changes and molds us to be disciples and stewards. It is not by own power or intellect that we fill these two different roles. By grace, God enables us to grow in faith and service to Him. Submitting our will to His, we are led and guided in our service.

Disciple: A disciple is identified as a "follower" and a "learner." Just as Jesus called His 12 disciples to follow

Him, He calls and chooses us to follow (John 15:16). A disciple is someone who continually strives to know more about Jesus. We learn about Jesus as we daily read His Word, attend Bible studies, attend worship services, participate in the Lord's Table, and spend time in prayer. Disciples try to make more disciples by helping others grow in Christ. A disciple says, "Here am I! Send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

Steward: A steward is a manager of someone else's property according to the desire and wishes of the owner. Because God has created and owns all things, we are God's stewards. God uses us as His stewards by enabling and equipping us to use our time, talents, and money in ways that help others hear the Gospel. By His grace, God entrusts us with time to manage wisely so we are available to be used in His service. In the same way, we are given talents that can be developed so we can be effective in places where we can serve. God gives us the ability to work and make an income, and we are to manage the money we've earned faithfully and responsibly so we can give generously to support ministries that share the Good News and to help those in need.

We pray that God will bless our stewardship emphasis and that He will continually empower us to be used as His tools to help extend His kingdom.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Halloween beginning at 6pm in the rear parking lot of Immanuel. Please decorate the trunk of your car in a Halloween theme (not too scary) and bring candy to distribute to neighborhood kids. If you cannot attend, you may contribute candy. Please leave the candy in the church office. We will again partner with the Loch Raven Improvement Association for this event.

SOLA SCRIPTURA, SOLA GRATIA, SOLA FIDE. SOLUS CHRISTUS

Sola Scriptura. Sola Gratia. Sola Fide. Solus Christus. Latin. Ironic, isn't it? A movement that resulted in the liturgy and the Bible in our language (not Latin) is remembered by Latin phrases. By Scripture alone, by grace alone, by faith alone. Through Christ alone. Alone. Without your help. Without human tradition. Without anyone's assistance. God acts alone through Jesus.

Scripture. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Grace. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Faith. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ.

Through Christ alone. God gives us all these gifts because of Jesus' death and resurrection. All good gifts come from God and benefit all those who believe. Through Christ alone.

You still aren't good enough for God's love.

"The love of God does not find, but creates, that which is pleasing to it" (Luther's Works 31:57).
God loves you. For no good reason ... except His goodness. Though you may be tempted to work to improve to be more liked or loved, God doesn't wait for your improvement. He doesn't even require it. He loves you. His love is what changes you from sinner to saint. His love sent Jesus to die and rise for you. His love gives you salvation in Christ freely. His love caused Holy Scripture to be written so that you might hear and believe in His love. His love washed you in Baptism. His love feeds you in the Lord's Supper. His love makes you lovable. He loves you freely and fully. No strings attached.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

Several corrections have been made to the dates and time which were incorrect in the September Herald

October 29th Baltimore Area LC-MS Congregations Reformation Service, **4pm** at Emmanuel Lutheran Catonsville

October 31st Trunk or Treat **6pm** in the Church Parking Lot

November 5th All Saints Service at Immanuel's Cemetery Chapel **3pm**

November 23rd Thanksgiving Day Service **10am**

December 6th, 13th, 20th Wednesday Advent Service in the Fellowship Hall **12:10pm and 7pm**

December 10th Choir Christmas Hymn Service

December 17th Children's Christmas Program

December 24th Candle Light Service **9pm**

COME ONE – COME ALL TO THE COMPASSION CENTER!

Starting in October, we are looking to open the Compassion Center every Saturday. This means that we need volunteers to staff it! Please see Vicar Matthew if you are interested in helping out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

For confirmed students, sixth grade and up, Vicar Matthew's Sunday School class will be taking a look at the *Five Solas* of the Reformation – Grace, Faith, Scripture, and Christ Alone, all to the Glory of God Alone. The class, which has been 500 years in the making, meets at 9:00 AM in the Youth Room above the Sunday School Room, up one level from the church office. If you have any questions, call Vicar Matthew at the church office, e-mail

him at vicar@immanuelutheran.org, or see him at church on Sunday.

Thanksgiving Compassion Center Food Drive - Please bring in any non-perishable food and pantry items for our Annual Thanksgiving Collection. This year we ask for all donations be here by November 19 so we have them in order for the Thanksgiving Service. You may put them in the box by the Sunday School Room marked "Thanksgiving Food Drive." Please also continue to support the Compassion Center as you have been so generously doing.

Christmas Schedule in September? You bet. Save the date for our Saturday Christmas rehearsal on December 16th at 10 am with lunch at 11:30 am. We will present on Sunday, December 17th at the 10 am service. The Christmas Eve Family Service, time to be determined, however our Sunday School service is on December 17. We hope all of our students will be present. We need a multitude of angels, and other costumed role players!

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS

The Compassion Center is now **OPEN** every Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM. Stop in and take a look at some of the clothing and unique items we have in stock! You are also welcome to join us for chapel in the library every Saturday at 10:30, in conjunction with the Compassion Center. Of course, we need volunteers to keep the Compassion Center open and running smoothly. Please see Vicar Matthew if you are interested in taking part in this vital outreach into the community, call him at the church office, or send him an e-mail at vicar@immanuelutheran.org for more information.

INTRODUCING MORE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH IMMANUEL!

Immanuel Lutheran Church is on your favorite social media sites, so you can stay in touch with us on more than just Sundays. Link up with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to discover the latest news, see pictures, and learn about upcoming events.

To find us on Facebook, simply search "Immanuel Lutheran Church Baltimore" and 'Like' our page. To follow us on Twitter and Instagram here are the links to those pages: twitter.com/BmoreImmanuel and instagram.com/BmoreImmanuel

Don't have a social media account? All these pages are open to anyone, so we invite you to take a peek.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Franklin and Coreathia Davis
- Marie McDonnell
- Julia Pftizinger, who is recovering from an infection
- Danielle Blanke, niece of Michelle Lam, who is in ICU struggling with respiratory issues and lung infection
- Mayampu Paye, Cecelia Woah-Tee's mother, who is ill
- Carl Tresselt, who is on hospice
- Dick Goeller, who is being treated for Lyme Disease
- Rosemarie Wilson, daughter of Phyllis James, who is ill
- Emmanuel Lewis, grandson of June Dennis, who is recovering from surgery
- Ruth Waicker
- Ken Robertson, son of Shirley Robertson, who is being treated for cancer
- Henrietta Solanka, who is shut-in
- Gary Stratemeyer, Denise Waicker's husband, who is having health problems
- Ray Ward, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Bradley Will, who is being treated for cancer
- The family of Doris Bugar, who was called to her eternal rest last week.
- The family of Doris Bugar, who was called to her eternal rest on September 20

October Birthdays:

- 2 Filleseta James
- 4 Cameron Cosimano
- 5 Iris Anunihu
- 10 Laura Pickering
- 11 Johnson Momo
Adama Paye
- 14 Robert Clark
- 19 John Rebstock, Jr.
- 21 Ted Henn
- 23 Carl Rach
- 24 Tyler Nash
- 29 Robert Hylton
Max Paye
Nina Ward
- 30 Warren Blue
Grace Palmer
Julia Pftizinger

October Anniversaries:

- 5 Richard & Joan Goeller
- 14 Cathy & Anthony Cadorette
- 21 Timothy & Cathy-Jo Bland

Community Notes

2017 LMS Compassion Place ANNUAL DINNER

Make plans to join us for the 2017 Annual Dinner on Sunday, November 5th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM in the beautiful Bay Room at Kurtz's Beach in Pasadena, MD.

Mr. Rob MacReynolds, acclaimed keyboardist who has accompanied George Benson, Stevie Wonder and Maria Carey, will provide music for the event. Mr. Randy Gast will MC the event. The Compassionate Servant Award for 2017 will be presented to Mrs. Marlene Young, volunteer at the LMS Hyattsville Compassion Center. Mr. John O'Malley will be honored for his five years of service on the Board of Directors. Mr. Rich Kunst and Mrs. Kathy Hearing, organizers of the Trinity Church LMS Benefit Golf Tournament held each year, will present a check for the proceeds of this year's event.

There will be a raffle and also a Silent Auction with a variety of great items on which to bid. Tickets are \$50 per person and tables hold eight to ten people. For tickets or more information, call Kathy at 410-636-0123 or email her at: tickets@lutheranmissionsociety.org.

Join us for an afternoon of faith, food and fun while raising money for the LMS Compassion Place ministries!

Calvary Lutheran Church Music Fair

Calvary is having a Music Fair on Sunday, October 1st at 3 pm. The concert is free and open to the public with a free will offering to benefit Calvary Lutheran Early Childhood Learning Center (CECLC) and Grace Place Community Center. We hope you will join us for a joyful afternoon of music, song and dance!

LMS BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT—

Monday, October 9, Glenn Dale Golf Club.
Registration 8:00a – shotgun start 9:00a. Four person Scramble. Cost \$100. per player. To set up a team and sponsor contact: Rich Kunst 301.249.6807 or ROKunst1@gmail.com, or Kathy Hearing at Khearing@gmail.com. www.lutheranmissionsociety.org to print brochure. Help support the LMS Compassion Ministries.

125TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA for Augsburg Village Saturday, October 14, 7:30 – 11:00p, Martin's West, Come and help Augsburg Village celebrate its long history. Music, games, buffet, Bull and Oyster Roast, Silent Auction. Tickets \$100 Contact Glen Scherer or Matt Madden gscherer@augsborg.org, madden@augsborg.org or 410.486.4573.

Concordia Prep Notes

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 7, from 10am-1pm., faith-based, co-ed college prep program for grades 6 – 12. Open House for prospective families. Tour our beautiful Towson campus, ask your toughest questions, meet our amazing students and faculty and best of all, get to know us. Contact: 410.825.2323 or www.concordiaprepschool.org.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

CELEBRATING THE 500 ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION!

For the celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, I have several special items planned. Each month, beginning November 2016, there will be an article in the Herald on a famous “face” of the reformation. There is a bible study to complement this. I will also offer a video-based course “A Man Named Martin.” This three-part course will be given at different times for each multi-week part. I will offer the first beginning in winter, the second in spring/summer of 2017 and the third will be offered next fall. Finally, the Herald calendar will include events from the reformation beginning this month and continuing into Reformation 2017. Other possible Bible Class (weekday or Sunday) topics include: The Lutheran Identity (Confessional Writings of the Lutheran Church), Lutheranism 101, The Lutheran Difference, History of the Church from the Reformation until Today, and Lutheran Spirituality. Please indicate to me your interest in any of these courses.

The Luther Mile

(<https://lutheranreformation.org/media-videos-podcasts/the-luther-mile/>)

In The Luther Mile, LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison narrates a tour of historic Reformation sites. Along with historical facts, Harrison provides informative anecdotes during this tour of Lutherstadt, Wittenberg, Germany.

In observance of the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation, Faith Lutheran Church of Middle River, 2200 Old Eastern Avenue, is showing the 1941 movie “Martin Luther” on Saturday, October 7 and again on Saturday, October 28 at 7 pm in the church undercroft on a 65” HD TV. Free popcorn and soda will accompany the showing with a Q and A period afterwards. On Saturday, October


14 we will show “Amazing Grace” and on Saturday, October 21, “The Passion.”

“Uncertain Times: Martin Luther's Remedies for the Soul” is an exhibit at the Walters Art Museum, which is running now through October 29, 2017. The Walter Art Museum is located at 600 N. Charles Street and is free admission. The phone number is 410-547-9000 or go to thewalters.org. An article, entitled “500 years after Protestant Reformation, Walters museum looks at human side of Martin Luther” also appeared in the Baltimore Sun on Sunday, August 13, 2017 about the Walters Art Museum exhibit. You can read the article here:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/entertainment/arts/bs-fe-walters-luther-exhibit-20170801-story.html>.

FACES OF THE REFORMATION

Head of the German Augustinian Observantines and Luther's mentor and confessor




JOHANN VON STAUPITZ

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Born: Date unknown | Motterwitz, Germany

Died: Dec. 28, 1524 | Salzburg, Germany

JOHANN VON STAUPITZ DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WAS UNLEASHING when he had Martin Luther come to Wittenberg to teach the Bible. Staupitz, the vicar general of the Augustinian monks in Germany, was about 15 years older than Luther. Frederick the Wise had appointed Staupitz to be dean of theology of the newly formed university at Wittenberg. As Luther's mentor and confessor, Staupitz was aware of the young monk's struggles with being “holy enough” for God to love him. When St. Paul wrote about the righteousness of God, Luther had always understood that as something unattainable. As he prepared his lectures in the tower room of the monastery at Wittenberg, he realized that Christ took our unrighteousness and exchanged it for His righteousness, which we receive through faith. A giant step on the road to the Reformation had been taken. Although Staupitz supported Luther's efforts of reform, he never left the Catholic Church.



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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
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CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE				
	Altar Guild	Lay Reader	Liturgist	Communion Assistant
October 1	Sheila Gordon/ Laura Pickering	Ted Henn	Steve Heemann	Sylvanus Ibenana
October 8		Mary Ruble	Mark Smith	Dave Pfitzinger
October 15		Roland Obedekah	Rick McDonnell	Albert Lietzau IV
October 22		Carolyn Henn	Ted Henn	Albert Lietzau V
October 29		Mark Smith	Steve Heemann	Sylvanus Ibenana

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Huhra Baptism 9 am Bible Study 10 am Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	2 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)	3 12 pm Loch Raven Ministerial Alliane	4 6:30 pm LRIA BOD 6:30 pm Altar Guild Dinner (Pappas Restaurant)	5	6 <i>Luther publishes Babylonian Captivity of the Church. 1520</i>	7 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center
8 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	9 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)	10 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	11 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study	12	13	14 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center
15 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:30 am Board of Lay Ministry 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	16 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)	17 6 pm Finance Committee Meeting	18 Pastor and Vicar Away	19 Pastor and Vicar Away	20 <i>Luther flees from Augsburg on threat of arrest by Thomas Cardinal Cajetan. 1518</i> Pastor and Vicar Away	21 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center
22 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:30 am Altar Guild Bake Sale 11:45 am New Zion Ministries	23 IMMANUEL HERALD ARTICLES DUE 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)	24 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	25 7 pm Church Council <i>Luther begins lecturing on Genesis at the University of Wittenberg. 1512</i>	26 <i>Luther initiates pastoral visitations in the parishes of Electoral Saxony. 1526</i>	27 4 pm Lietzau Wedding Rehearsal <i>Luther begins his lectures on Galatians. 1516</i>	28 10 am-2 pm Compassion Center 5 pm Lietzau Wedding
29 Reformation Day 9 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Holy Communion 11:45 am New Zion Ministries 4 pm Reformation Service (Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Catonsville)	30 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal Agape Group (Ray Spitznas)	31 Halloween 6 pm Trunk or Treat				