

A warm hearty greeting to our visitors.  
This morning we worship our Lord and God  
with reverence and awe.

Immanuel Reformed Fellowship marks the return of the  
Reformed Church in the United States in south central Iowa  
after over an eighty-year absence.  
In the early 1900's, the RCUS was known as the  
"German Reformed Church."

The denomination's heritage goes back to the sixteenth-century  
Protestant Reformation when God raised church reformers  
to direct His people back to the teachings of sacred Scripture.  
By the 1700's, the German Reformed Church made its presence  
in the United States and would prosper and eventually merge  
to form a new denomination with the remnant desiring to remain  
as the Reformed Church in the United States.

The RCUS holds that God's Word is authoritative, sufficient,  
necessary, and perspicuous for all of life, and that the Bible is  
the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God.

The RCUS adopted the Three Forms of Unity  
(the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession,  
and the Canons of Dort) as its confessional  
subordinate standards that systematically and rightly reflect  
the teachings of sacred Scripture.

The church polity of the RCUS is consistorial-presbyterial.



### Immanuel Reformed Fellowship

is a church plant of  
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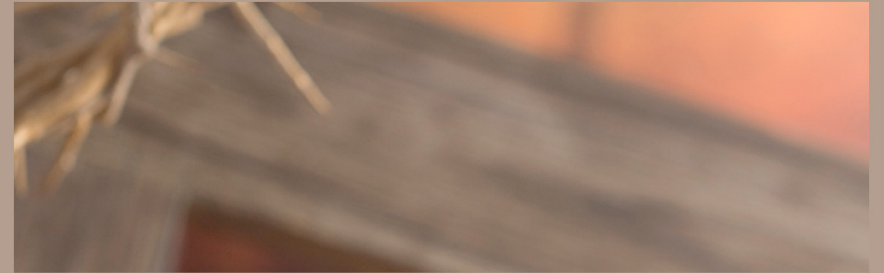
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## Immanuel Reformed Fellowship

### The Lord's Day • June 16, 2024



"Take, eat; this is my body...Drink of it, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the covenant..."



Worshiping in spirit and truth. John 4:24

612 Franklin St./Oost Poort Alley Pella, IA 50219  
Morning Worship 9:30am • Education Class 11am

## Contemplation

“Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. . . “ James 4:8

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

GOD CALLS US TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

## Convocation

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!” Psalm 100:4

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

PSALM 150:1-3

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!
- <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his excellent greatness!
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!”

WE PRAY TO HIM

\*GOD GREETUS US WITH HIS BLESSING

“Congregation, from whence does your help come?”

**“Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.”**

“Receive now His blessing: ‘To all those in Him who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ’” (Romans 1:7).

\*WE PRAISE HIS NAME:

HYMN #21 SING PRAISE TO THE LORD!

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## Commission

“In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” 1 Peter 3:15

\*WE RESPOND TO GOD IN SONG:

HYMN #691 IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

\*WE RECEIVE GOD’S PARTING BLESSING

\*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE.



- Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.
- Following this morning’s worship service, we will have a fellowship meal.
- For those attending Covenant Camp as counselors, please be sure to fill out a form pertaining to adult volunteers that was previously sent as an email by Rev. Kyle Sorensen.

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**Take, eat, remember and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.** “Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins’” (Matt. 26:27-28). **Take, drink, remember and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.**

*“Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases; he redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion” (Ps. 103:1-4).*

### **WE GO TO HIM IN PRAYER**

### **\*WE CONFESS THE TRIUNE GOD WITH THE WORDS OF THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.*

## Confirmation and Confession

“Give me life according to your word!” Psalm 119:25

### **GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS**

*God Calls Us to Abide by His Law—Exodus 20:1-17*

*God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin—Psalm 32:1-6*

*God Calls Us to Confess Our Need*

*Heidelberg Catechism LD 25 Q&A 65-68*

<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup> “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

<sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

<sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

<sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,

<sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

<sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

*Beloved in the Lord, hear the words of the apostle Paul concerning the institution of the holy supper of our Lord Jesus Christ: For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “**This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.**” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “**This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.**” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.*

*Beloved, hear these gracious words of promise spoken by our Lord: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matt. 11:28-29). “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. . . . Whoever comes to me I will never drive away” (John 6:35, 37b). “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” (Matt. 5:6). The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor. 11:23b- 24)*

*All those, however, who do not repent, who do not put their trust in the Lord Jesus, and who have no desire to lead a godly life, are warned, according to the command of God, to keep themselves from the holy sacrament.*

*If we are living in disobedience to Christ and in enmity with our neighbors, we must repent of our sin and reconcile ourselves to our neighbors before we come to the Lord's table. For if we partake of the sacrament in unbelief and willful disobedience, we eat and drink judgment to ourselves. This solemn warning is not designed, however, to discourage penitent sinners from coming to the holy sacrament. We do not come to the supper as though we were righteous in ourselves but rather to testify that we are sinners and that we look to Jesus Christ for our salvation.*

*Although we do not have perfect faith and do not serve and love God with all our hearts, and though we do not love our neighbors as we ought, we are confident that the Savior accepts us at his table when we come in humble faith, with sorrow for our sins, and with a will to follow him as he commands. All, then, who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who earnestly desire to lead a godly life, ought to accept the invitation now given and come with gladness to the table of their Lord.*

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

### [God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin—Psalm 32:1-6](#)

(Responsive Reading; congregation reads the bold.)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup> **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD  
counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit  
there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup> **For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.**

<sup>4</sup> **For day and night your hand was heavy upon  
me; my strength was dried up as by the  
heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

### *God Calls Us to Confess Our Need*

Heidelberg Catechism LD 25 Q&A 65-68

65. Since, then, we are made partakers of Christ and all His benefits by faith only, where does this faith come from?

The Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts by the preaching of the Holy Gospel, and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.

66. What are the sacraments?

The sacraments are visible holy signs and seals appointed by God for this end, that by their use He may the more fully declare and seal to us

### *\*WE RESPOND TO GOD IN SONG:*

HYMN #690 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

WE COME BEFORE HIS TABLE IN CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

*Beloved in Jesus Christ, since it is our privilege at this time to celebrate the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we are called to prepare our hearts by rightly examining ourselves. For the apostle Paul has written: "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup" (1 Cor. 11:27-28).*

*Let all of us, then, **examine our lives** and, considering our own sin and the wrath of God on it, be sure that we humble ourselves in repentance before God.*

*Let us **examine our hearts** to be sure that we trust in Jesus Christ alone for our salvation, and that we believe our sins are forgiven wholly by grace, for the sake of our Lord's sacrifice on the cross. Finally, let us **examine our motivation, standard, and purpose** to be sure that we resolve to live in faith and obedience before our Lord, and in love and peace with our neighbors.*



GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD TO US

"WOE TO YOU!"

### SERMON POINTS

1. Who Is Able to Judge?
2. Why Do We Presume to Know the Motives of God?
3. What Are We to Make of God's Mighty Works?

the promise of the Gospel, namely, that of free grace He grants us the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life for the sake of the one sacrifice of Christ accomplished on the cross.

67. Are both the Word and the sacraments designed to direct our faith to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

Yes, truly, for the Holy Spirit teaches in the Gospel and assures us by the holy sacraments, that our whole salvation stands in the one sacrifice of Christ made for us on the cross.

68. How many sacraments has Christ instituted in the New Testament?

**Two: Holy Baptism and the Holy Supper.**

**WE GO TO HIM CONFESSING OUR SIN IN PRAYER**

*[We conclude with the Lord's Prayer and song.]*

*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.*

*"Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen."*

**GOD GIVES US ASSURANCE OF GRACE** PSALM 34:17-19

<sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

**\*WE RESPOND TO GOD IN SONG:**

HYMN #692 TO YOU, O LORD, I FLY

## Communion

*"...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Romans 12:5*

**WE GO TO HIM IN CORPORATE PRAYER**

**WE BRING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**\*WE RESPOND TO GOD IN SONG: DOXOLOGY (P. 733)**

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"*

## Consecration

*"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." Hebrews 4:7*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

MATTHEW 11:20-24

<sup>20</sup> Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent.

<sup>21</sup> "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>22</sup> But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

<sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades.

For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

<sup>24</sup> But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."