

# As Dear Children Ask Their Dear Father



## Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024

8 a.m. Emmanuel

10 a.m. St. John's

Pastor Peter Zietlow

**As Dear Children Ask Their Dear Father:**

A "Luther's Lord's Prayer Explanation" Reformation Service

**Congregational Hymn:** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God,"  
Hymn 864, verses 1-4

**Rise for Psalm 46** ("The Reformation Psalm")

P: The mighty Lord is with us;

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P: God is our refuge and strength,

**C: an ever-present help in trouble.**

P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and  
the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

**C: though its waters roar and foam and the mountains  
quake with their surging.**

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

**C: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at  
break of day.**

P: "Be still! And know that I am God; I will be exalted among  
the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

**C: You are with us, God, our stronghold and fortress.  
Amen**

**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.

**C: Amen**

**Choir Sings:** Redeemer, Rock, and Refuge

**Scripture Reading: Romans 3: 19-26**

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.

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

And are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus,

God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

P: What then becomes of our pride?

**C: It is excluded.**

P: How? By way of works?

**C: No, by way of faith. We are convinced that a person is righteous by faith apart from works prescribed by the Law. (Romans 3:19-28)**

**Verse of the Day:**

Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

Alleluia. (John 8:31,32)

## Reformation Acclamation *Luke 12:32*



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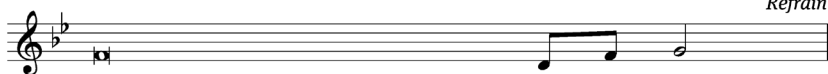


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for your Father has been pleased to give you the king - dom.

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## Congregational Hymn: "My God, I Come to You in Jesus' Name" (Tune—Old 124<sup>th</sup>—Hymnal 661)

My God, I come to you in Jesus' name,  
In whom you have revealed your shining face.  
No merit of my own do I dare claim,  
For I am justified alone by grace!

Lord Christ, you gave your life to death for me;  
For my forgiveness on the cross you died.  
You rose again; I'll live eternally.  
By faith alone I shall be justified!

You, Holy Spirit, did for us inspire  
The Holy Scriptures, wherein Christ is shown.  
Come now in mighty wind and flaming fire,  
For here I stand—upon God's Word alone!

P: This Reformation service has as its foundation the Lord's Prayer and the familiar series of petitions (pleas, requests) based on Martin Luther's explanations of the Lord's Prayer, which appear in his Small Catechism. The title of this service is taken directly from Luther's commentary on the first line of

the Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven. What does this mean? Luther responds: "Here God encourages us to believe that he is truly our Father and we are his children. We therefore are to pray to him with complete confidence just as dear children speak to their loving father."

It is fitting that we review the model prayer Jesus gave us in Matthew, Chapter 6, on this Reformation Day, and that we delve into its meaning for us and our relationship with God and others.

We begin at the beginning: Our Father who art in heaven. What does Jesus want us to remember when he tells us to address God as "our Father in heaven?"

**C: 1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God!**

P: Jesus teaches us to pray boldly and confidently. Let us pray together in the name of Jesus:

**All: What a privilege you grant me, O God, that I may call you not by some awesome or frightening name like "Master," but as "Father." By this name you assure me that, through faith in your dear Son Jesus Christ, I am truly your child—that you love me as much as you love him. In fact, you loved me so much that you gave him up to death that my sins might be forgiven and I might truly be your child. The love you have for me is like a parent's love—complete, self-sacrificing, always giving, concerned for my welfare. Help me always to remember that I am your dear child. And since you taught me to pray in the plural, "Our Father," help me when I pray to remember my brothers and sisters in the faith, those who are as dear to you as I am, by your grace.**

P: Hallowed be thy name. "God's name is holy in itself," Luther teaches us in the Catechism; "but we ask in this prayer that we may keep it holy." How is God's name kept holy?

**C: God's name is kept holy when his Word is taught in its truth and purity, and we as children of God lead holy lives according to it.**

P: In the first petition, we are praying that God would help us teach and live his Word in the way which keeps his name holy. Let us pray together in the name of Jesus:

**All: What an honor you have given me, dear Father, by placing your name on me. In my Baptism you declared me to be a child of God, a member of your family through faith in Jesus Christ. You have made my name special in your sight. Since your name is so very special—all by itself—help me not to take your name in vain, but to live up to it and honor it in everything I say or do. Please don't let anything I do tarnish your reputation. Help me let my light shine before others so that they see my good deeds and praise you, my Father in heaven.**

**Congregational Hymn:** "Oh Worship the King," Hymn 620, Verse 1

O worship the King, all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love,  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

P: Thy Kingdom come. "The kingdom of God" has to do with God's rule of grace through the gospel in the hearts and lives of his people. Luther says, "God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us and to many others." How does God's kingdom come?

**C: God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his Holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.**

P: Why do we continue to pray for God's kingdom to come even though Christ already rules in our hearts?

**C: John 10:16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.**

P: Let us pray together in Jesus' name:

**All: You are in charge, God. You run everything. You rule. Send your Holy Spirit, that by your grace I and others may believe your Holy Word and lead a godly life here on earth and join you someday in heaven, where you will reign forever and ever.**

P: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. "The good and gracious will of God is surely done without our prayer," Martin Luther teaches us; "but we ask in this prayer that it may be done also among us." How is God's will done?

**C: God's will is done when he breaks and defeats every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world and our sinful flesh, which try to prevent us from keeping God's name holy and letting his kingdom come. And God's will is done when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and in the faith as long as we live. This is his good and gracious will.**

P: Let us pray together in the name of Jesus:

**All: Heavenly Father, you have promised that your will for me is good and gracious. Help me to remember that even when I fail to pray, you bring your will to pass. Please help me to pray so that I may be part of doing your will. And then help me to do it, to hallow your name in everything and to acknowledge your rule. You have told us that your will is that all people should be saved, to spend eternity in heaven by your grace. You sent your Son to make it so. You also want me to trust in you for everything, and to let that trust show in my life. I know that there are those who oppose your will. The devil tempts, the world entices, and my own sinful nature desires to give in. Every day of my life, keep me firm in your Word and strengthen my faith. Let your will be done in me.**

**Congregational Hymn:** “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb,” Hymnal 804, verses 1,2

P: Give us this day our daily bread. “What is meant by ‘daily bread?’” Luther asks in the next petition of the Catechism. His answer begins with “everything!”—“Daily bread includes everything needed for this life”—and then he goes on to enumerate them. Let us reflect as we pray together In Jesus’ name:

**All: How generous you are, heavenly Father. Even when I forget to pray for daily bread, you provide it anyway. And so much more than just bread. Even before I pray—even before I could pray—you have been providing me all my bodily needs, beginning with food and clothing, but then expanding to home and possessions, work and the income I derive from it, my family, my community, the nation in which I live. And there is more—let me include peace and health, friends and neighbors, and even the weather. Day by day, meal by meal, help me to receive my daily bread with thanksgiving. And, especially, Father, I thank you for sending your Son—the Bread of Life—who gives me everlasting life—and your Word—spiritual bread—manna from heaven.**

P: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. This petition is probably the heart of the Lord’s Prayer, for without the forgiveness of sins, we cease to be children of God. Without forgiving others, we cease to act like children of God. What is an example of trespasses?

**C: One example of trespasses is mentioned in Matthew 6:14,15. If you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.**

P: In the 5<sup>th</sup> petition we pray that God in his grace would forgive all our sins and lead us to forgive anyone who sins against us. Let us pray together in the name of Jesus:



**All: Dear Lord, I ask you to have mercy on me, a sinner. Forgive my open sins and my secret sins. Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Help me to forgive those who sin against me because I know I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**

P: And lead us not into temptation—a most important prayer for our own spiritual warfare. But deliver us from evil—a prayer that can and should include others who are in our family of faith. What is temptation?

**C: Temptation is any situation in which we are led by the devil, the world, or our own sinful nature into false belief, into despair, or into great or shameful sin. God does not tempt anyone, but has the power to keep temptations away or to help us overcome temptation.**

P: Let us pray together in Jesus' name:

**All: Temptations are all around, heavenly Father. The Evil One still lurks, and the world continues to be full of snares and dangers. I am still weak and human, subject to error, despair, and other things of which I am ashamed—or should be. Send your Holy Spirit to stand as my Advocate, helping me, leading me every step of the way, my whole life long. Strengthen and preserve my faith and allow me to recognize that, no matter what, my sins have been paid for and are forgiven. I should never despair. Jesus was tempted in every way, just as I am—yet he was without sin. He took all my sins upon himself. I am forgiven.**

P: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. The Lord's prayer ends where it began, focused on God—on God's will, on God's rule, on God's reputation, God's good name. We live under God, as the Bible teaches us and Luther underscores. And so it is—by God's grace, by faith in Jesus alone, as revealed in Scripture alone—the great motto of the Reformation—so it is that we shall live, focused on God, as his dear children, forever. "Forever and ever," the Lord's Prayer assures us. Let us pray once again together:

**All: What a magnificent Father you are! How blessed I am to be your child! For along with all the other undeserved gifts, you have invited me to pray to you and have promised to hear me. You truly mean it when you invite me to approach you as a dear child approaches a dear parent. You promise me that it's true, and so it's all I really need to know. I pray in the name of Jesus. So be it. Amen**

**Congregational Hymn:** "The Lord of Hosts is With Us,"  
tune Hymn 798 (based on Psalm 46)

The Lord of hosts is with us, the God whom Jacob loved;  
Therefore, we will not tremble, though all the earth be moved,  
Though mountains quake in tumult, and mighty waves appear.  
The Lord of hosts is with us to shelter us from fear!

God breaks the spear asunder and causes war to cease.  
His voice sounds forth like thunder, that we may live in peace:  
"Be still! Bow down! Acknowledge that I alone am Lord,  
Exalted in the heavens, by all the earth adored!"

God is our Mighty Fortress; therefore, let fear be gone.  
His blessings flow like waters, as certain as the dawn,  
And so, whate'er betide us, our confidence is sure:  
The Lord of hosts is with us, and we are safe, secure!

### **Sermon: Not Alone in My War Room**

Matthew 6:6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

### **Offering**

### **Prayers**

### **St John's and Emmanuel—Holy Communion**

Hymnal p. 183-187 **Communion Hymn 673** O Lord, We Praise You

**Closing Hymn:** "Our Heav'nly Father, Hear" tune Hymnal 925

Our heav'nly Father, hear your faithful children's prayer:  
Your name, divine and dear, be hallowed ev'rywhere.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your heav'nly will among us, still on earth be done.

For you, O God, are King; all pow'r is yours, we own.  
Your glory now we sing, the glory yours alone.  
So shall it be!  
Your kingdom, might, and glory bright eternally!

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“We cannot give God anything; for everything is already His, and all we have comes from Him. We can only give Him praise, thanks and honor.” –Martin Luther

### **THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**All Saints' Day LIVE LIKE YOU'LL LIVE FOREVER: LIVE  
KNOWING LIFE ONLY GETS BETTER**

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Emmanuel will hold a congregation meeting on 3 Nov following our worship service. Christ Alone Lutheran Academy (CALA) financial support will be discussed at the meeting.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including Allie Andres (Bonnie Chapman's relative), Janice Arvidson, Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Sandy Buchholz, Bob Buehrens, Gene Crook, Agnes Dassow, Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Kaye Edwards (Mark Emond's friend), Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza, Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Del & Jean Henke, LuAnn Hoffman-Reber (Barb Hoffman's step-daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Mary Luck, Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo & Barbara Petrick, Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Shelley Rene (Mary Isberner's niece), Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Heather Smith (Diane Hintz' step-daughter), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak (Carol's husband), Billy & Gloria Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon (added this week: \_\_)

- For George & Jennifer Kellermann who were called by the Lord at our 10/15 Call meetings to serve as CALA principal and Little Lambs director/teacher next school year

<b>St. John's</b>	<b>Usher's Schedule</b>
<b>Sunday, October 27</b>	<b>Sunday, November 3</b>
<b>Ben Jaster Jacob Jaster Jeff Reimer Mark Emond</b>	<b>Matthew Kath Glen Bubolz Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley</b>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week: October 29-November 2, 2024

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ

## Next Sunday: November 3, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	Sunday School St. John's
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study St. John's
9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship
10:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Congregational Meeting

### Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
10/20/24	37	63

<b>LL, CALA and Sunday School Singing Schedule</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
11/3/24	LL & CALA K-2 at MONTELLO
11/10/24	Sunday School at MONTELLO
11/17/24	LL & CALA K-8 & Chimes in PRINCETON
12/1/24	Sunday School in MONTELLO

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Offerings</b>	<b>All Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
<b>September</b>	\$40,014.98	\$26,561.22	\$34,325.22	\$16,164.57
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$120,044.94	\$78,309.17	\$98,427.21	\$88,387.36

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7***

**PIGGLY WIGGLY ROUND-UP**— For the month of October, Piggly Wiggly in Princeton is doing the round-up of your purchases to benefit the CALA Playground Fund.

Just as September is LWMS Befriend A Mission month, when we are reminded to pray for our missionaries, so October has been designated national Clergy Appreciation month. This is a reminder that our pastor needs our prayers and support, not just in October, but year round.

Here's a prayer you can use:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessing of pastors to shepherd us. Grant that Pastor Zietlow remains faithful in prayer and study of the Scriptures and continues preaching your Word in its truth and purity. Give us grace to support him in prayer and enable us to encourage him that his service may be filled with joy and his ministry yield much fruit. And, Lord, give this congregation receptiveness to his ministry so that we will be strengthened and renewed in our faith. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

St. John's is looking for a few good men to help as Ushers! If you'd like to join the usher crew, please talk to Jerre Duerr, James Wachholz, or Matthew Kath. Thanks!!

Remember the Stewardship Series Challenge Cards from a few weeks ago? How are you doing on your personal challenges? Remember that Stewardship is not merely about money, but rather living a God-Lived life, letting our whole life become a worship to God, and using our time, talent, and treasures to glorify God, and help His Church fulfill His Great Commission!

Dear members of St. John's and Emmanuel,

As you are most likely aware, our principal at CALA Larry Sellnow and our preschool director/teacher Lynn Sellnow are retiring at the end of this school year after many years of faithful service.

The call window has opened for calling for the 2025/2026 school year.

On October 15 there were two call meetings for extending calls to fill the upcoming vacancies.

The CALA board is responsible for calling a candidate for principal. St. John's deferred our meeting time until after the CALA board chose the best candidate to fill their needs. They met at 6 pm, we met after their meeting to best react to the possibility of a married team. They chose and have extended a Divine Call to a married candidate, whose wife was also on the St. John's call list for preschool director/teacher. We have extended a Divine Call to her.

Calls have been extended to:

George and Jennifer Kellermann.

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They are in their late 40's and have 2 children ages 11,13.

Please pray for them and their family as they consider where they can best use their gifts in God's Kingdom and to His Glory. Please reach out to them in whatever way you can to encourage them as they deliberate the calls before them.



Please pray for all of our called workers as they carry out their ministry work. Consider how you can best serve and support the ministries of St. John's and the church at large.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matt 19:14

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. Mal 3:10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.  
Ephesians 2:8-9

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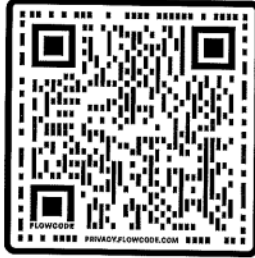
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