



“So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”  
*John 8:36*

## Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020

*Shared on Augsburg Lutheran Church YouTube Channel*

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, 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.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God  
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through  
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

### **ACCLAMATION** I Build on God's Strong Word

Johann Walther

*Allein auf Gottes Wort will ich mein Gnad und Glauben bauen,  
Kein menschlich Weisheit will ich nicht dem göttlich Wort vergleichen.  
Was Gottes Wort klar spricht und richt, soll billig alles weichen.*

I build on God's strong word secure, the rock of faith and mercy's grounding.  
No human wisdom will endure; God's word is truth defining.  
The word of God is clear and sure: this star o'er all is shining.

### **OPENING PRELUDE** Intrade, Allemande, & Gigue

*Brass Quintet*

Johann Pezel  
arr. Roland E. Martin

*We stand.*

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

*We stand.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
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.  
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.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister  
of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.*

**GATHERING HYMN 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

EIN FESTE BURG

*Today's Gathering Hymn features recordings of members of Augsburg Lutheran Church singing the first stanza, members of Lobchor and Jubilate Choir singing the second stanza, and members of the Adult Choirs singing third and fourth stanzas. The introduction was written by Augsburg member William Stevens.*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**KYRIE** 409 Kyrie! God, Father

KYRIE, GOTT VATER

Ky - ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove, you a - bound in  
gra - cious love, of all things the mak - er and pre - serv - er.  
E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son! Ky - ri - e! O Christ, our king,  
sal - va - tion for all you came to bring. O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
our me - di - a - tor at the heav'n - ly throne: hear our cry and grant our sup -  
pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son! Ky - ri - e!  
O God the Ho - ly Ghost, guard our faith, the gift we need the most,  
and bless our life's last hour, that we leave this sin - ful world with glad - ness.  
E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son! A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.  
Music: KYRIE, GOTT VATER, “Kyrie fons bonitatis,” c. 800, adapt.  
Text © 1941 Concordia Publishing House.

## GLORIA All Glory Be to God on High (*Stanza 1*)

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH



1. All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
2. O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and  
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
4. O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we  
au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and  
la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good - will to  
give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,  
source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O  
sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your  
Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and  
bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!  
lord - ship is our bless - ing.  
on us all have mer - cy.  
lives are in your keep - ing. A - - - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer. After the prayer the assembly responds* **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## WELCOME

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 46

- <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.
- <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- <sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
- <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **SECOND READING** Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## **GOSPEL HYMN** Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray (*Stanza 1*)

NUN BITTEN WIR

Now to the Holy Spirit let us pray for true faith, most needed on our way:  
Guide us and defend us when life is ending and our journey homeward is tending.  
Lord, have mercy!

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## **GOSPEL** John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## **SERMON**

Pastor Wollner



# HYMN OF THE DAY 796 How Firm a Foundation


FOUNDATION



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need

*Each portion of the prayers concludes*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.*

*We sit.*

# ✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM Grant Peace, We Pray

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant peace, we pray in mercy Lord; in our time peace, oh, send us!

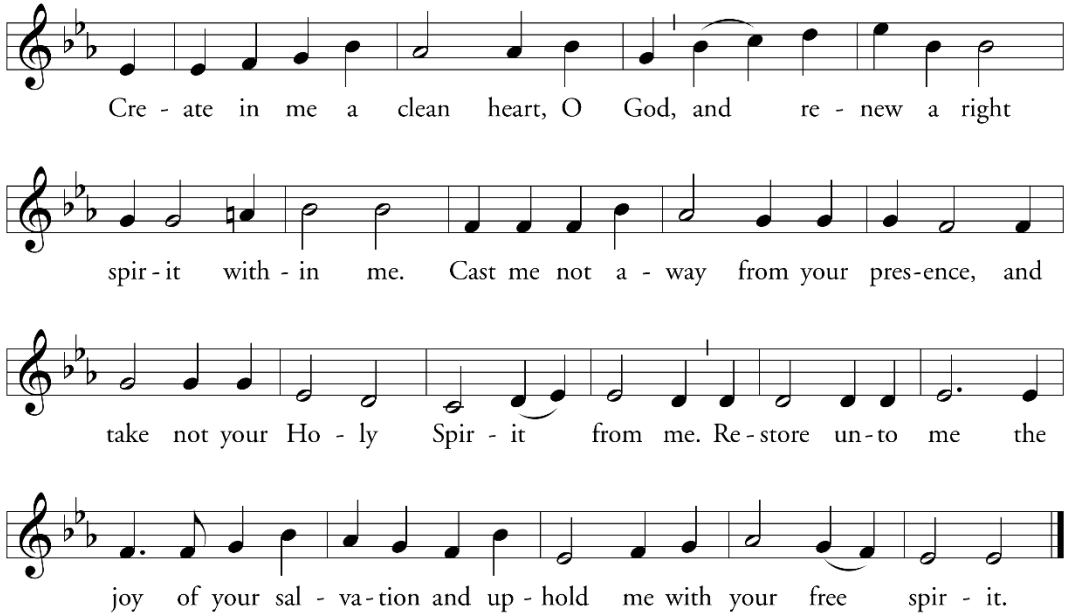
For there is none on earth but thee, none other to defend us.

Thou only, Lord, can fight for us.

*Sung by the Adult Choirs*

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion and up - hold me with your free spir - it.

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

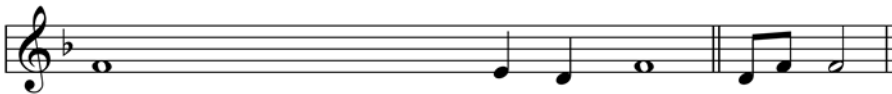
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
    hallowed be thy name,  
    thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
    on earth as it is in heaven.

**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.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

## BLESSING



The Lord bless you ... and ✠ give you peace.   A - men.

# SENDING HYMN 548 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



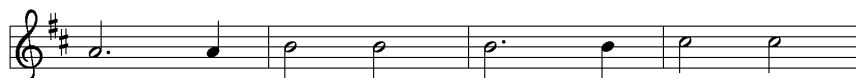
from this meal of love and grace;  
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
God has called us to re - ceive;  
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
to re - lease and to con - sole.  
Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.  
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953  
Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958  
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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING POSTLUDE** Die Bänkelsängerlieder  
*Brass Quintet*

Anonymous, c. 1647

## ***Soli Deo Gloria***

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## Announcements

**The altar flowers were to be given to the glory of God** in loving memory of Dr. C. Ross Ritchie, Jr. and his Baptism Day by The Ritchie Girls.

**This week we keep in prayer Virginia Freeze** 125 Marian Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27104-1401. Please send **Virginia** a note.

**Augsburg's Called Annual Meetings will take place on Sundays, November 8 and November 22.** Both will take place at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. A phone in option will be available. Part 1 of the meeting on November 8 will include an opportunity to make a Council nomination from the floor and an update on the Outdoor Gathering Space Project. Part 2 will include the election of Council members and the 2021 Budget. Additional information will be forthcoming for each meeting.

**Submissions for the November Beacon** should be emailed to Kathy Barnes at [kathy@alcws.org](mailto:kathy@alcws.org) before midnight tonight, Sunday, October 25.

**Bible study continues Tuesday, October 27** with the final week of Pastor Paul's study of the "Impact of Scripture on Martin Luther." A Zoom link will be sent via Flocknote. The class will be offered live at both 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Please remember to return your 2021 Statement of Intent card as soon as possible!** You may fill it out online at [www.alcws.org/intent2021](http://www.alcws.org/intent2021), mail it in, or drop it off at the office.

**Augsburg will offer Drive-Thru Communion next Sunday, November 1,** as part of our Sunday worship service. We will follow the same procedures and protocols used in the past. Pre-registration is required. A Flocknote will be sent on Monday, October 26, with all of the details regarding safety and logistical protocols and how you can sign up for a time slot. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

**All Saints Vespers Service will be offered via YouTube beginning Sunday, November 1.** While we grieve that we can not be together to remember our beloved Saints, it is still important that we celebrate the lives of our loved ones who we have entered the Church Triumphant this past year. The service will feature fitting music, comforting words of prayer, and the reading of the names of our Saints.

**The National Lutheran Choir brings the annual All Saints program** to a virtual world-wide audience on November 1, 2020. "In Memoriam (We Remember)" sees the Choir sharing music of Remembrance, Perseverance, and Hope, with memorial names submitted by listeners as backdrop to the music and message. **Sunday, November 1, 2020 – 4 p.m (CST) @ NLCA.com.** This online presentation is FREE for all. For a season-long Virtual Subscription to exclusive content (\$10/month), visit NLCA.com.

**Please send in your family photos for the next family directory.** Email them to Kathy Barnes at [kathy@alcws.org](mailto:kathy@alcws.org). If you need help with a photo, contact Shari Dominguez at [sdominguez@triad.rr.com](mailto:sdominguez@triad.rr.com).

**We keep you in prayer during our time apart.** Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please call their cell phones, send them a text, or an email. Pastor Paul is 803-331-5970 or [seniorpastor@alcws.org](mailto:seniorpastor@alcws.org) and Pastor Lori is 336-414-2838 or [pastoralassociate@alcws.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@alcws.org).

**God's work continues at Augsburg,** and while we can't gather in person, our hands can still help carry out that work wherever we are through our love and our resources. Because important ministries continue during our facilities closure, offerings can still be shared through any of these suggested options: drop it in the mail, use the bill pay services that your bank offers, or use Realm to give online. Visit our website—[www.augsburglutheran-ws.org](http://www.augsburglutheran-ws.org)—and click on “Give Now” for more information. Thank you for all the ways that you support God's work at Augsburg, your Stewardship Team.

**Next Sunday, the first Sunday in November, Daylight Saving Time will end,** so we'll “fall back” and set our clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday night.  
(Sunday, November 1, at 2:00 a.m.)

**Readings for next week:** Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3;  
Matthew 5:1-12

**Worship attendance for services last week: 201** views on **YouTube**.

### **Providing Service Today**

#### *Greeters*

The Voigt Family

#### *Reader*

Dick Schneider

#### *Assisting Minister*

Pastor Carter

#### *Preaching*

Pastor Wollner

#### *Quartet*

Karen Kooken, Daniele Olsen, Timothy Olsen, Bruce Tippet

#### *Brass Quintet*

Judith Saxton & Anita Cirba, trumpet

Maria Serkin, horn

John Ilika, trombone

Erik Salzwedel, bass trombone





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