

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

# **Reformation Sunday**

October 31, 2021 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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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.

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#### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Martin Luther's Deutsche Messe (1526)

Our parament color is red in celebration of Reformation Sunday.

## + GATHERING +

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** Ein' Feste Burg ist unser Gott *Joshua Sobel, Music Intern* 

Dieterich Buxtehude

### 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.

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 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 (All stanzas) EIN FESTE BURG



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.



Text: Jiří Tranovský, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919 Music: ZŇAME TO, PANE BOŽE NÁŠ, *Tranoscius*, 1636

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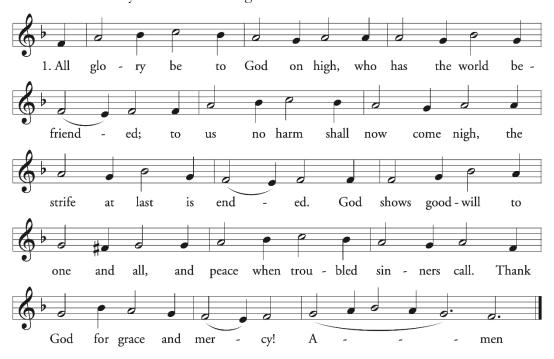
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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 ELW Tone 13



<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge 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 cit- | y 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 up- | on 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** John 8:31-36

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

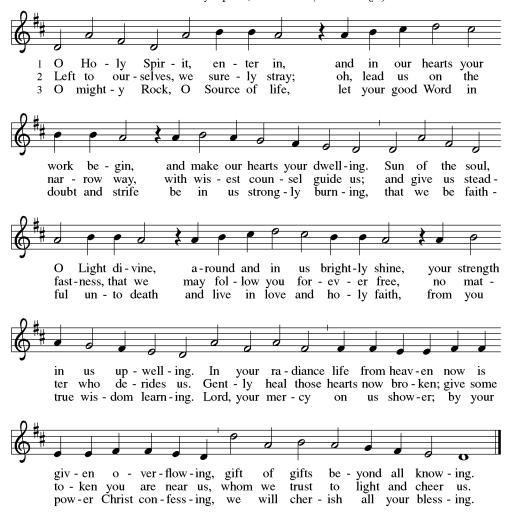
Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made 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 Rev. Wollner

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY** 786 O Holy Spirit, Enter In (All Stanzas)

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET



Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

We sit.

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** Rite of Confirmation (11:00)

Emma Trabue Hanes 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

\*Zane Benjamin Johnson John 15:16

Zachary Steven Olsen Philippians 2:1-2

\*in absentia

#### **PRESENTATION**

I present \_\_\_\_\_\_, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers,

whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called *them* to yourself,

enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

We stand.

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH** (8:30 & 11:00)

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

We sit.

#### **AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY** (11:00)

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

## I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her/his faith, guide her/his life, empower her/him in her/his serving, give her/him patience in suffering, and bring her/him to everlasting life.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

Each portion of the prayers concludes

Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

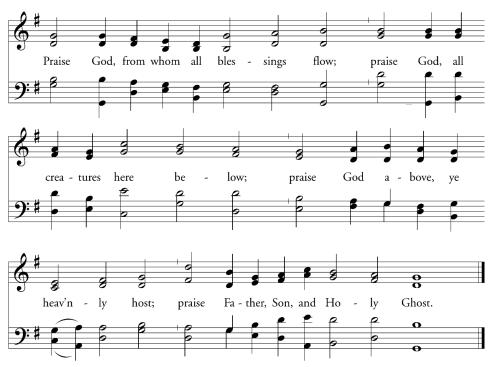
#### **PEACE**

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.

## + MEAL +

## OFFERING OFFERTORY HYMN



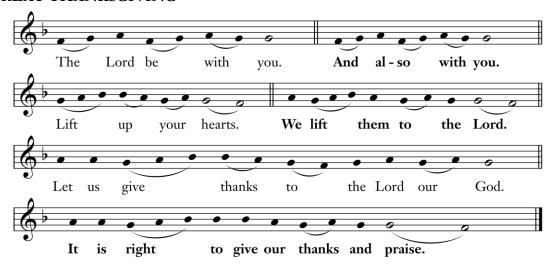
## Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(sung by the choir)

Isaiah in a vision did of old the Lord of hosts enthroned on high behold, whose splendid train was wide outspread until its streaming glory did the temple fill. Above God's throne the shining seraphim with sixfold wings did rev'rence unto him. With two each seraph hid his glorious face, and two about his feet did interlace, and with the other two he soared on high, and one unto another thus did cry: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! His glory filleth all the earth!" The beams and lintels at their crying shook, and all the house was filled with billowing smoke.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

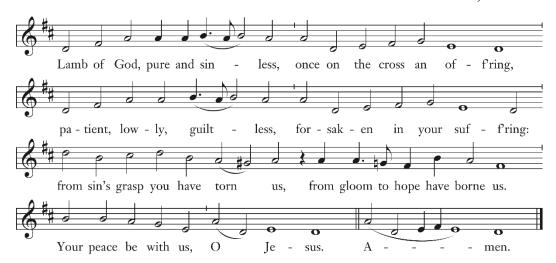
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says
When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.



We sit.

#### COMMUNION

Today we will be communing using the individual communion kits that you received when checking in for worship. Gluten-free wafers are available when you check in. Please wait to take communion until the pastor comes to the end of the row and shares the Eucharistic Proclamation with you. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who do not receive communion will receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

## **ANTHEM** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;

Chosen of the Lord, and precious, Binding all the Church in one;

Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today;

With thy wonted loving-kindness Hear thy servants as they pray,

And thy fullest benediction Shed within its walls always.

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,

Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,

One in might, and One in glory, While unending ages run.

We stand.

#### TABLE BLESSING

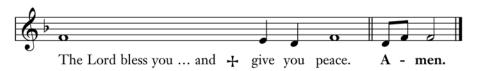
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## + SENDING +

#### **BLESSING**





**DISMISSAL** 

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Toccata & Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565

J.S. Bach

## Soli Deo Gloria

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## **Announcements**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. C. Ross Ritchie on the anniversary of his baptism, by his wife JoAnne.

**This week we keep in prayer Elizabeth Efird**, 142 Bermuda Village Dr. Rm 1, Bermuda Run, NC 27006-7867. Please send **Elizabeth** a note.

The Parament Color for Reformation Sunday is Red, the traditional color for the heroic martyrs of the church. It communicates strength – strength and power the Holy Spirit gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others.

All Saints Vespers – Next Sunday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m., we will be celebrating the lives of loved ones connected to Augsburg who have passed away this year and last through our annual All Saints Vespers Service. The music featured will offer solace as well as celebrate the lives of those who have died, the names of whom will be read. Please invite friends and neighbors to join us for this meaningful service remembering those who have entered the Church Triumphant.

In this Thanksgiving season, Pastor Paul will offer a three-week Bible study on the first three Tuesdays of November that focuses on how we are called to be appreciative and whom we are called to appreciate. This Bible study will be different than usual as we will use scripture to be mindful of those in our lives and our communities for whom we should be giving thanks. The study meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. (Nov. 2, 9, 16) on Zoom. You can click <u>HERE</u> for the Zoom link!

Thank you to all who have shared their commitment to support a full year of ministry in 2022 here at Augsburg and beyond our walls. If you have not returned your Statement of Intent, please do so as soon as possible. Intent cards will be available at worship, in the church office, or by following this <u>link</u>.

The School Kit and Personal Care Kit Ministry is back after the long COVID delay. Nylon bags containing an information sheet detailing the requested supplies are available outside the Gathering Room and in the foyer by the church office. Loose copies of the instruction sheet for the personal care kits are at the same location. The deadline for returning them to the church office is November 1.

Next Sunday, the first Sunday in November, is when Daylight Saving Time will end. We will "fall back" and set our clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday night (Sunday, November 7, at 2:00 a.m.).

We keep you in prayer. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please send them an email. Pastor Paul is seniorpastor@alcws.org and Pastor Lori is pastoralassociate@alcws.org.

Readings for next week: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44 Worship attendance for services last week: 172 in person and 65 views on YouTube.

## **Providing Service Today**

Bulletin Cover Artist
Cary Stevens

Ushers

(8:30) Damion Richardson, Mark Galchutt (11:00) Jack Strandhoy, Don Eppert, Mark Galchutt

Head Usher

Don Eppert

Quartet

Karen Kooken, Daniele Olsen, Timothy Olsen, Bruce Tippette

Brass Quintet

Sam Natvig & Emily Mudra, trumpet Logan Fischer, horn Elijah Van Camp-Goh, trombone Nelson Pardo, tuba Greeter

(8:30) Joyce Holton (11:00) Keith Kooken

Communion Assistants

(8:30) Marty Tanyi (11:00) Kathie Eppert

Altar Guild for October

Claire Wynnemer & Shari Dominguez

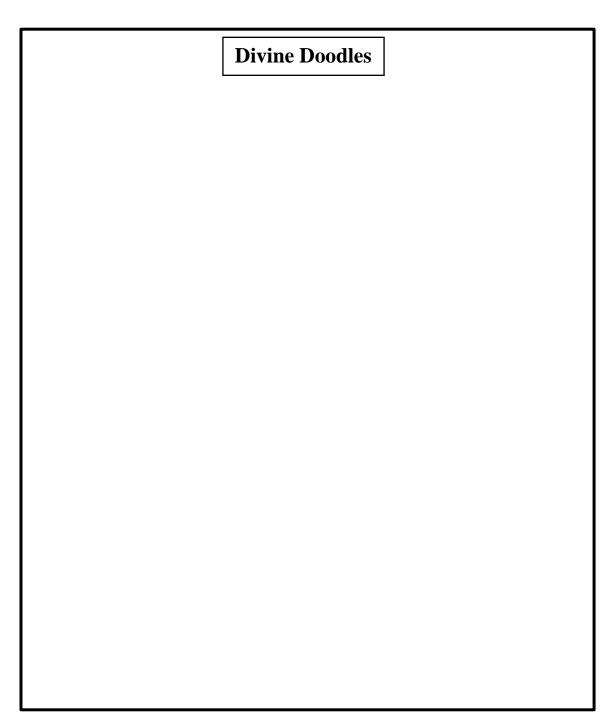
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(11:00) Ethan Olsen

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Rev. Lori Carter

Preaching & Presiding Rev. Paul Wollner





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