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'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples'.

*John 8:31*

## Reformation Sunday

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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.

*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.*

**On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the Friendship Register.** Please sign the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Martin Luther's Deutsche Messe (1526)*

*Our parament color is red in celebration of the Reformation.*

## **✠ GATHERING ✠**

### **ACCLAMATION**

William Stevens

*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)*

### **PRELUDE** Ode to Joy

Beethoven/arr. Jack Gale

*UNCSA's Winston Brass Quintet*

*We stand.*

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be God  
the one who forms us,  
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.  
We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.  
Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**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

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 602 Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

ZNÁME TO, PANE BOŽE NÁŠ

Choir



1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation



Your heart, O God, is grieved we know, by ev - 'ry  
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of  
 O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross for -  
 death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the  
 that your word has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.  
 Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.  
 help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.

## HYMN OF PRAISE All Glory Be to God on High

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH



All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -  
friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the  
strife at last is end - ed. God shows good - will to  
one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank  
God for grace and mer - cy! 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**

Setting by Dale Wood

*Refrain* (Sung once by the choir, repeated by the assembly)



The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our strong-hold.

*Psalm Tone* (verses sung by the assembly)



<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 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 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.” **℞**

**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** 743 Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray (*Stanza 1&2*) NUN BITTEN WIR



1 Now to the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;  
3 Tran - scen - dent com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light,



for true faith, most need - ed on our way;  
set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow,  
help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed,  
that we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,



Guide us and de - fend us when life is end - ing  
that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,  
that we may not fal - ter, nor cour - age fail us  
cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has bought us,



and our jour - ny home - ward is tend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
when the foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
who to our true home - land has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

**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.**

**GOSPEL HYMN** 743 Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray (*Stanza 3&4*) NUN BITTEN WIR

*(see previous page for hymn)*

*We sit.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

Rev. Joe Yucha

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 511 Thy Strong Word

EBENEZER

**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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Each portion of the prayers conclude:*

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

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE 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 congregation is invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another. Please honor those who prefer not to physically share the peace.*

*We sit.*

## ✠ MEAL ✠

## OFFERING

*We pass the offering plates in recognition that we are all invited to participate in sharing the gifts of abundance with what God has first given us. We recognize that many share their financial gifts online or at different frequencies; passing the plates connects us in our giving, no matter how we share. Please pass the plate down the pew and then onto the next row.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** A Song of Thanksgiving

text: Ps. 90:1; Lam. 3:22; Ps. 100:5

music: John Ferguson

Lord! You have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Your love never ceases, Your mercies never end.

For you are good, O Lord. Your steadfast love endures forever and ever.

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices.

Who wondrous things has done. In whom this world rejoices;

Who, from our mothers' arms, Has blest us on our way

With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all

The first system of the hymn consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The third system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are written below the notes, ending with a double bar line.

Let us pray.

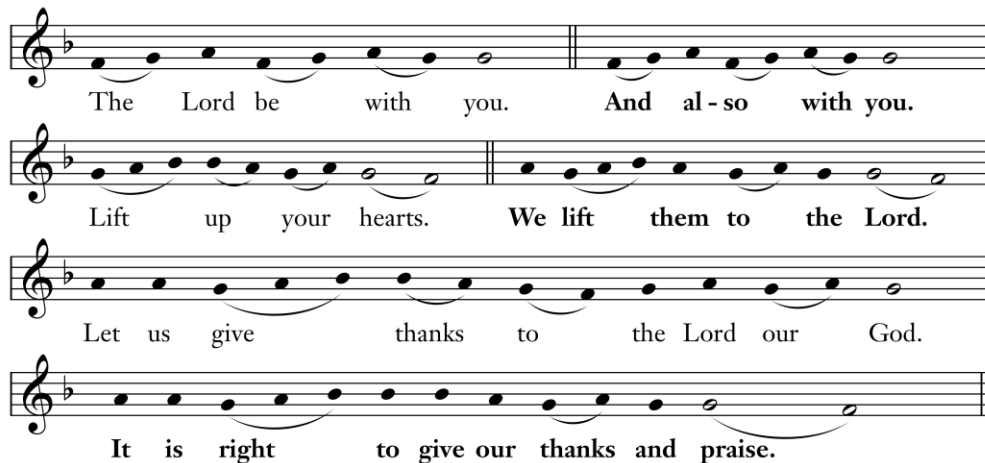
**God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.**

**We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

**SANCTUS** Isaiah in a Vision Did of Old (ELW 868)

JESAIA, DEM PROPHETEN

*(Sung by the Assembly)*

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;

...

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.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup

...

We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,  
when Christ will come again in beauty and power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we and all who share in this bread and cup  
may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven,  
and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place, and unite them  
with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**AGNUS DEI** Lamb of God

O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG

Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,  
pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring:  
from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.  
Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - - - - men.

*We sit.*

**COMMUNION**

*Holy Communion is available to all who believe, through two options. Those who are able are invited forward to receive the bread and wine through the method of intinction. Please let an usher know if you need a gluten-free wafer or grape juice option. You may also choose to receive an individual pre-sealed communion kit from an usher that you are welcome to bring forward for the Eucharistic Proclamation. The pastors will come to the pews of those unable to come forward. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead of communion are asked to cross their hands when they come forward.*

*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.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

**\*ANTHEM** By Mortal Love Our Hearts Are Drawn

text: Thomas Troeger  
music: Sally Ann Morris

By mortal love our hearts are drawn to love's eternal spring:  
The love that creatures greet at dawn, the love the sparrows sing,  
The love that feeds an infant's trust, the love that nurtures ours,  
The love that blesses our frail dust with love's redemptive pow'rs.  
The love our violent world rejects and fear and hatred scorn,  
The love that each of us neglects when weighted down and worn,  
The love that even then persists and nudges us with grace  
As gentle as the morning mists that wreathe this hallowed place.  
As constant as the waterfall cascading from the pond  
That echoes love's profounder call till we in love respond  
And set the wooded mountainside to ringing with our praise:  
The spring of love we crucified eternal love has raised.

**HYMN** 590 Salvation unto Us Has Come

ES IST DAS HEIL

*We stand.*

## TABLE BLESSING

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

# POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE O Lord, We Praise You

GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET



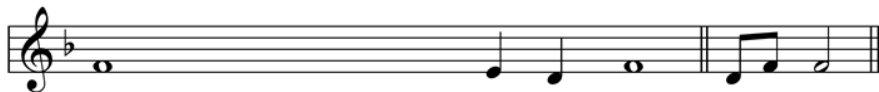
Oh Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -  
giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your  
bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that  
they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our  
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead  
in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy.

Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### BLESSING



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

*The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.*

**SENDING HYMN** 654 The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

J.S. Bach

*Addy Knepp, Music Intern*

***Soli Deo Gloria***

\*Thomas Troeger's hymn "By Mortal Love" reminds us that God's love surrounds all creatures great and small, is persistent in spite of violence, hatred, scorn and neglect, and nudges us with gentle grace to redemption and praise.

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