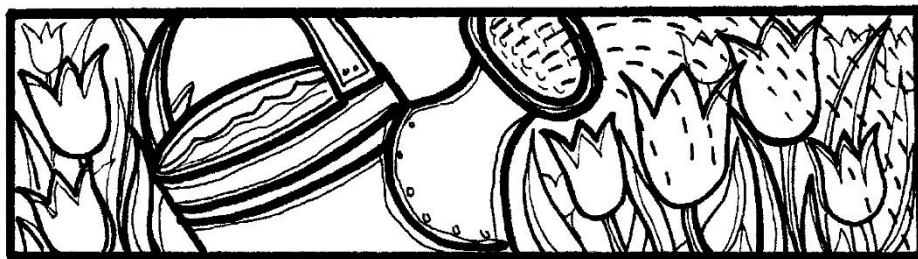


Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church
Reformation Sunday † October 25, 2026
Sharing the Love of Jesus In Our Changing World



REFORMATION DAY

P This is the day that the Lord has made! **C** *Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C *Amen.*

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C *we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.*

Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **C** *Amen.*

(Please stand)

GATHERING HYMN

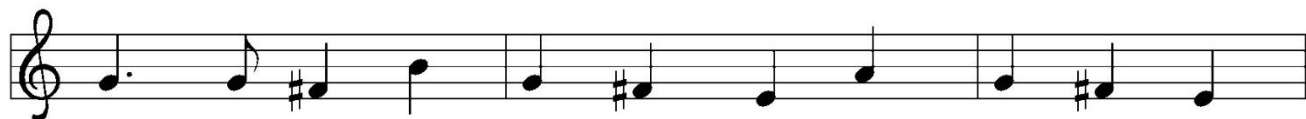
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

THE KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, ... have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, ... have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, ... have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord, Be Glorified



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray together. **C** *Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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. This is the word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² ***Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;***

³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ ***There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.***

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ ***The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.***

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ ***Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;***

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ ***“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”***

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God. (Please stand)**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL:

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 8th chapter.

C *Glory to You, O Lord.*

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ 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'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." This is the gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

(Please be seated)

YOUTH TIME/MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.

THE APOSTLES CREED

A Let us profess our faith together: **C** *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.*

THE PRAYERS

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

Trinity Old Lutheran, Good Shepherd, and Augustana Lutheran churches ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

CHOIR ANTHEM

Jesus Is the Living Stone

Mary Mc Donald

(Please stand)

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** ***And also with you.***

All are welcome to move about the sanctuary to share the peace with your neighbor through a handshake, elbow bump, peace sign or by any other means.

(Please remain standing)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And also with you.***

P Lift up your hearts.

C ***We lift them to the Lord.***

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

THE PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C 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.

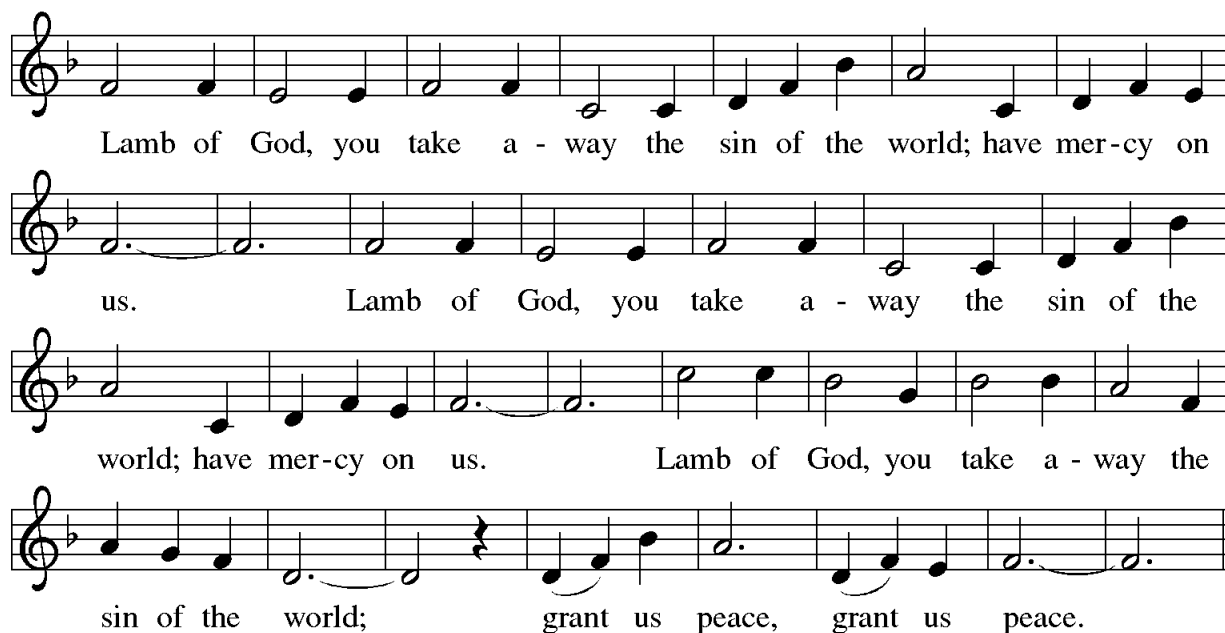
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table.

P All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

(Please be seated)

THE AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to come forward to receive communion
and experience the presence of Christ.

*White grape juice is available in the center of the communion cup tray.
For a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know when you come forward.*

(Please stand)

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

THE CANTICLE

☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE CLOSING PRAYER

A Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **C Amen.**

THE BLESSING

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **C Amen.**

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **C Amen.**

P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **C Amen.**

SENDING HYMN:

A Mighty Fortress



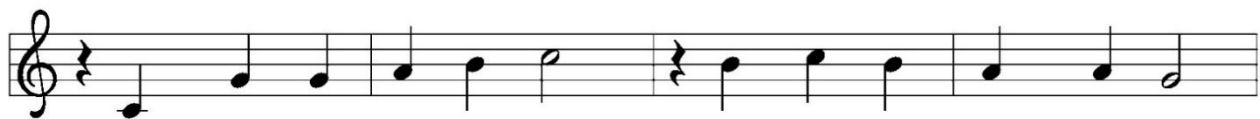
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



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 DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are God's hands at work for the sake of the changing world! **C Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

SHARING and PRAYERS

Edward Kramer, Organist, Kathy Maishak, Deacon, Nate Lockhart, Cantor

The Rev. Phillip Vender, Pastor Emeritus

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A As a welcoming and affirming congregation, we welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ as

beloved children of God. We welcome the doubters, the seekers, those of every race, culture, age,

beloved children of God. We welcome the doubters, the seekers, those of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and financial status. However you

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Jesus in our changing world. You are unique, you are seen, you are heard, you are safe here, you are

needed, you matter --- you are loved.

 If you are visiting the church for the first time, please sign the guest book in the entry hall or

 scan the QR code to sign our digital guest book. Contact Johanna Andritz to ask questions

 about Augustana or if you have any needs: (716) 870-8518/ [augustchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:augustchurch@yahoo.com).

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**FALL BACK!** Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour 11/1.

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**Sunday School:** Today, children are invited to come to the Sunday school room during coffee hour.

Sunday school is the **first and last Sunday** of each month.

**Prayer Chain:** Our Prayer Chain is coordinated by Devie Ellis. If you have a prayer of concern and/or

thanksgiving that you would like shared on the Prayer Chain. please contact Devie: RevDevie@aol.com / (716)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84402077991?pwd=oIBTDNJL6bYpmYWdtWlVhMREpO6LH08.1>

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**Sat., Nov. 7**  
**11 am - 2 pm**

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**Whistler by Ann Patchett**



**Thursday**  
**November 12**  
**6:30pm**

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## GreAT Things Are Coming!..

**GS: God Talk:** is the third Wednesday of the month and held in a side room at The Grill @ the Dome located at 175 Brompton Rd, Tonawanda, NY 14150

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**Worship: 10am**

**Worship at 11:00 on Sundays, in the church and on Zoom.**

**Office: 716-832-5390**

**Contact the TOL office to obtain a Zoom worship invitation.**

## ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Sunday, November 15: Tri- church worship Veteran's Day Worship at TOL 11:00am**

**Sunday, December 6: Tri-church worship, Christmas program at Good Shepherd 11:00am**

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