

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



REFORMATION SUNDAY
ELW – *Setting 2, Holy Communion*
10:30 AM Oct. 29, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. Steadfast and faithful God,

**All: 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.**

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "Salvation unto Us Is Come" #590 ELW

REFORMATION DIALOGUE

Leader: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Leader: There is one Body and one Spirit;

All: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Leader: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

All: One God and Father of all.

Leader: Blessed be God who sustains and protects God's Holy Church.

**All: And blessed be God who guides and confirms us
in our Faith. Amen. Alleluia!**

Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel (www.liturgybytlw.com)

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast", p. 122

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Refuge" by Keith Christopher

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia", p.124

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" #504 ELW

NICENE CREED, p. 126

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: "God of grace – hear our prayer"

SHARING OF THE PEACE, p. 128

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #184 ELW

OFFERING PRAYER

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 129

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, p. 130

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Leader: O God most mighty . . . Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

All: Amen

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

All: Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 134

LAMB OF GOD, p. 135

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

"O Lord, We Praise You" #499 ELW

"That Priceless Grace" #591 ELW

"Eat This Bread" #472 ELW

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, p. 136

SENDING

BLESSING, p. 136

SENDING SONG: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" #645 ELW

DISMISSAL: **All: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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All are welcome at the table.

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God's grace and believe Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist. Grape juice (lighter colour) and red wine (darker colour) are provided in the glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 35

Thank you to our lector Lindsay Woods, communion assistant Pat Blakley, ushers Rose & Dawn Ingram & Caroline Zivkovich, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, choir director Deborah Buck, and technical support Greg Fowlie-Neufeld for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to the altar guild for the communion preparations, to the choir for the special music, and to Pat Blakley & Alicia Steiestol for coffee setup & cleanup. Special thanks to Pastor Michael Diegel for leading the service.



Offering & Income for Oct. to date: \$18,434

Oct. expenses to date: \$19,955

Monthly budget need: \$21,775

Current Shortfall is \$44,000

We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to augustana@sasktel.net (full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate with credit card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR. Please ensure envelopes put in the offering plates have an envelope no. or address.

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹THE DAYS ARE SURELY COMING, SAYS THE LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

Second Reading – Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹NOW 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. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Gospel – John 8:31-36

³¹JESUS SAID TO THE JEWS WHO HAD BELIEVED IN HIM, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They 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’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

Our Parish Calendar

Sunday	7:30 pm	Reformation Celebration, Zion
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men’s Book & Breakfast Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday	12:00 pm	Vision Session 2

A Reformation Celebration, Sunday. Oct. 29th at Zion Lutheran Church at 7:30 PM. Come and hear the choirs of Augustana, Redeemer, Resurrection and Zion Lutheran Churches. Music for the congregation with Brass, Piano, and Organ. Refreshments will be served following the celebration. Free will offering.

Next Sunday is **All Saints’ Sunday** and if you plan to worship from home and wish to have a **candles lit in remembrance** of someone, please contact the church office by Friday, November 3rd, so that we can have the ushers light a candle on your behalf prior to the service on November 5th.

The Health Cabinet **Christmas Hamper Appeal** will run through the month of November until Sunday, Dec. 10th. If you would like to contribute to *Christmas Hampers*, please indicate so on your offering envelope, cheque or e-transfer.

Augustana had a productive first **Vision Session on October 1** in the process to determine what our priorities are. Specifically, what have we done in the past and currently which we would like to continue, what are activities that we would like to start doing and what activities can we stop doing.

Thank you to all who were able participate during or after the session and to submit comments. The next step is to identify themes based on the comments which have been received. Please save **November 5** for **Vision Session 2** when these themes will be discussed and core values will be identified, leading to the creation of value statements that Augustana can lean on when making decisions about our future direction. **Please bring a bag lunch and plan to stay for at least 2 hrs after church.**



**REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 29, 10:30 AM**



Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

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