

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

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Mission Statement

Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship, serve, and share Jesus.

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Welcome

While today will slip by for many Lutherans without the fanfare of Reformation Day, June 25 marks the day in 1530 on which God-fearing laymen took their stand for the Gospel and presented their confession of faith before Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg. You might even call today the birthday of the Lutheran Church! That confession made 487 years ago continues to shape what we believe, teach, and confess before the world today. Centered on Christ and focused on the free gift of salvation that is ours by grace through faith, the Augsburg Confession reminds us of the high privilege it is to confess Jesus Christ. As our lips confess His name and as we worship Him with "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:19), we rejoice that Jesus confesses us before His Father in heaven!

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. (Gluten free wafers are available.) If you have any questions, please speak to our pastor at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a . Thank you!

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SHARING OF THE PEACE We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people!

PRELUDE "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" - Buxtehude

Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar.

❖ HYMN "Preserve Your Word, O Savior" LSB 658

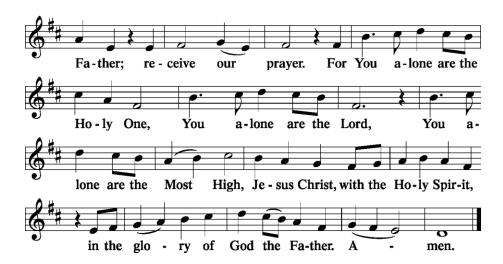
CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

- In the name of the Father, and of the

 → Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. [Matthew 28:19b]
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [I John 1:8-9]

- + Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination +
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]
- C Amen.





❖ PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, You preserved the teaching of the apostolic Church through the confession of the true faith at Augsburg. Continue to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:00)

Pastor John Hopkins

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8:1–12

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And

beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 5:6-15

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

* ALLELUIA



❖ GOSPEL LESSON

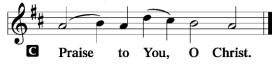
Matthew 10:26-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.



"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



♦ HYMN OF THE DAY

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

LSB 555 v1,2,3,5,10

- 1 Salvation unto us has come
 By God's free grace and favor;

 Good works cannot avert our doom,
 They help and save us never.

 Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
 Who did for all the world atone;
 He is our one Redeemer.
- What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render
 Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
 Our flesh has not those pure desires
 The spirit of the Law requires, And lost is our condition.
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream
 That God His Law had given
 That sinners could themselves redeem
 And by their works gain heaven.
 The Law is but a mirror bright
 To bring the inbred sin to light
 That lurks within our nature.
- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
 Or we must die despairing,
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
 Our human nature sharing.
 He has for us the Law obeyed
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
 Which over us impended.

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessèd name we hallow.

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SERMON

Pastor John Hopkins

❖ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ HYMN OF INTERCESSION "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" LSB 768

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

- A For the land in which we live and work, that all people may acknowledge the merciful goodness of the Creator, let us pray to the Lord.
- We confess You as our merciful Lord!
- For the Church and her faithful confession throughout the world, that rejoicing in our heritage, we may boldly share the saving Gospel of grace, let us pray to the Lord.
- We confess You as our saving Lord!
- For Trinity Lutheran Church and School, that our common confession of Christ and sharing in the Means of Grace may bring blessings to many lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- We confess You as our gracious Lord!
- For those who come to the Lord for healing, especially we pray for: Ray Churik, Evette Gallo, Frank Mangiocapria, Steve Hertel, Katie Gabrielson, Brandon Radar, Nancy Burpee, Kathleen Corrado, Roberta Sweithelm, Luke Mayorga, Dan Mcshane, Lilly Koop, Richard Holmes, Erin Ciotta, Helen Puccio, and Esme Henn; those on our prayer line, those listed in our bulletin, and those we now silently name in our hearts, that they may experience the peace of Jesus and give Him thanks in all circumstances, let us pray to the Lord.
- We confess You as our healing Lord!
- For those who mourn, especially the families of Nancy Doughty and Maryann Filangieri as they mourn their deaths. Be for them a sure and constant hope of life eternal to come, let us pray to the Lord.
- We confess You as our resurrected Lord!
- For these and all other needs we have, trusting that as we confess Jesus Christ before others, He is confessing us before the Father in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- We confess you as our faithful Lord! Amen.

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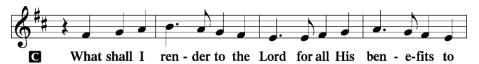
+ Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time +

OFFERING VOLUNTARY

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

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❖ OFFERTORY What Shall I Render





❖ PREFACE

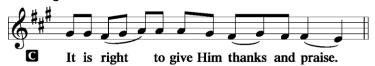
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for Your life-giving, life-sustaining Word. Preserved by Your mighty hand through the ages, this Word is our lasting heritage and our source of life each day. By Your Word, You draw us to the cross of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died our death that we might live in and through Him for all eternity. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



*** THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

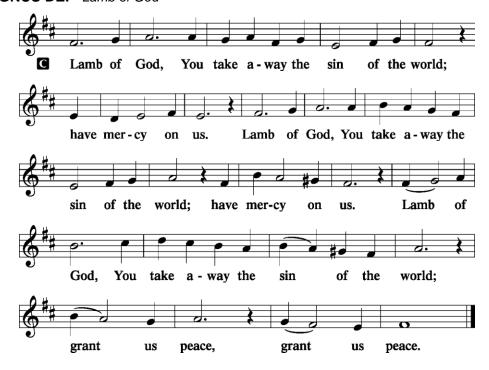
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

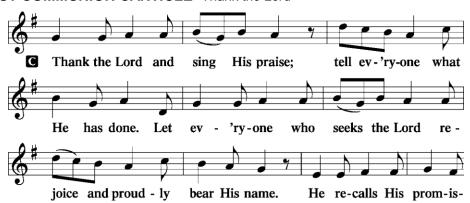
❖ AGNUS DEI Lamb of God



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 618
"Just As I Am, without One Plea" LSB 570

❖ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE Thank the Lord





❖ CLOSING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through Your Means of Grace. By Your Word, Jesus Christ has spoken to us. May He now speak through us as we confess Him before the world. By Your Supper, Jesus Christ has served us. May He now serve others through us as we share the forgiveness He has given by His death and resurrection. For to You, O Father, be all glory and praise, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

❖ BENEDICTION



+ Please stand and face the cross during the recession from the altar. +

❖ HYMN

"By Grace I'm Saved"

LSB 566

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

- Cherwien