Augustana Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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Rev. Dr. W. J. Mark Knutson III, Senior Pastor
Rev. Amy Courts Koopman, Associate Pastor

October 25, 2026 **Reformation Sunday**

10:00 a.m. In-Person and Livestream Service

Ringing of the Augustana Peace Bell

Prelude **"A Mighty Fortress"** **J. Bender**

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness **See Full-Page Insert**

Opening Hymn **"Built on a Rock"** **ELW 652**

1 (All)
Built on a rock, the church shall stand,
Even when steeples are falling:
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
Bells still are chiming and calling—
Calling the young and old to rest,
Calling the souls of those distressed
Longing for life everlasting.

2 (Choir only)
Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwell-ing—
High in the heav'ns his temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
Deigns to abide with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.

3 (All)
Christ builds a house of living stones:
We are his own habitation;
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
Granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
He in their midst will show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing

4 (Choir only)
Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
Hither we come to praise his name,
Faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
Making with us his covenant,
Granting his children the kingdom

5 (All)
Through all the passing years, O Lord,
Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear your Word,
Who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
You, not the world, my face shall see;
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

Apostolic Greeting
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: And also with you.

<u>All Things Hold Beauty</u>

Leader: Thank you, Lord, for all that you have given us.
People: Thank you for the beauty of the universe that you created: the trees, the sky, the mountains, the rain.
L: All things hold beauty in themselves and all are related and touch each creature on earth. You created the rhythm and pattern of the universe in a harmony of movement, sight, and sound.

P: Help us to appreciate your creation and to live with our eyes, ears, and hearts open to your message. Amen.

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Pastor: Sacred companions,
We begin this day near to the divine, near to our ancestors, and near to our own souls.
In the company of the collective, we ground our day in truth-telling, compassion, and the mystery of our humanity.
As we speak these words, may we be granted the courage required for interior honesty, the self-possession required to remain in our bodies, and a renewed belief in our liberation.
Together we listen to our own interior worlds for the ways in which we've contributed to bondage and decay—in the world, in others, and in ourselves."

Silence is kept for reflection

Pastor: Forgiving God,
All: Make us human.
We confess all the ways we have suppressed dignity and limited liberation.
We have not pursued justice and reparation for the historically excluded and oppressed.
We have neglected and dismissed those with less power than us—
Black souls, queer souls, trans souls.
We have not loved the bodies of the disabled nor the minds of the neurodivergent.
Our children and elders, we have not taken seriously as fellow humans.
We have not comforted the lonely or outcast.
We are deeply sorry, our souls troubled in the absence of forgiveness and repair.
Examine our hearts, and where you find true repentance, grant us pardon.
Examine our lives, and where full reparation has been made, grant us mercy.
Forgive us, God, that in your abiding kindness
we would be restored to deeper forms of humanity for the good of the cosmos. Amen.

Pastor: Let your soul receive this rest:
The divine comforter comforts us now.
May we be freed from the addiction of toxic individualism,
that we would know a life lived within the dignity of the collective.
May we be forgiven and unchained from the altars of capitalism and elitism.
As we confront every habit of exclusion and neglect,
every alienation and deprivation, may our forgiveness be made real to us.
And as we journey through this day,
may we look up and be reminded that we have a responsibility to each face we encounter.
That our freedom, our humanity, depends on this.
Now feel the tenderness of divine mercy pass through us and keep us.
May it rise in us and alchemize into self-forgiveness, a sacred entrance to enduring change. Amen.

From *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human* by Cole Arthur Riley © 2024 Convergent Books

Prayer of the day: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we than 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. Amen.

Augustana Choir **"If You Continue In My Word"** **D. Busarow**

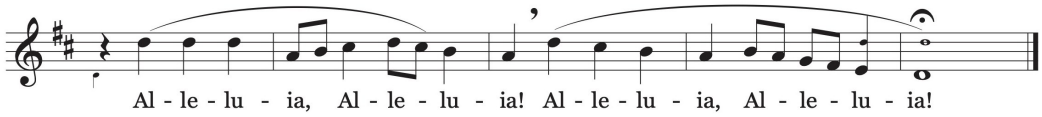
First Lesson **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Second Lesson **Romans 3:19-28**

Children's Time

Gospel Acclamation and Reading of the Gospel (*please rise as you are able*)

Choir: *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)

All may join for the second verse:

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel **John 8:31-47; 58-59**

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song **"Be Still My Soul"** ***Marilyn Keller***

Sermon **Rev. Amy Courts Koopman**

Hymn of the Day **"Battle Hymn of the Republic," arr. Audrey Assad** **Tune: ELW 890**

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord
You are speaking truth to power,
You are laying down our swords
Replanting every vineyard
'Til a brand new wine is poured
Your peace will make us one

Refrain
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Your peace will make us one

2 I've seen you in our home fires
Burning with a quiet light
You are mothering and feeding
In the wee hours of night
Your gentle love is patient,
You will never fade or tire
Your peace will make us one

Refrain

3 In the beauty of the lilies
You were born across the sea
With a glory in your bosom
That is still transfiguring
Dismantling our empires
'Til each one of us is free
Your peace will make us one

Final Refrain

Reception of New Members
Affirmation of Faith **ELW 234**

Generosity Moment and Offering

Offering Prayer: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

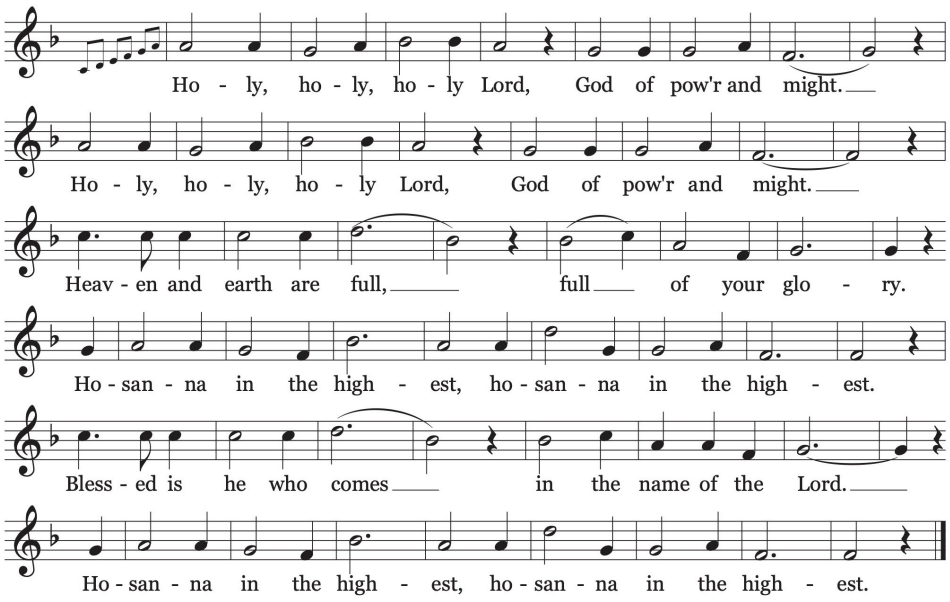
Service of Holy Communion **ELW p. 107**

The Great Thanksgiving (sung)

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.

Proper Preface

Sanctus (All)



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer **ELW p. 112**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn **"We Are Marching in the Light of God"** **ELW 866**

1 We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching … Oh
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching … Oh
We are marching in the light of God

2 We are praying …

3 We are dancing …

4 We are voting ...

5 We are standing …

6 We are singing …

Post-communion Prayer

The Benediction

Closing Hymn **"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"** **ELW 504**

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe
With craft and dreadful might,
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only son adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3 (Choir only)

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Postlude **"A Mighty Fortress"** **Gordon Young**

Sending: Leader: Go in peace; serve the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God**

Ringing of the Augustana Peace Bell

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Mark Knutson, Rev. Amy Courts Koopman
Music: Dr. Walter Krueger (Organist), Augustana Choir, Marilyn Keller (vocal soloist)

THE SPANISH SERVICE FOLLOWS AT 11:45am
Spanish Service Leaders: Francisco Aguirre, Rev. Knutson, Rev. Koopman
Music: Spanish Language Band

10:00 a.m. service worship staff leaders: Marilyn Keller (jazz); Andy Fort (contemporary), Dr. Walter Krueger (classical), Francisco Aguirre (Spanish language) **11:45 a.m. Spanish Language Service**– All welcome

Bell ringers, Property, Tellers: Ansel Johnson, Jeremy Barber, Glen Jacobs, Lynette Case. **Many thanks to our tech team** for our marvelous sound and livestream today

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