



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."
John 8:33-34

Reformation Sunday

October 28, 2018
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

*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.*

HOLY COMMUNION

Martin Luther's Deutsche Messe (1526)

Our parament color is red in celebration of the Reformation.

✠ GATHERING ✠

ACCLAMATION

Bruce Tippet

Alleluia. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack
and save me for the heavenly kingdom. Alleluia.

OPENING VOLUNTARY We All Believe in One True God, BWV 680

Johann Sebastian Bach

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

ACCLAMATION

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

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.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,

and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father,

and of the ✝ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

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 645 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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 409 Kyrie! God, Father
(sung by the choir)

KYRIE, GOTT VATER

GLORIA All Glory Be to God on High

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH



1. All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
2. O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
4. O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good - will to
give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!
lord - ship is our bless - ing.
on us all have mer - cy.
lives are in your keep - ing. 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

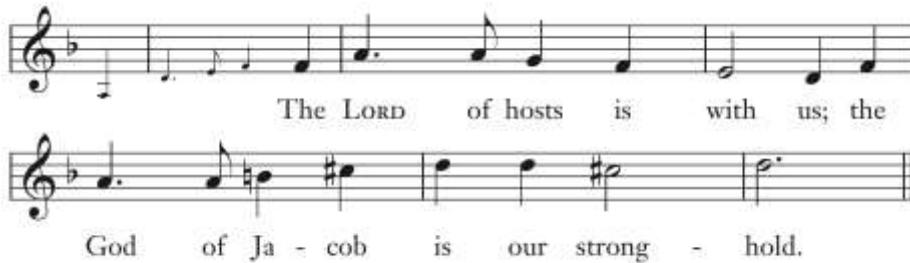
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their 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

Rick Erickson

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.

Verses (sung by the choir)

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- ³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult. **℟**
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away. **℟**
- ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- ⁹behold 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.” **℟**
- ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **℟**

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.



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 - ney 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 Saint John.



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.



We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 723 Canticle of the Turning

Pastor Wollner

Vicar Norris

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

New members: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

Assembly: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us together as disciples of Augsburg profess our faith with the words of the 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.**

We give you thanks for our new members, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

A: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need

Each portion of the prayers concludes

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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 people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

We sit.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (8:30) O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth Jan Bender

O God, O Lord of heaven and earth, Your living finger never wrote
That life should be an aimless mote, A deathward drift from futile birth.
Your Word meant life triumphant hurled In splendor through your broken world;
Since light awake and life began, You made for us a holy plan.
In blind revolt we would not see That rebel wills wrought death and night.
We seized and used in fear and spite Your wondrous gift of liberty.
We walled us in this house of doom, where death had royal scope and room,
Until your servant, Prince of Peace, Broke down its walls for our release.
You came into our hall of death, O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,
To drink for us the deep despair That strangled our reluctant breath.
How beautiful the feet that trod The road to bring good news from God!
How beautiful the feet that bring Good tidings of our saving king!
O Spirit, who did once restore The church, that it might yet recall
The bringer of good news to all: Breathe on your cloven Church once more,
That in these gray and later days There may be those whose life is praise,
Each life a high doxology Unto the holy Trinity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00) On God Alone My Hope I Build

Felix Mendelssohn

On God alone my hope I build, not in my words confiding;
In God my heart will rest, fulfilled, at home, in grace abiding.
Lord, speak to me your priceless word, my comfort true, my faithful guard:
I trust your constant guiding.

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

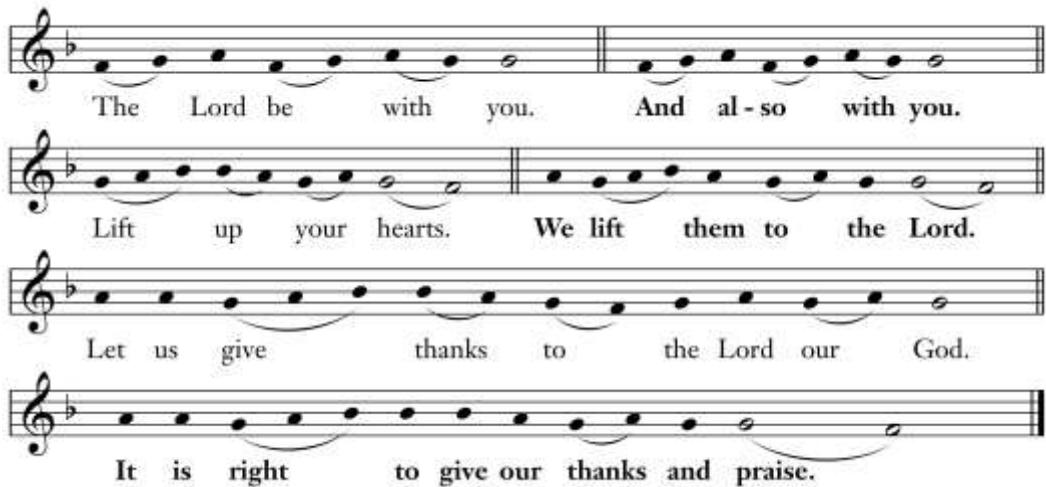
Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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

JESAIA, DEM PROPHETEN

(sung by the choir)

Isaiah in a vision did of old
the Lord of hosts enthroned on high behold,
whose splendid train was wide outspread until
its streaming glory did the temple fill.
Above God's throne the shining seraphim
with sixfold wings did rev'ence unto him.
With two each seraph hid his glorious face,
and two about his feet did interlace,
and with the other two he soared on high,
and one unto another thus did cry:
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts'
His glory filleth all the earth!"
The beams and lintels at their crying shook,
and all the house was filled with billowing smoke.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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.

The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

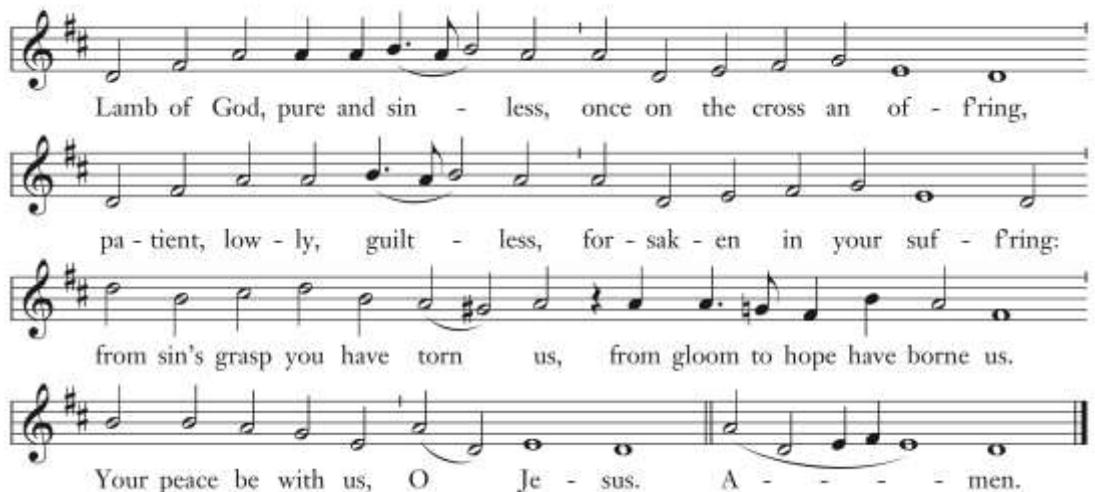
When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI Hymn #357 Lamb of God

O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG



Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - fering,
pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - fering:
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

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

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

HYMN 590 Salvation unto Us Has Come

ES IST DAS HEIL

HYMN 517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ERHALT UNS, HERR

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE O Lord, We Praise Thee

GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET

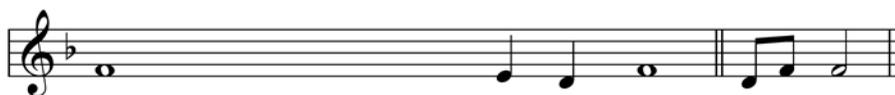
Oh Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -
giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your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

Let us pray.

**O God, we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Ein Feste Burg

Helmut Walcha

Soli Deo Gloria

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Providing Service Today

Bulletin Cover Artist

Ethan Olsen

Acolytes

8:30 Julia Grossnickle and David Johnson

11:00 Ethan Olsen and Zachary Olsen

Crucifers

8:30 Daniel Nolting

11:00 Harrison Hickman

Torch Bearers

8:30 Zane Johnson and Kennedy Weber

11:00 Lucas Bradley and Cassidy Cashion

Banner Bearers

8:30 Aiden Richardson

11:00 Faith Cashion

Offering Bearer

Luke Wollner

Lay Readers

8:30 Barbara Merced

11:00 Linda Martin

Communion Assistants

8:30 Dina Almerini and Nanette Shutt

11:00 Clarence and Jean Dixon

Nursery

8:30 Jill Fowler

SS Mary Lou Leonard

11:00 TBD

Ushers

8:30 Matt Brown, Pat Holland,

David Levine and Steve Lineberger

11:00 Debbie Byorick, Don Eppert,

Carrol Epting and David Kinley

Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters

8:30 Mary Newman and Richardson Boys

11:00 Pat Epting

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Susan Doran

Oblation Bearers

8:30 Claire Ohanessian

11:00 Lara Carter

Assisting Ministers

8:30 Anna Rubino-Schneider

11:00 Don Armitage

Preaching—Vicar Norris

Presiding—Pastor Wollner

Providing Service Next Sunday

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Announcements

WELCOME all who enter the Lord's house this day! We invite you to fill out the Friendship Register found on each pew. If you are visiting Augsburg, please stop by the Visitor Welcoming Table after today's service to pick up a welcome package. The visitor's table is located at the bottom of the ramp leading to the lobby.

The Parament Color for Reformation Sunday is Red, the traditional color for the heroic martyrs of the church. It communicates strength - strength and power the Holy Spirit gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others.

This morning we welcome the following disciples into our congregation: Charlotte del Valle; Jennifer Fain; William Edwards; Leon and Barbara McKusick; Hannah Norem; the Nuffer family, and Paul Wittman.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Dr. C. Ross Ritchie, Jr. and his Baptism day, by the Ritchie Girls.

The bulletins today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frances Lefler by Claire Wynnemer.

Our homebound member is Mrs. Linnea Bagby, 3810 Lakeview Drive, Pfafftown, NC 27040. Please send Linnea a note.

We offer a toddler nursery during the service. If you would like to use the nursery, please ask an usher for directions. The nursery is for children ages newborn to 4.

Cross+Roads will meet Tuesday, October 30 at 7:30 P.M. at Christ's Beloved Community Church, 3205 S. Main St, for a program to learn more about the new ministries happening there. Vicar Emily Norris will tell us about this unique and growing community! The Beloved Food Pantry is in need of several essential items, so bring some of them with you to the meeting. We will start an ongoing item collection at Augsburg soon. Please bring any of the following: paper towels, dish detergent, bar soap, toilet paper, diapers (any size), pull-ups (any size), and feminine hygiene items (any type). The pantry is currently serving about 45 families 2-3 times per month. All Augsburg women & friend are welcome!

All Saints Memorial Eucharist - On Sunday, November 4, at 7:30 P.M., we will be celebrating the lives of loved ones connected to Augsburg who have passed away this year through our annual All Saints service. This year's service will be a Requiem Eucharist accompanied by the beautiful Requiem setting by Gabriel Fauré with a small orchestra. The names of those who have died in the past year will be read. Please invite friends and neighbors to join us for this meaningful service remembering those who have entered the Church Triumphant.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a poinsettia for our Christmas Eve services should include \$12.00 per dedication along with a completed form found in the Narthex. Please drop them in the offering plate or mail back to the church office by Sunday, November 11, in order to have your dedication published in the Christmas bulletin. Checks should be made payable to Augsburg Lutheran Church.

Angel Tree. In keeping with the traditions of both the Christmas season and Augsburg's generous spirit towards community members, the Social Ministry team will be putting up the Angel Tree on November 18th. We invite each member to take an "Angel" and help make Christmas for a family a bit brighter. Monetary donations towards "Angel Tree" are also accepted.

Christmas Pageant is Coming! Augsburg's annual Christmas pageant will be performed during Sunday school on December 9. This year's program is intergenerational and will showcase the many talents of our members. The characters in the play read poems from the perspectives of the Innkeeper, a Shepherd, an Angel, a Wise Man and the Star as they witness the wonder of Christ's birth. We would like to include poems written by our members (children and adults) from the point of view of one of these characters. A power point program will serve as a background to the action. We need drawings and paintings (from children and adults) which depict the following scenes: Mary and Joseph coming to Bethlehem, the manger scene with animals, the angels rejoicing, the shepherds going to the stable, the Wise Men following the star and the baby Jesus being worshipped. If you would like to contribute poetry or art work to the pageant, please email Debbie Byorick at dbyorick@gmail.com or call her at 828-577-1093. Please respond by November 18.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips disciples to provide confidential, one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you—or someone you know—could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please talk with one of our Pastors or Stephen Leaders.

Overflow Shelter Signups for the 2018-19 season are open! Augsburg's shelter will be in operation again every evening from December 1 - March 31. We need volunteers to sign-up for guest reception, goody bags, partial overnight shifts (7:30 P.M. - 12:30 P.M. Sunday-Thursday), full overnight shifts (7:30 P.M. to 7 A.M. Friday-Saturday only) and folks who can prepare dinner (groups such as families, circles, & Sunday school classes work well here) for 30 people every evening. Sign-up directly at <http://signup.com/go/AugsburgOverflow2018>, or contact John Collins (336-408-1519, jhcollins@gmail.com) or Emily Norris (336-971-4897, harkinsemily@gmail.com) if you have questions or need assistance. Additional details on the duties of each position are listed on signup.com. A challenge for this season: Of 121 total nights of shelter, there are only 32 full overnight positions (Friday and Saturday nights) which need to be filled. The overnight slots are always our biggest challenge in securing volunteers for every new season. Can we fill all of these slots on the signup app before the end of the year? Overall, the goal of the Augsburg Social Ministry team and City With Dwellings is to have 75% of all our signups complete prior to December 1 of this year. Please help us out in any way you can!

It's not too early to think about summer camp 2019 at Lutheridge or Lutherock: The earlier you register your children for summer camp, the more you'll save. In fact, in 2017 and 2018 on Black Friday, NovusWay offered a buy one, get one half off for camp registrations. In addition, the Hine Fund will also be able to provide up to \$200 per camper to go towards camp tuition for the 2019 summer camp season. This is what you need to do: 1. Register your children as soon as you can to save on registration fees. Camp prices increase with each passing deadline. 2. Please pay the balance in full, if you're able. If you only want to pay the deposit, that's OK, but DO NOT check the box on their registration screen that says 'bill the church'. 3. Please put a copy of your registration in the Hine Fund box in the church workroom. This registration should indicate the child's name, the week he/she is going to camp, and the amount that you've paid to secure their spot. Please include the parent's name and an email so we can get in touch with you if there are questions. 4. Once the Hine Fund secretary receives your information and it's confirmed with NovusWay, a \$200 check will be mailed to you. 5. NovusWay does have an application for their own camp scholarships for those with financial hardships. More information can be found on their website. If you have applied for this, please indicate that on the paperwork you submit to the Hine Fund, as it could reduce the amount the Hine Fund pays. 6. If for some reason you have to cancel, we do ask that you return the Hine Fund reimbursement to us so we can use it for another camper. If you have any questions, contact Kris Andrews.

Readings for next week: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44.

Worship attendance for services last week: 145 at 8:30; 133 at 11:00, 19 visitors.

Calendar for October 28 – November 4

28 Reformation Sunday

- 8:30a Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
- 9:45a Fellowship Breakfast
(Family Life Center)
- 10:00a Sunday School
- 11:00a Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
- 12:00p Reformation 501
(Family Life Center)
- 3:45p Music Exploration
(Youth Choir Room)
- 4:15p Jubilate Choir Rehearsal
(Youth Choir Room)
- 4:45p Lobchor Rehearsal
(Adult Choir Room)
- 5:45p Youth Group
(Youth Area)

29 Monday

- 6:00p Continue in My Word
(Youth Room)
- 6:00p Adult Handbell Choir
(Handbell Choir Room)
- 7:00p Book Study
(Lounge)

30 Tuesday

- 1:30p Pastor Paul's Bible Study
(Sid Sowers Classroom)

31 Wednesday

- 6:30a Bagels!
- 5:45p Augsburg Cares Speaker Series
(Family Life Center)
- 7:15p Adult Choir II Rehearsal
(Music Suite)

1 Thursday

- 7:30a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
(Family Life Center)
- 10:00a Quilt Ministry
(Youth Area)
- 6:15p Adult Choir I Rehearsal
(Music Suite)

4 All Saints Sunday

- 8:30a Festival Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
- 9:45a Fellowship Breakfast
(Family Life Center)
- 10:00a Sunday School
- 11:00a Festival Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
- 3:45p Music Exploration
(Youth Choir Room)
- 4:15p Jubilate Choir Rehearsal
(Youth Choir Room)
- 4:45p Lobchor Rehearsal
(Adult Choir Room)
- 5:45p Youth Group
(Youth Area)
- 7:30p All Saints Memorial Eucharist
(Sanctuary)