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The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

Welcome, guests! God’s love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from—and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God’s authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

Children’s “My Worship Notes” are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

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The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

June 25 marks the day in 1530 when God-fearing leaders took their stand for the gospel and presented their confession of faith before Emperor Charles V in Augsburg, Germany. Even more than October 31 this day marks the birth of the Lutheran Church. Centered in Christ and focused on the free gift of salvation by grace through faith, the Augsburg Confession continues to shape what we believe, teach, and confess today.

Perhaps even more than Luther’s famous seal, the symbol **VDMA** placed around the cross is considered the symbol of the Lutheran Reformation. The four letters represent the motto **VERBUM DOMINI MANET IN AETERNUM**: The Word of the Lord endures forever.



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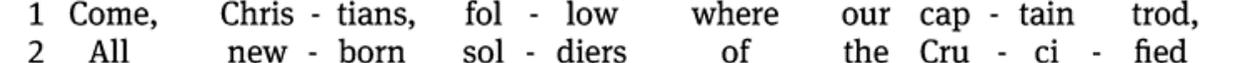
Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim till



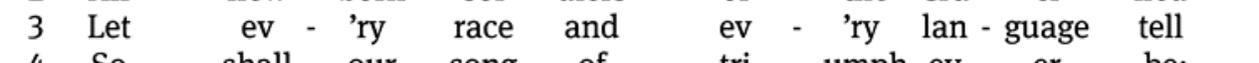
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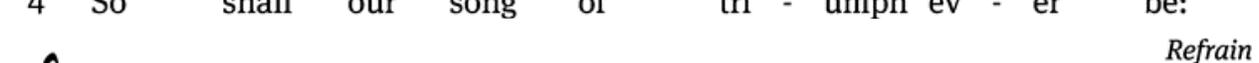
1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,



2 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied



3 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell

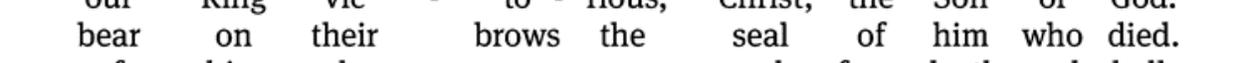


4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

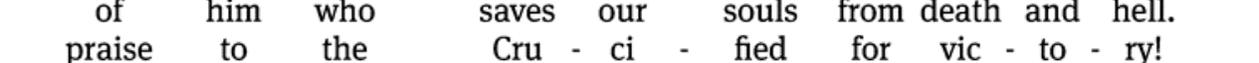
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our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.



bear on their brows the seal of him who died.



of him who saves our souls from death and hell.



praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

INVOCATION

[We invoke, that is, call up on the name of the Triune God, to be present with us through Word and Sacrament. The sign of the cross is made to remind believers of their baptism in the name of the Triune God.]

In the name of the Father and of the Son \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

A Confession of Sin and Grace

from the Augsburg Confession

It is taught among us that since the fall of Adam, all human beings who are born in the natural way are conceived and born in sin. This means that from birth they are full of evil lust and inclination and cannot by nature possess true fear of God and true faith in God.

This original sin is truly sin and condemns to God's eternal wrath all who are not born anew through baptism and the Holy Spirit.

It is taught that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God through our merit, work, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God out of grace for Christ's sake through faith when we believe that Christ has suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us.

For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness in his sight.

Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when he wills, in those who hear the gospel.

SONG OF PRAISE

Lord Jesus Christ, The Church's Head

CWH 861, st. 1-2



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foun-
2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, your name a - lone con -



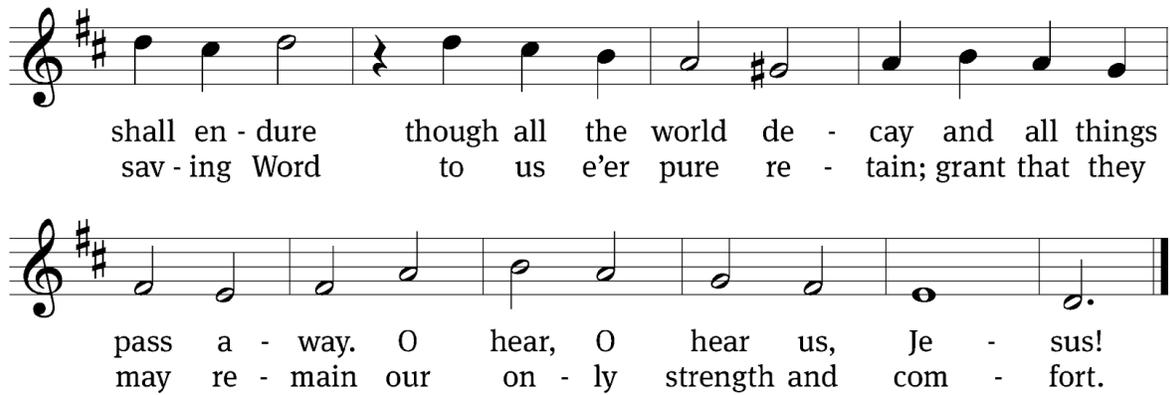
da - tion; in you she trusts, be - fore you bows, and waits for
fess - ing, con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, true u - ni -



your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, your Church
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shall en - dure though all the world de - cay and all things
sav - ing Word to us e'er pure re - tain; grant that they

pass a - way. O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!
may re - main our on - ly strength and com - fort.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[The Prayer of the Day compliments the theme of the day.]

O Lord, favorably receive the prayers of your church, that being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, we may always make a pure confession of your saving truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

[Like Mary, we sit at the feet of Jesus to hear his Word (Luke 10:39).]

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-11

The Lord's Word will achieve its purpose

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119:41-48

May your unfailing love come to me, LORD,
your salvation, according to your promise;

then I can answer anyone who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.

Never take your word of truth from my mouth,
for I have put my hope in your laws.

I will always obey your law,
for ever and ever.

I will walk about in freedom,
for I have sought out your precepts.

I will speak of your statutes before kings
and will not be put to shame,

for I delight in your commands
because I love them.

I reach out for your commands, which I love,
that I may meditate on your decrees.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-17

With your mouth you confess and are saved.

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" ¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

[It has been a tradition in the Christian church to stand for the reading of the gospel for the past 2,000 years. Just as subjects rise when a king speaks, we rise out of respect for the words of our King.]

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CWH 605

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -
 2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 truth at - tends your Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung through ev - 'ry
 Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall

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land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:32-39

Whoever acknowledges Christ is acknowledged before his Father.

³²“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.

³³But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. ³⁴“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn

“ ‘a man against his father,
 a daughter against her mother,
 a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—
³⁶a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

The children are invited to come sit in the front with Pastor Horn.

**The Hymn of the Day is chosen because of its strong connection to the Gospel reading.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide

CWH 641



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, for round us
2 In these last days of sore dis - tress grant us, dear
3 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound! Through-out the
4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold, for we are



falls the e - ven - tide, nor let your Word,
Lord, true stead - fast - ness that pure we keep,
earth no rest is found, and false-hood's spir -
slug - gish, thought - less, cold. O pros - per well



that heav'n-ly light, for us be ev - er veiled in night.
till life is spent, your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.
it wide has spread, and er - ror bold - ly rears its head.
your Word of grace, and spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.

5 O keep us in your Word, we pray;
the guile and rage of Satan stay.
Oh, may your mercy never cease;
give concord, patience, courage, peace.

6 A trusty weapon is your Word,
the Church's armor, shield, and sword.
O let us in its pow'r confide
that we may seek no other guide.

7 O grant that in your holy Word
we here may live and die, dear Lord;
and when our journey's ending here,
receive us into glory there.

*Acknowledge Jesus***CONFESSION OF FAITH****Augsburg Anniversary Creed (taken from Articles I & III of the Confession)**

“We unanimously hold and teach, that there is one divine essence, which is called and which is truly God, and that there are three persons in this one divine essence, equal in power and alike eternal: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. All three are one divine essence, eternal, without division, without end, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness, one creator and preserver of all things visible and invisible...”

“It is also taught among us that God the Son became man, born of the virgin Mary, and that the two natures, divine and human, are so inseparably united in one person that there is one Christ, true God and true man, who was truly born, suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried in order to be a sacrifice not only for original sin but also for all other sins and to propitiate God’s wrath. The same Christ also descended into hell, truly rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, that he may eternally rule and have dominion over all creatures,

“...and that through the Holy Spirit he may sanctify, purify, strengthen, and comfort all who believe in him, that he may bestow on them life and every grace and blessing, and that he may protect and defend them against the devil and against sin. This same Lord Christ will return openly to judge the living and the dead, as stated in the Apostle’s Creed.”

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

[The Prayer for the Church includes prayers for our brothers and sisters in our congregation. Since we belong to something bigger than ourselves, the Christian Church, we pray for the needs and struggles of all God’s people on earth.]

Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sakes you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

When the time had fully come, you raised up your servants, the Lutheran reformers, to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.

Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and re-consecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Brave Hearts Made Bold

Tune CWH 488

**Brave hearts made bold God's truth confessed,
Both life and honor daring;
The apostolic faith expressed,
Before the world declaring
That God is one, yet One in Three,
Coequal in their majesty:
God-Father, Son, and Spirit.**

**God's only Son embraced our shame,
Our tent of flesh assuming;
This guiltless Lord our sin became,
Sin's wage to death Him dooming:
In Pontius Pilate's judgment hall
Bedecked in bloodied, purple pall,
Christ made the good confession.**

**Our full forgiveness Christ has won;
What sinless, selfless dying!
Faith trusts all Jesus Christ has done
His merit, justifying!
His holy, spotless righteousness,
We here believe and here confess;
No work can gain God's favor.**

**O Lord, I love your holy house,
Your glory here is dwelling:
Your law is preached my heart to rouse,
To censure its rebelling;
Your gospel words of truth and grace,
All fears within my heart erase
Glad news of peace, O Jesus!**

**Your steadfast love before my eyes;
Your faithfulness, my blessing!
Your truth I cannot compromise,
Before the world confessing;
For in your Word and Sacrament,
I find my strength and am content
And taste the joy of heaven.**

**Brave hearts, be bold! God's truth confess,
Your life and honor daring;
The apostolic faith express,
By word and deed declaring
The love of God in Christ for all,
That all may heed Love's wedding call
And feast with God forever!**

PRAYER

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

Serving at Worship

Pastor: Paul Horn

Brass: Calliope and Jason Horn, Jacob and Jared Miller

Pianists: Liz Schmidt Sampson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE BASICS CLASS

Looking to learn more about the Bible, God, who you are and where you fit in this world? You need to take Bible Basics!

Sundays at 9:00am

It's not too late to join in this class.

Bible Basics is a 12-lesson course that takes a fair, honest look at the main teachings of Christianity as they are found in the Bible. ***No matter what your religious beliefs or spiritual background, this class is intended for you!***

Before you make up your mind about church or religion, you owe it to yourself to hear what the Bible actually says – about God's love for you, and about his plan for your life. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and explore the Bible in a relaxed, non-judgmental setting. Scheduling is flexible, and we start new classes all the time. If you're interested in hearing more about this class, e-mail Pastor Paul Horn, loginlafayette@gmail.com

AED TRAINING

We are setting up a class for those of you who would like to be trained on the AED that we will be acquiring through Franciscan Health. **We need to have at least five people trained** in its use, but we can train as many people as we want. If you are interested in this training, please contact:

**Liz Schmidt-Sampson via text or call (765-426-6729)
or email: elizabeth.schmidt65@gmail.com.**

We will be selecting a date to host this training once we know who would like to be involved.

FELLOWSHIP TREAT SIGN-UP

After church fellowship treats! You will find a new sign-up sheet on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary if you are so inclined to sign up for a week or two.

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

If you are traveling this summer, check out our Synod's website, **www.wels.net**, to locate a church to attend if your travels find you somewhere other than the Greater Lafayette area on a Sunday morning. Once you get to the website, **click on "Find a Church/School", type in the area to which you will be traveling and you will find a list of nearby churches.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (*1 Timothy 2:1-2*)

Keep in your prayers this week: All those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, emotional hurts or the loss of a loved one; for Liz Schmidt-Sampson and Sophia and Calliope Horn, who will be traveling to Knoxville, TN, this week for the WELS International Youth Rally; for Don Correll who continues treatment after surgery; for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine and all those who are suffering in the war in Ukraine; that God grant peace between Ukraine and Russia as well as between the warring nations in Africa; that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of all those who join us for worship each Sunday; for all those who are suffering from abuse in the home, that they might seek help; that the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Biden, Vice President Harris, and the United State Congress; for the current state of our world, that we remember our God is still in charge and will sustain us and give us what we need; that our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need.