



Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

June 26, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY'S THEME

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 DEI MANET IN AETERUM: The Word of God endures forever.



Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Organist.....Ruth Lee

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son 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.

To obtain such faith God instituted the office of preaching, giving the gospel and the sacraments.

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

861 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

CW 861 sts. 1–2

1 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,
 you are her one foundation;
in you she trusts, before you bows,
 and waits for your salvation.

Built on this rock secure,
your Church shall endure
though all the world decay
and all things pass away.

O hear, O hear us, Jesus!

2 O Lord, let this your little flock,
 your name alone confessing,
continue in your loving care,
 true unity possessing.

Your sacraments, O Lord,
and your saving Word
to us e'er pure retain;
grant that they may remain
 our only strength and comfort.

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The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6–11

Seek the LORD while he can be found! Call on him while he is near! Let the wicked man abandon his way. Let an evil man abandon his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will show him mercy. Let him turn to our God, because he will abundantly pardon. Certainly my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans. Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky, and they do not return there unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so it will be the same with my word that goes forth from my mouth. It will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:41-48

The words "I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame," were quoted on the title page of the Augsburg Confession.

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.

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-17

Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: “The one who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your

heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. For Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. Yes, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!” But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who believed our message?” So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

CW 605

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your Word.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Gospel

Matthew 10:32–39

“Everyone who confesses me before others, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven. “Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I came to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household. “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

641 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

CW 641

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

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.

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

Hymn: Brave Hearts Made Bold

Tune CW 334

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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!

- 5 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.
- 6 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!

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Stand

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.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

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.

874 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

CW 874

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News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Becky Schaffer in celebration of Blessings Received. Thank-you!

Outdoor Service/Church Picnic

Add this wonderful even to your electronic calendar now, with reminders! On August 14th we will have outdoor worship and a church picnic, silent auction, bounce house, games, etc. Different from years past, we will hold the service on our lawn near the shed. Bring your own chairs for worship. Look for sign-up sheets where you can help. More information will come soon this summer but get it on your calendar now!

No Monday Worship

There is no Monday worship for the next two weeks. Pastor will be gone for one of those and the second falls on the Fourth of July. Monday worship will resume on July 11th. Please use the livestream if you are unable to attend worship on Sunday.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are opportunities available to clean and to host fellowship Sunday. Check the signup sheets on the table in the gathering area and see where you can help.

Martin Luther College Congregation Grant Program

MLC, our college which trains Christian teachers and prepares future pastors to attend the Seminary, has a program which matches gifts given to help with tuition for students from the congregation dollar for dollar. The previous limit was up to a thousand dollars but has been increased this year to \$1,200. We have one student from our congregation at MLC, Morgan Glowicki. What this means is that a gift from our congregation members of \$1,200 will be \$2,400 towards her 2022-2023 tuition. If you would like to participate in this program, gifts can be placed in the well in the gathering area. The deadline for the church to submit gifts is July 10. Please make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church

Aluminum Can Recycling

Be sure to bring in your aluminum drink cans (not food cans) to be recycled! Proceeds go towards our Roots Youth Group. Please bring them in plastic bags and place them in the trailer behind the garage.

JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship 9 am Communion 19 Minute Bible Study	4 No Monday Worship	5	6	7 Bible Study 6:30 pm	8	9
10 Worship 9 am Fellowship Sun- day 19 Minute Bible Study	11 Worship 7 pm	12 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	13	14 Bible Study 6:30 pm	15	16
17 Worship 9 am Communion 19 Minute Bible Study	18 Worship 7 pm	19 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	20	21 Bible Study 6:30 pm	22	23
24 Worship 9 am 19 Minute Bible Study	25 Worship 7 pm	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 9 am WELS Conne- ction 19 Minute Bible Study						

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
6/26	9 AM	Zander Kelly	1	Kaitlyn Sparby	Ruth Lee
7/3	9 AM	Cooper Kalal	2	Alycin Glowicki	-
7/10	9 AM	Ryan Bertrang	3	Taylor Elsenpeter	-

July Altar Guild	July Cleaners
Dianne Jabs/Lynn Sorenson	The Elsenpeters
July Counters	Summer Service Group Leader
-	Dennis and Cheryl Schlicht
August Altar Guild	August Counters
Donna Breeggemann/Janet Robling	-

Attendance		Gifts To Our Lord	
Sunday	76	Received	Needed
Monday	N/A	Current	\$1343 \$3834
Total	76	Give Plus Online	\$1116
		Total	\$2459 \$3834



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