

AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026 9:00 AM

"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord's Table

PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

C: We will not fear, for God is with us!

P: We gather today to celebrate God's grace, a gift freely given through Jesus Christ.

C: We are saved by grace through faith!

P: God continues to renew and reform the church, call us to lives of faith and service.

C: May our hearts be open to God's transforming love!

P: Come, let us worship God who makes all things new!

C: Thanks be to God! Amen!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who calls us by grace, renews us in faith, and sets us free in Christ. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

C: Merciful God, we confess that we have fallen short of your calling. We trust in ourselves more than your promises. WE resist change, hold on to fear, and fail to love as you have loved us. Forgive us, renew us, and help us live boldly in your grace. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! We are saved not by our own works, but by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are made new and set free to love and serve. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"My Lighthouse"

See Insert

INTRO

$\text{♩} = 110$ C

The musical notation for the Intro is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. It consists of two measures of whole rests.

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 110$ C

The musical notation for the Verse is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. It consists of four measures: the first measure has a whole note, the second has a half note, the third has a half note, and the fourth has a whole note. The notes are G4, A4, B4, and C5 respectively.

1. In my wres - tling, and in my doubts,
2. In the si - lence, You won't let go.
3. I won't fear what to - mor - row brings.

5 F2 C Gsus C F2 C

in my fail - ures, You won't walk out. Your great love will lead me through;
 In the ques - tions, Your truth will hold. Your great love will lead me through;
 With each morn - ing, I'll rise and sing. My God's love will lead me through;

9 F2 C/E Gsus C F2 C/E Gsus

You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou - bled
 You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou - bled
 You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou - bled

CHORUS

13 C 1 2, 3 F2 C Am7 Gsus

sea. My Light - house, my Light - house
 sea.
 sea.

18 F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C

shin - ing in the dark - ness, I will fol - low You! Oh, my Light - house,

21 Am7 Gsus F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C

my Light - house, I will trust the prom - ise: You will car - ry me safe to shore,

25 G F2 C G F2 C G

safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to

BRIDGE

30 C D.S. F2 C Am7 G

shore. Fire be - fore us, You're the bright - est.

35 F2 C Am7 G Am7 G Am7 G

You will lead us through the storms. through the storms. Hey! through the storms.

39 F2 C Am7 G F2 C Am7 G
Fire be - fore us, You're the bright - est. You will lead us through the storms.

CHORUS

F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C
My Light - house, my Light - house shin - ing in the dark - ness,

46 Am7 Gsus F2 C Am7 Gsus
I will fol - low You! Oh, my Light - house, my Light - house,

49 F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C
I will trust the prom - ise: You will car - ry me safe to shore,

52 G F2 C G F2 C G
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to

57 C
shore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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. L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold 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.”**

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

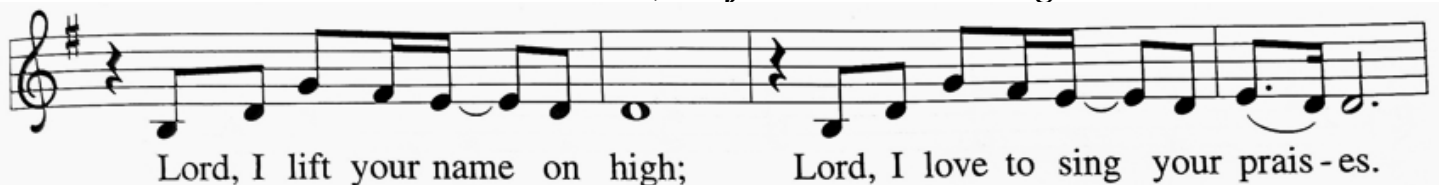
¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

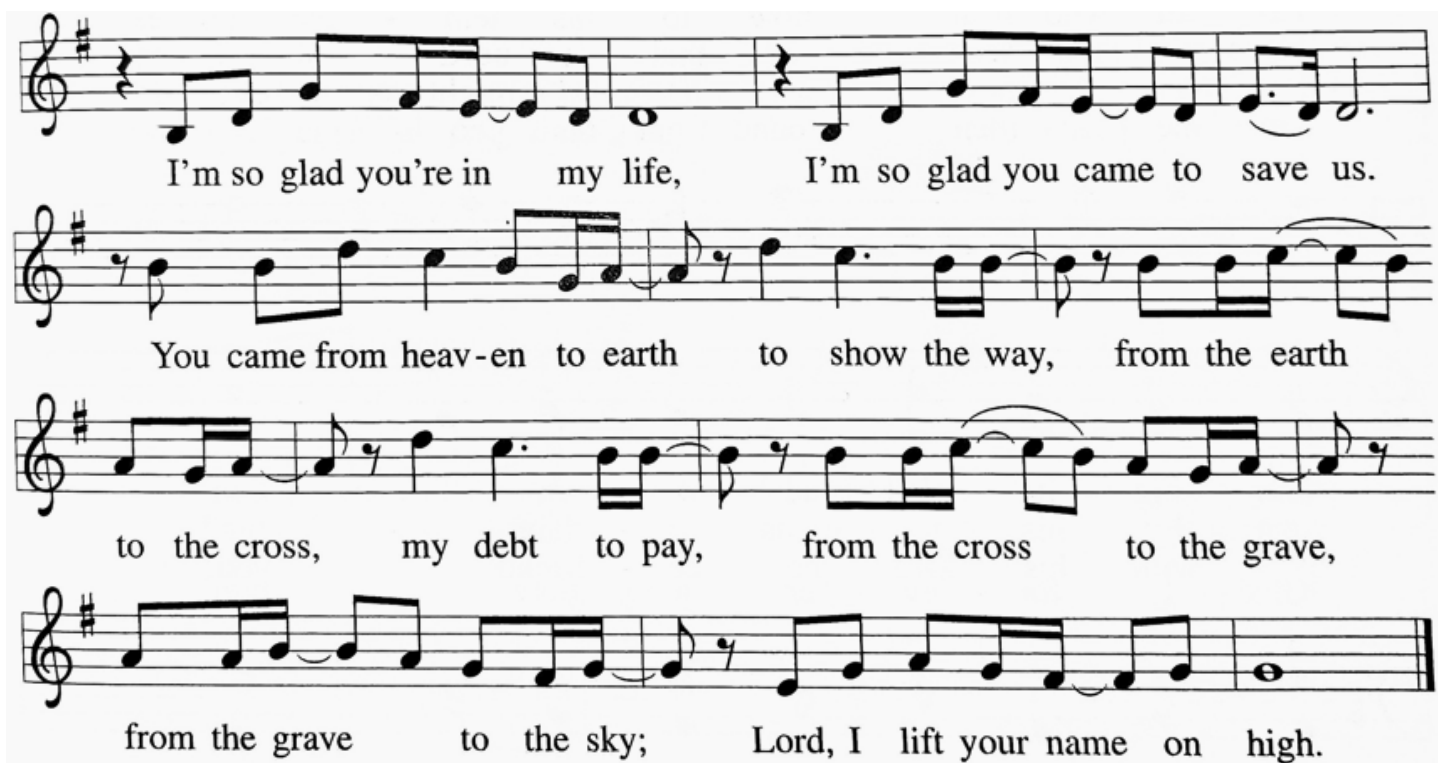
L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW #857





I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 8th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ 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'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

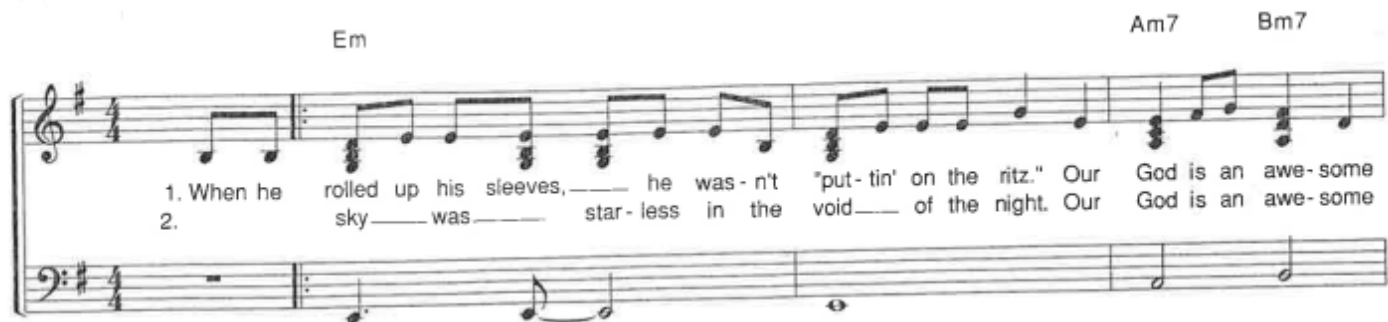
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Awesome God"

See Insert



Em Am7 Bm7

1. When he rolled up his sleeves, he was - n't "put - tin" on the ritz." Our God is an awe - some
2. sky was star - less in the void of the night. Our God is an awe - some

Em

God! There is light - ning in his foot - steps and thun - der in his fist. Our
God! He spoke in - to the dark - ness and cre - ted all the light. Our

Am7

Bm7

Em

Am

God is an awe - some God! And the Lord he was - n't jo - kin' when he kicked 'em out of E - den; It
God is an awe - some God! Judg - ment and wrath he poured out on So - dom;

Bm

C

Am

was - n't for no rea - son that he shed his blood. His re - turn is ve - ry soon, so you bet - ter be be - lie - vin' that our
mer - cy and grace he gave us at the cross. I hope that we have not too quick - ly for - got - ten that our

Am7

Bm7

Em

C

G

D

Em

G/D

God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God; he reigns from hea - ven a - bove with
God is an awe - some God!

C

G

Am

Bm

Em

C

wis - dom pow'r and love, our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an

awe-some God; he reigns from hea-ven a-bove with wis-dom pow'r and love, our God is an awe-some

God! And when the God. Our God is an awe-some God! Our God is an awe-some God.

APOSTLE'S CREED

ACS p 17-18

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.

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your Mercy . . .

C: Hear our Prayer

Prayer Concerns: *Francey Anderson, Carol Ann Ros, Dean Hoffman, Audrey Steinle, Jaymi Dader, Mike Menssen, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, and Emma Overson*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

"Little Lamb"

Augustana Choir

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, all that we have is a gift of your grace. Bless these offerings and use them to share your love, strengthen your church, and serve our neighbors. Continue to renew us in faith and guide us in your work in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

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HOLY COMMUNION

Here at Augustana we are committed to the inclusion of all God's people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Words of Institution

Left Column, ACS p 21 A

Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.
Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

ACS p 24

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

ACS p 27

Let us pray... **O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the**

cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress"

ELW #504

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

DISMISSAL **P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

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Activities this week: October 26 – November 1

- Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group
- Tuesday 10:30 am – Devotions at Brandt Ridge
- 11:00 am – Devotions at Pleasant view
- 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
- Wednesday 6:00 pm – (A) ROAR / Confirmation
- Saturday Reformation Day / Halloween
- Sunday All Saints Day
- 9:00 am – (A) Communion Worship
- 10:00 am – (A) Coffee Hour
- 10:30 am – (E) Communion Worship
- 1:15 pm – Worship at Pleasant View
- 2:00 pm – Worship at Brandt Ridge

Church Announcements

- ✝ **Noisy Offering today goes to the Watonwan County Food Shelf.**
- ✝ **Congratulations** to big brother **Dryden**, and parents **Andrew and Margo Spang** on the birth of their baby girl, Edyth Juleann Spang, born on October 14th, 2026, at 2:15 am weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces and 19 inches long.
- ✝ Pastor Mandy is **looking for old Magazines** for Confirmation students to make collages. If you have any, please place them in the fireside room.
- ✝ **ROAR & Confirmation is Wed., Oct. 28th at 6 pm at Augustana.**
- ✝ Join us for a special time of remembrance as we gather **Monday, Nov. 2nd, All Soul's Day**, to remember the beloved saints who have gone before us at Mt. Hope Cemetery at 9:30 am and 10:30 am at East Sveadahl Cemetery. There will be a short liturgy and prayer followed by a time to share stories. Bring a coffee cup and a story to share as we give thanks and celebrate the saints who will always be a part of our story.
- ✝ Come join us **Tuesday, November 3rd** for the Augustana Churchmen's Annual all you can eat **Pancake Supper** from 4:30 – 7 pm. Free Will donation!
- ✝ **Join us for a fun Joint worship service at the Eagles on Sunday, November 15th at 10:30 am**, lunch to follow worship & the Vikings game!! You're invited to wear your purple!! All are welcome!! We are bringing church out into the community and meeting people where they are at. "And He said to them, "Go out into the world and proclaim the good news!"'" (Mark 16:15). Come and praise God with us and stay for the game!
- ✝ AES's **Turkey supper is Wednesday, November 18th** from 5-7 pm. **Tickets are now available** for \$10 each from AES Youth in grades 7-12, Sandy Berg, or the church office. Come join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship with us! Tickets must be purchased in advanced! Tickets on sale from October 4th – November 8.
- ✝ **Donations to Operation Christmas Child Boxes** have filled 48 boxes! Now donations or sponsors are needed for the shipping expenses. Shipping for each box costs \$10. Contact Rita if you can help! Send off Sunday is November 22nd.