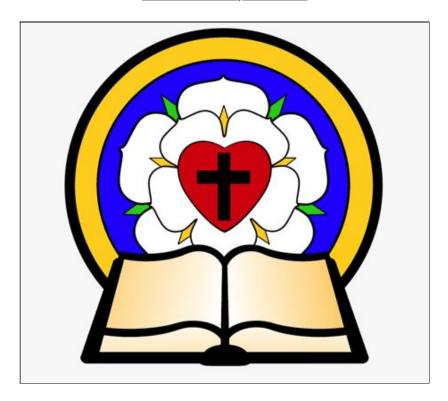
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Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park and Lutheran Campus Ministry

October 25, 2020

Reformation Sunday Online Service

Augustana is worshiping in-person every Sunday morning at 9:30. This will continue as long as Chicago remains in Phase Four of Illinois' reopening plan. There is no singing at our in-person services and all communal responses are in sign language, but the fellowship of our siblings in Christ is a balm to every weary soul.

If you would prefer to worship online, you can find the link to our YouTube worship channel <u>on our website</u>. The video is available when in-person services begin, at 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

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The Prayer of the Day

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings of the Day

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible, Jeremiah 31:31-34

defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.



Psalm 46

¹God is our ref- | uge 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 cit- | y 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.

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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 ex- | alted in the earth."
 11The Lord of | hosts is with us;
 the God of | Jacob is our stronghold.

A Reading from the Letters of Paul: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They 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'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Hymn of the Day: ELW 503 - A Mighty Fortress is our God

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Phil Hefner, hospitalized with an infection
Lydia Garcia, daughter of Sandy Henley, diagnosed with cancer
Neva Hefner, undergoing tests for possible breast cancer
Heva, from the HP Refugee Project, undergoing cancer treatment
Caleb Tompsett, grandson of Bill and Chris, undergoing chemotherapy
Floyd Rueger, friend of Padraig McGuire & Nancy Goede, undergoing
chemotherapy

David Mueller, friend of Judy Merritt-Morgan, undergoing cancer treatment

Amy Dennis, friend of Shelley Barnard, beginning treatment for leukemia

Allison, friend of Richard Krull, diagnosed with ovarian cancer Mark van Scharrel, husband of Pastor Julie Ryan, advanced cancer Shelley Barnard, ongoing chemotherapy

Anu, Smitha Gunthoti's cousin, late-stage cancer

Melvin, friend of JoRachel Pierce, battling cancer

Kathy, friend of Robin Mitchell, hospitalized due to mental illness Zoe Johnson, great-niece of JoRachel Pierce, abdominal surgery Wilbur Hines, friend of Cassandra Guice, recovering from a surgery that went poorly

Carol Hollar, friend of Pat Chromy, in hospice, suffering from Alzheimer's disease

Paulette Williams, friend of JoRachel Pierce, hospitalized with respiratory problems

Fred Nielsen, brother-in-law of JoRachel Pierce, ongoing health concerns

Tenna Pierce, sister-in-law of JoRachel Pierce, respiratory problems Edgar Guice, brother of Cassandra, ongoing heart problems Victor Glover, brother-in-law of Cassandra Guice, heart issues

The homeless and those who are food insecure
Victims and survivors of domestic abuse
Those who struggle with substance abuse
Those who are in danger of fire or hurricanes
The families of those unjustly killed by law enforcement officers

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Other health care workers and researchers beloved by members of our community: Jefree Schulte, Deb Burnet, Kimi, Jenny, Ashley, Thomas, and Kevin Rist.

Please do not hesitate to <u>email the office</u> with any prayer requests that you would like included next week. Alternately, you can attend the Zoom prayer meeting at 2:00 on Saturday afternoon to lift up your prayers there.

Please share the peace and make an offering

Did you know that sharing the peace is meant to reconcile us before we share the Holy Supper? We can't do that in person right now, but we can the rest of the week. Please take time soon to call or email someone. It helps build community and keeps us strong.

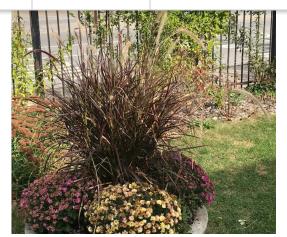
At the end of worship, please remember to make an offering. The people we employ depend on your generosity during this difficult time. You can arrange an <u>ongoing electronic offering through our website</u>. Setting up a free <u>PayPal</u> account allows you to make an offering of any size with a debit or credit card; the email address you need is treasurer@augustanahydepark.org. You can, of course, also send a check to Augustana, 5500 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL, 60637.

While we all miss the beautiful interior of our beloved church, we can still enjoy nature's extravagant beautification of the exterior.













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