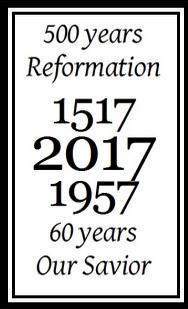




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Third Sunday after Pentecost

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession



SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Rev. John M. Young, Pastor

Welcome, Guests! *This is the handout you need to follow along during the service. There is more information for you (including our practice regarding Holy Communion) in the other handout you received, the "OSLC Messenger."*

About the Cover: *God's creation is most important to Him. He created us and all things by His powerful Word and abundant love, placing mankind at the head of His creation. We are His gem, created in His image, with the rest of the creation serving our good. And even after sin entered the world, God did not abandon His creation. He sent His Son into the fallen world to redeem and save us and, even now, orders all creation for the good of His people.*

Altar Flowers *to God's glory by the Giangaspros in loving memory of Tom Henrich.*

Key:

▲ = We Stand

⒫ Pastor's Part

▼ = We Sit

Ⓒ Congregation's Part

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ask an usher.**

Preparation & Praise

Welcome

Please be sure cell phones are silenced.

Organ Prelude

▲ **Opening Hymn #279**
"O Word of God Incarnate"

Invocation

(Calling upon God in Remembrance of our Baptism)

⒫ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Ⓒ Amen.

Confession and Absolution

(Acknowledging Our Need and Receiving God's Forgiveness)

⒫ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

Ⓒ **O Lord, who could stand?**

⒫ But with You there is forgiveness,

Ⓒ **therefore You are feared.**

⒫ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Ⓒ **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

⒫ 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 servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn of Praise

(#399)

1. **To God be the glory; great things He has done!
He so loved the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

**Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the
Son**

**And give Him the glory — great things He
has done!**

2. **Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of
blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

[Refrain]

3. **Great things He has taught us, great things
He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.**

[Refrain]

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

P O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Announcements

Please fill out a "Connection Card" if you are a first-time guest, or if you have a prayer request, change of address, or other information for Pastor or the church office. Hand it in during the offering later in the service.

Word

Old Testament Reading

P The Old Testament Reading appointed for the Third Sunday after Pentecost is from Jeremiah chapter 20.

⁷O LORD, You have deceived me, and I was deceived; You are stronger than I, and You have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention Him, or speak any more in His name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see Your vengeance upon them, for to You have I committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the

LORD; praise the LORD! For He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 91

(CW page 100)



C Keep me, keep me as the ap-ple of Your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of Your wings.

Choir/Cantor:

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will rest in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

I will say | of the LORD,*

"He is my refuge and my fortress, my
God in | whom I trust."

C Keep me, keep me as the apple of Your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Your
wings.

You will not fear the terror | of the night,*
nor the arrow that | flies by day.

If you make the Most High your | dwelling,*
then no harm will befall you, no disaster
will come | near your tent.

For He will command His
angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways;
they will lift you up | in their hands,*
so that you will not strike your
foot a- | gainst a stone.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit.

As it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

C Keep me, keep me as the apple of Your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Your
wings.

Epistle Reading (A Letter to the Church)

P The Epistle Reading is from Romans 6.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

▲ **Responsory**

Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28

- P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Amen. Speak to us, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel

(The Good News of the Words and Deeds of Jesus)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.
- C** **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ...

²¹“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a servant above the master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the servant like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²So everyone who acknowledges Me before others, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven,

³³but whoever denies Me before others, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

Apostles’ Creed

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

▲

And 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

OSLC Mission Statement

- P** “Centered on God’s Word and Sacraments in Christ,
- C** **we share His Truth and His Love among ourselves and with the world.”**

▼ **Children’s Sermon**

Children may come forward for a special message from Pastor!

Hymn of the Day **#538**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Sermon

“Confession of Faith: The Creed”

Third in a Sermon Series on Worship

Response

Gathering of Our Offerings

Place your “Connection Card,” if applicable, in the offering plate; prayer requests should be handed directly to an usher.

▲ **Hymn of Prayer** **#398**

“Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults”

Kyrie Eleison

(“Lord, Have Mercy” — an ancient prayer of the Church)

- P** Kyrie eleison
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Christe eleison
- C** **Christ, have mercy.**
- P** Kyrie eleison
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

Prayers

- P** *(each prayer ends:)* ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

This week’s special prayers are listed on the green insert; please use this list throughout the week ahead to remember those individuals in prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

▼ **Installation and Recognition of New and Returning Council Members**

▲ **Benediction** *(A Final Blessing)*

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Passing the Peace

(Greet those near you with the words, “The peace of the Lord be with you.” Remember that others may be shy about reaching out.)

Closing Hymn **#576**

“Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word” [tune of #226]

Dismissal in Peace

- P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

Organ Postlude

For Next Weekend: July 1–2, 2017
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, 5:30 P.M. — Traditional Worship
Sunday, 8:20 A.M. — Traditional Communion
Sunday, 9:45 A.M. — Contemporary Worship
Sunday, 11:10 A.M. — Traditional Communion

<i>Appointed Scripture</i>	Jeremiah 28:5–9
<i>Readings from the</i>	Romans 7:1–13
<i>Lectionary:</i>	Matthew 10:34–42
	Psalm 119

The Augsburg Confession

Lutheran beliefs are summed up in a document called the Augsburg Confession, which was presented in the German city of Augusburg on June 25, 1530. The complete text can be found in the “Book of Concord” (available in our church library) or online at:

<http://bookofconcord.org/augsburgconfession.php>

Below is a brief description of each of the 28 “articles” of faith:

Article 1: God. The true God is “triune” (three-in-one), existing as three Persons (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) in one divine Essence.

Article 2: Original Sin. All human beings are born separated from God by their sin and must be saved.

Article 3: The Son of God. Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Trinity and the son of the Virgin Mary, so He is both fully God and fully human. He suffered and died on the cross to take away all sin, and He rose again to life and ascended to heaven. He will return one day in judgment.

Article 4: Justification. We are not justified (made righteous) by anything we do, but only what Jesus Christ has done for us, which is received through faith.

Article 5: The Ministry. Faith comes through the Word of God (the Bible, the Gospel) and through the Sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion).

Article 6: The New Obedience. We are to obey the Law of God and do good works, but not to earn salvation, rather because it is God’s will for our lives.

Article 7: The Church. The church is not a building or an organization, but rather the assembly of believers gathered around Word and Sacrament.

Article 8: What the Church Is. The authority of the church does not depend on the holiness of ministers but on the Word of God and Christ’s institution of the Sacraments.

Article 9: Baptism. Baptism is our entrance into God’s kingdom and is not to be denied to infants and children.

Article 10: The Lord’s Supper. The body and blood of Christ are truly present in the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion), which nourishes our faith.

Article 11: Confession. The emphasis on confession is not listing all sins but the assurance of forgiveness (absolution).

Article 12: Repentance. It is possible for sins committed after baptism to be forgiven when there is contrition (sorrow over sin) and faith (trusting God’s promise). Good works are the result of repentance, not the cause of forgiveness.

Article 13: Use of the Sacraments. Sacraments do not work merely by an outward act, but they are effective when combined with faith.

Article 14: Public Ministry. Only called and ordained pastors should preach and administer the sacraments.

Article 15: Church Traditions. We observe as many church traditions as we can (ensuring they do not contradict Scripture), but not to earn forgiveness or merit anything from God.

Article 16: Civil Affairs. It is acceptable to be involved in the secular world (including government, etc.), unlike some denominations who say otherwise.

Article 17: Christ’s Return to Judgment. All people will be raised on the Last Day when Christ returns; those whose sins are forgiven will receive eternal life and everlasting joys, while those who are un-

repentant will be condemned to be tormented without end.

Article 18: Free Will. Human beings have free will in certain matters concerning this life, but we are not free to choose eternal salvation until the Holy Spirit regenerates us.

Article 19: The Cause of Sin. God created us but is not responsible for our sinfulness.

Article 20: Good Works. It is necessary to do good works, but “good works” are best understood as following the Ten Commandments in showing love for God and for our neighbor, not in performing invented rites and rituals which have an appearance of “holiness.”

Article 21: The Worship of the Saints. The memory of saints may be set before us to follow their faith and good works, but not to pray to them or ask their help.

(The first 21 articles were intended to show that Lutheran doctrine is in line with what the Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed. The remaining articles were grouped under a heading of “Abuses Which Have Been Corrected.”)

Article 22: Both Kinds in the Sacrament. Lay people receive both the body (bread) and blood (wine) of Christ in Holy Communion.

Article 23: The Marriage of Clergy. Lutheran pastors may be married.

Article 24: The Mass. We generally follow the liturgical order of worship that has been handed down through the centuries, but we are careful not to give the idea that Christ is being “re-sacrificed” in Holy Communion.

Article 25: Confession. Confession is retained because it provides the opportunity for absolution, but listing all one’s sins is not necessary.

Article 26: The Distinction of Foods. We do not require fasting or avoiding certain foods, as though such fasting were commanded by God or brought us closer to Him. (Fasting can be an important spiritual exercise, but those who do not fast cannot be told they are doing anything wrong.)

Article 27: Monastic Vows. We believe that a Christian can serve God equally well in whatever calling (“vocation”) he or she has in life, and there is nothing “holier” about being a monk or a nun. (In addition, at the time of the Augsburg Confession, there were numerous abuses, including holding young people to vows that they had been compelled to make at a very early age, which are repudiated here.)

Article 28: The Power of Bishops. Bishops may hold ecclesiastical (“churchly”) power, but they do not have any secular (“worldly”) power by divine right. (This article also addresses many 16th-century abuses.)