

# Presentation of the Augsburg Confession

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### First Lesson

#### Isaiah 55:6-11

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he can be found!

Call on him while he is near!

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>Certainly my plans are not your plans,  
and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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,

<sup>11</sup>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.

### Second Lesson

#### Romans 10:5-17

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: “The one who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>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) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>Yes, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>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? <sup>15</sup>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!”

<sup>16</sup>But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who believed our message?” <sup>17</sup>So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

## Gospel

### Matthew 10:32–39

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone who confesses me before others, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup>But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.

<sup>37</sup>“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. <sup>38</sup>Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

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