

Welcome to worship on these summer Sundays after Pentecost. Hospitality and hosting are major themes throughout the summer Bible readings which align with our personal experiences of hosting guests and being a guest, revealing power dynamics in offering and receiving hospitality. What can it mean that God chooses to act in the role of guest and calls on believers to do the same? Through these stories, we are challenged to embrace Jesus' broad definition of neighbor beyond our inclinations to categorize insiders and outsiders. Alongside summer's natural abundance, our new life in Christ transforms us too!

Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date.

WiFi use: All the bandwidth possible is needed to livestream the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please turn your cell phone off, turn off the WiFi, or put it in airplane mode while the service is going on. Thank you!

Prelude • "Serenade" –Derek Bourgeois Harmonic Ketones Flute Quartet

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✤ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

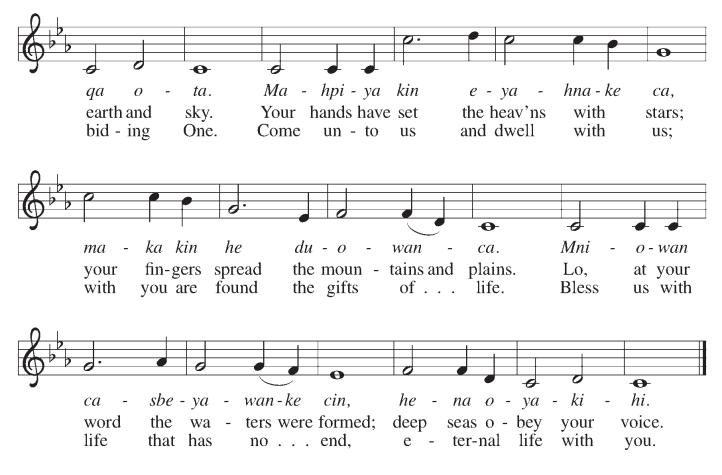
Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✤ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn • ELW 837: Many and Great, O God

10:30 a.m. Please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.

We celebrate and sing with Christians here and around the world in all of our languages of faith.

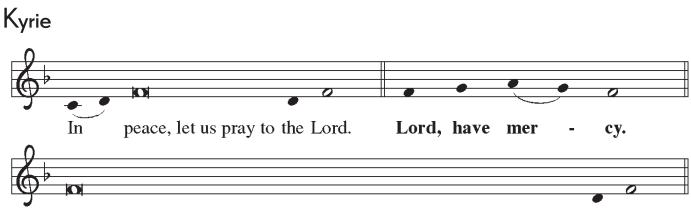




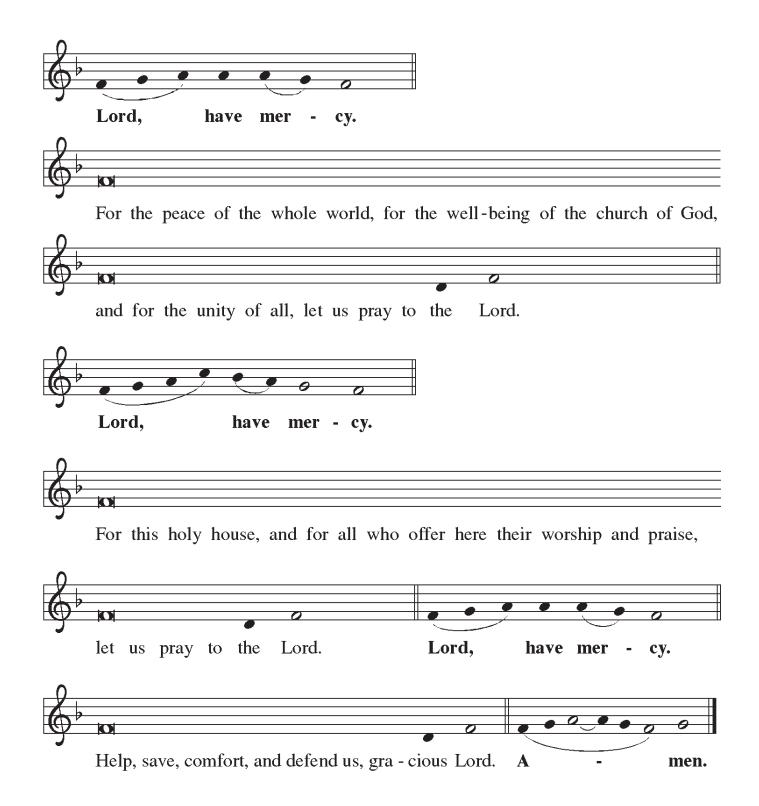
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.







Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading Genesis 15:1–6

A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. The word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm • Psalm 33:12–22

Read responsively.

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
¹³The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
¹⁵God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds. ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
¹⁷The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.
¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
¹⁹to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.
²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
²¹Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading • Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Gospel • Luke 12:32–40

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.** [Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

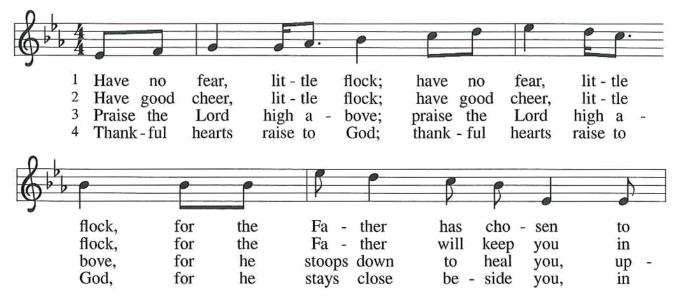
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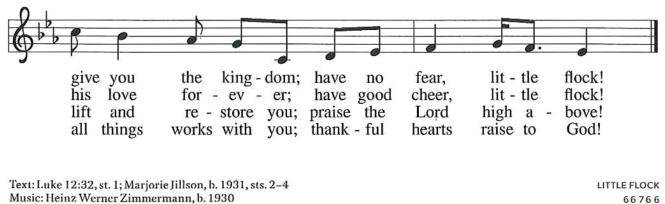
Children's Sermon + 10:30 a.m.



The assembly stands.







Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

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Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** You may share a sign of peace with the peace sign or a wave or a hand over your heart.

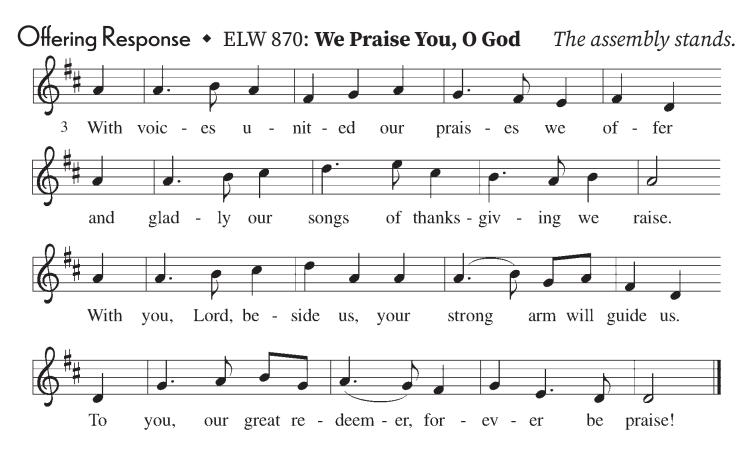
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Offering

Livestream technology has made it possible for those at home and others across the country to be part of Augustana's Sunday worship and to participate in memorial services and weddings. Our giving made this outreach possible.

> "Thou Art God" -Lonel Bourne Caleb Meyerhoff, soloist Thou art the peace of all things calm, thou art the place to hide from harm, thou art the light that shines in dark, thou art the heart's eternal spark, thou art the door that's open wide, thou are the guest who waits inside, thou art the stranger at the door, thou art the calling of the poor. Thou art peace, thou art calm, thou art my love, thou art my Lord and with me still, thou art my love, keep me from ill, thou art the light, the truth, the way. Thou art my Savior this day, thou art my Savior this very day.

-David Adam

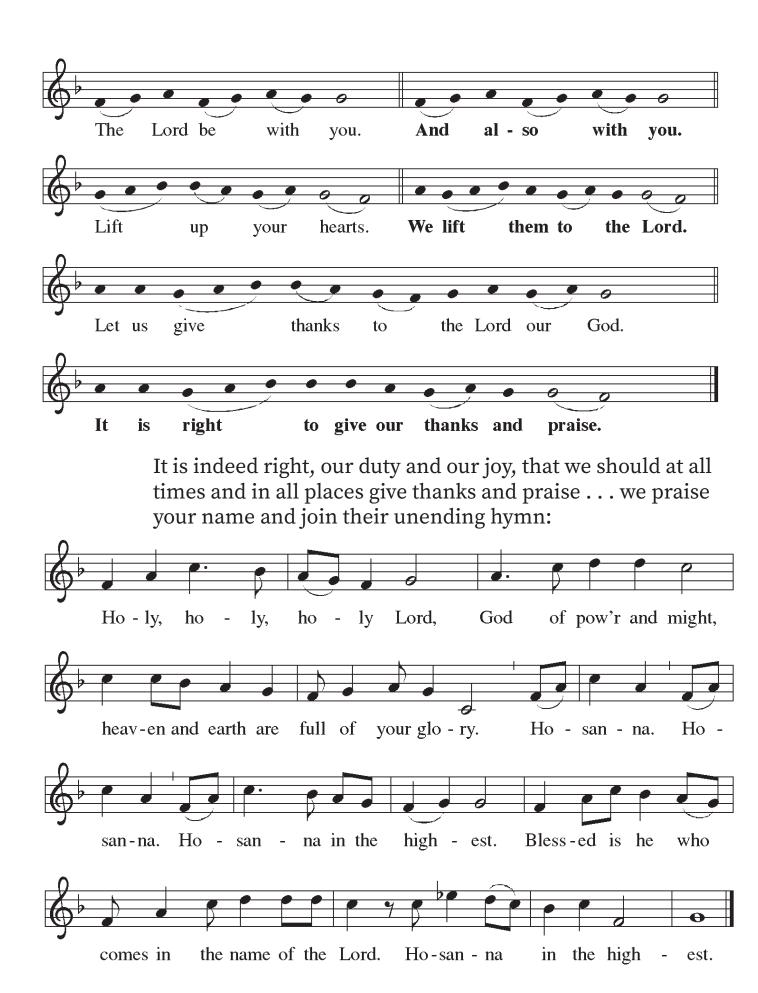


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Offering Prayer

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



Eucharistic Prayer

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this world. 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. O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us with this meal for our journey.

Amen, and amen.

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Lord's Prayer

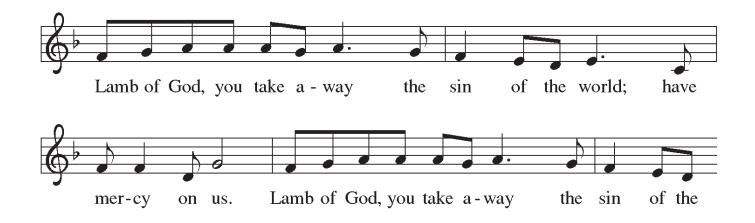
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

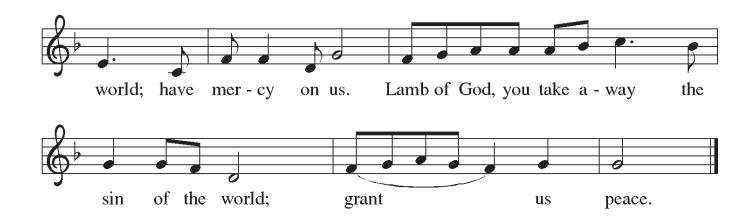
Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning. We share this meal with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in this sacrament. All the bread used is gluten-free, and both wine and grape juice are available in the tray of glasses. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms when you come forward.(If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home.)

If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of God.





"Javea" from *Divertimento* –Raymond Guiot "Menuetto" from *Trio in D Major* –Ludwig van Beethoven Harmonic Ketones Flute Quartet

Blessing after Communion

The assembly stands.

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

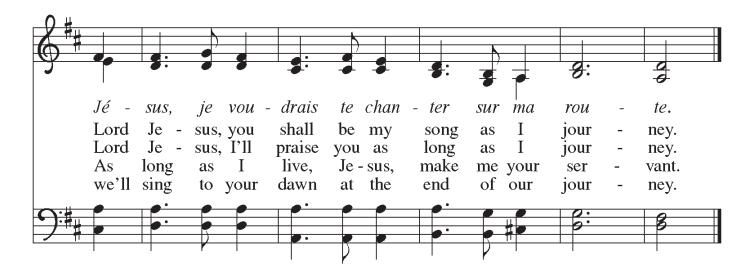
Blessing The God of love, ♥ grace, and peace, sustain you on the path of life this day and always. Amen.

Sending Hymn • ELW 808: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

10:30 a.m. Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.

The soloist will sing the first stanza in French and then the assembly will sing stanzas 2–4.





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Dismissal Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Festival" –W. Brandt Harmonic Ketones Flute Quartet You are welcome to come up to the chancel and sit by the flute quartet during the postlude.

> **Flowers** for worship are given in memory of Viola Munson by her granddaughters, Karen Yeager and Debbie Dorn, and in thanksgiving to God for love and family by Judy Kessenich.

Candles for the Christ Chapel altar lamp this month are given in memory of Viola Munson by her granddaughter, Karen Yeager.



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God's work. Our hands.

Welcome!

- How good to have you here! Thanks for signing the worship registration slip and placing it in the offering plate.
- Large-print copies of the service bulletin are available from Augustana's ushers.
- Children are welcome in worship! Children's bulletins and crayons are available on Augustana's entrance tables. Just outside of Christ Chapel and on either side of the sanctuary there are activity bags for children. Please return the bags when worship is finished. Childcare is available in the nursery for newborns through children age 5, and the Cozy Corner is available to parents at the west sanctuary entrance. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom and in the family bathroom on this floor.
- For a copy of this morning's sermon, inquire in Augustana's office.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the <u>Giving page at Augustana's</u> <u>website, www.augustanadenver.org</u>. You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Restrooms are located downstairs beneath the west entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.
- An elevator is available at the Fairfax Street entrance.

- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.
- The Ammerman Library is open and staffed every Sunday.
- Please make sure your cell phones are silenced during worship.
- Parents, for the safety and well-being of all our children, we ask that you attend your children at all times.
- If you would like to leave your bulletin for recycling, please place it at the end of the pew.

Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

Worship

- Worship in person at 8 a.m. in Christ Chapel or at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- Join Augustana on our Facebook page or YouTube channel for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website (www. augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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