



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday
October 23, 2022 | 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1

Augustana
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*Each Sunday we hear the Good News of God's love for us in Christ. We experience it in the music we sing, God's word that we hear, and in the celebration of the sacraments. God's **Grace in Action** is what we've been exploring during this fall Stewardship campaign. Today we bring our financial commitments as a response to the grace and love we have already received. Through our giving, others experience God's grace in our congregation, our community, and around the world.*

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 ♦ "Bwana Awabariki" ("May God Grant You a Blessing")
–traditional Swahili/arr. Susan Nelson
Augustana Ringers

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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

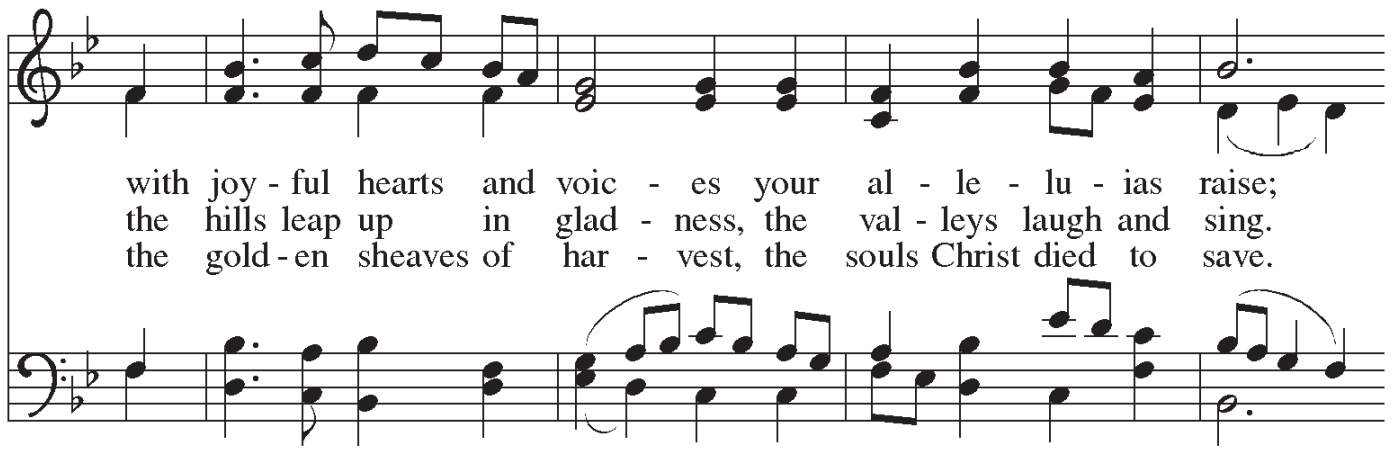
Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 694: **Sing to the Lord of Harvest**

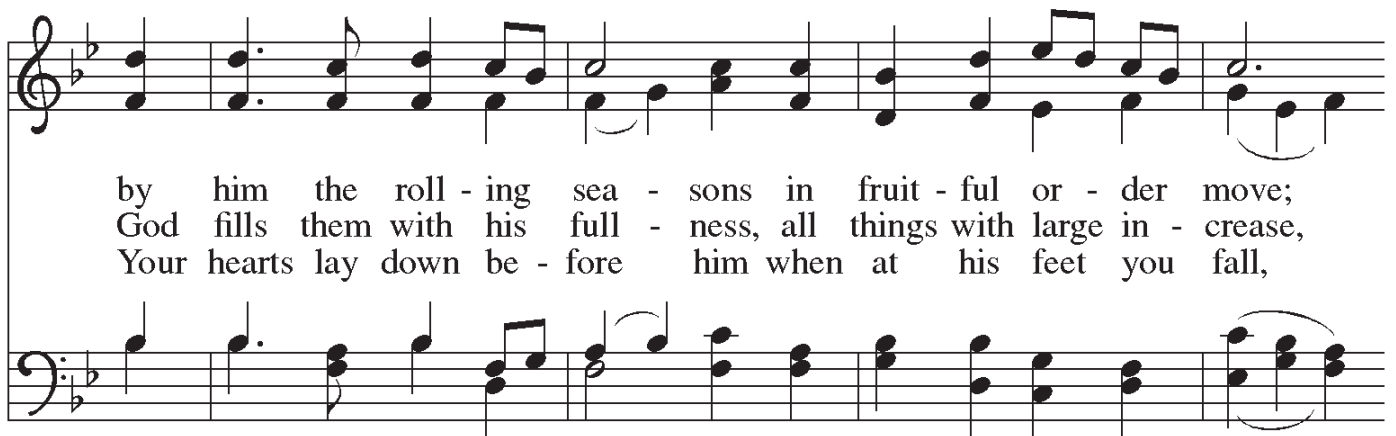
WIE LIEBLICH DER MAIEN

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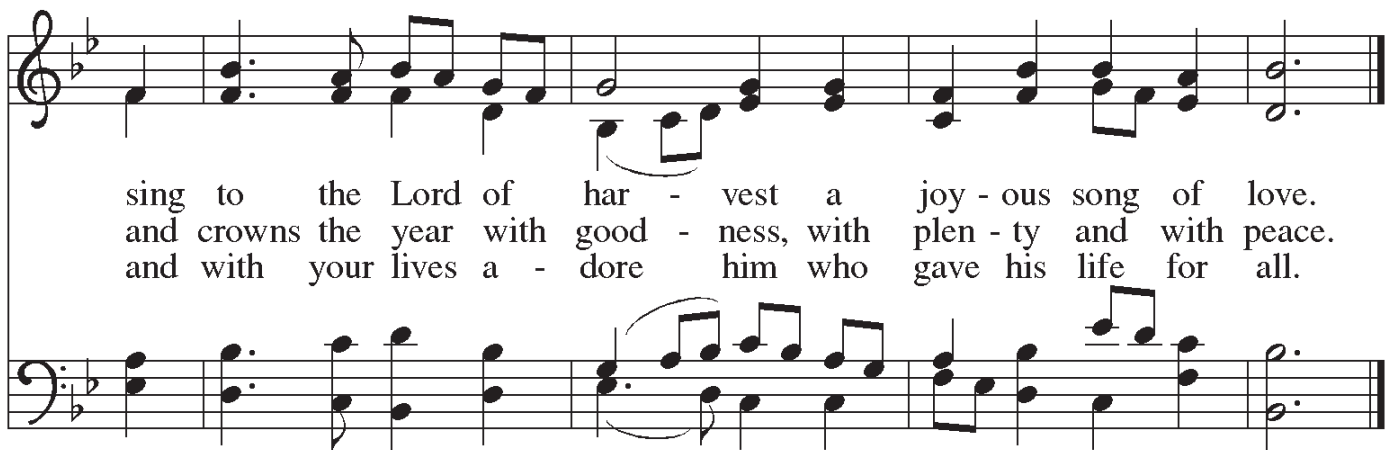
1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
 and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
 Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613

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.

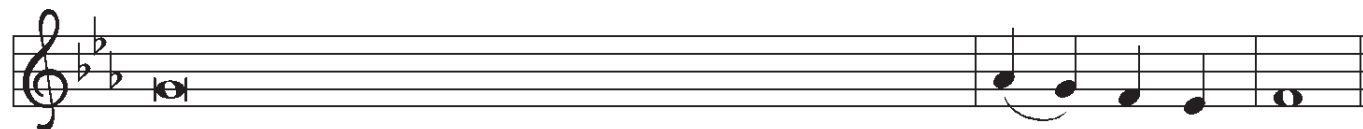
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



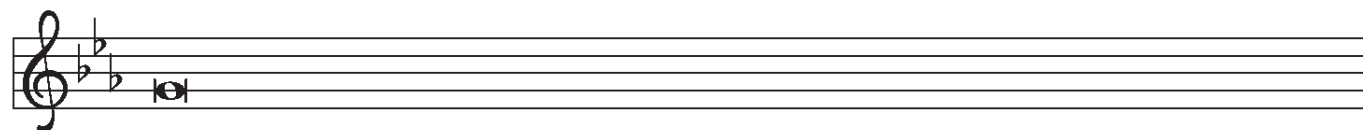
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



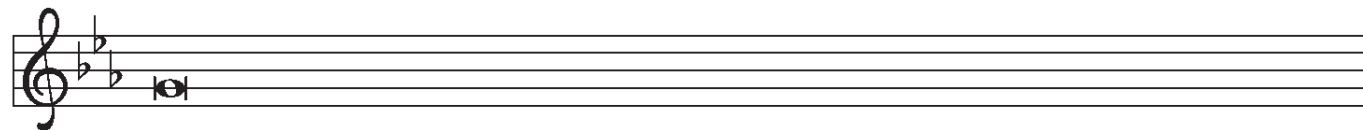
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Stewardship Moment ♦ Nick Massie

First Reading ♦ Sirach 35:12–17

A reading from Sirach.

¹²Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.

¹³For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.

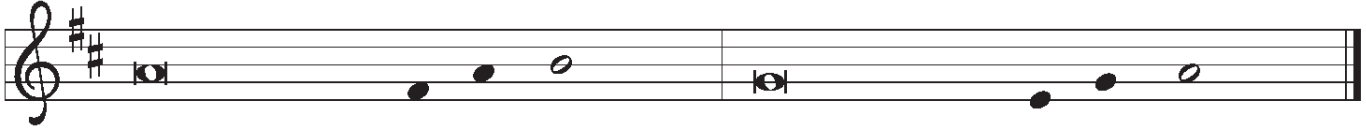
¹⁴Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;
¹⁵and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.

¹⁶He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

¹⁷He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm ♦ Psalm 84:1–7

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) How lovely Lord, is your abiding place.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹How dear to me | is your dwelling,
O | LORD of hosts!

²My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.

³**Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest
where she may | lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my king | and my God.**

⁴**Happy are they who dwell | in your house!
They will always be | praising you.** *Antiphon*

⁵Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley
will find it a | place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.**

⁷**They will climb from | height to height,
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.** *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ 2 Corinthians 9:6–15

A reading from Second Corinthians.

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Cantor: All who exalt themselves | will be humbled,*
but all who humble themselves will | be exalted. (Luke 18:14)
The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel ♦ Luke 12:22–34

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat

and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon ♦ Pastor Ann Hultquist

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 583: **Take My Life, That I May Be**

TOMA MI VOLUNTAD

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Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



- 1 Take my hands and let them move
- 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
- 4 Take my will and make it thine;

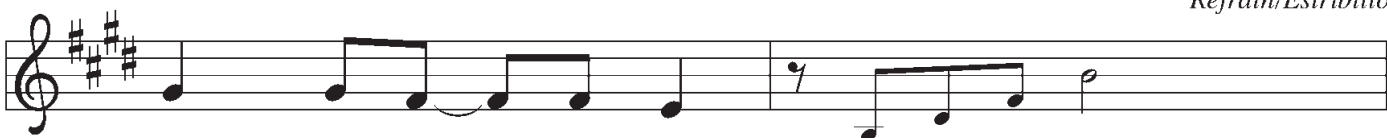


at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

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beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

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The assembly is seated.

Holy Baptism

Rejoice with **Oakley Harper Richardson**, daughter of **Brenton and Chelsea Richardson**, in her baptism. Welcome her into Christ's family today! Oakley's sponsors are Brock and Catie Maddox.

Presentation In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Promises are made by the parents, the sponsors, and the assembly.

Profession of Faith

The assembly stands.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

We renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

The candidate is baptized.

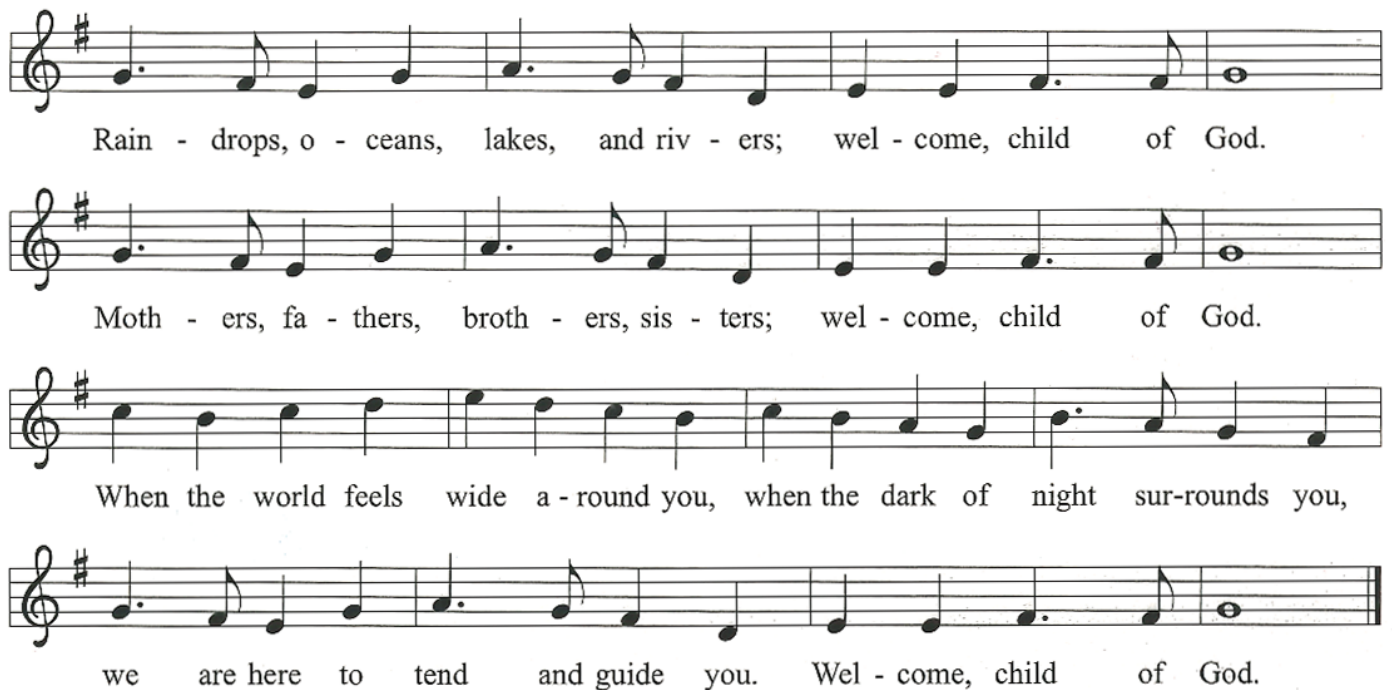
Let us pray.

We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Please stand as we sing a word of welcome to the newly baptized.

AR HYD Y NOS



Rain - drops, o - ceans, lakes, and riv - ers; wel - come, child of God.

Moth - ers, fa - thers, broth - ers, sis - ters; wel - come, child of God.

When the world feels wide a - round you, when the dark of night sur-rounds you,

we are here to tend and guide you. Wel - come, child of God.

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Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Today you are invited to place your financial commitment card in the offering plate. Thank you for your generous support of Augustana's ministries.

On Commitment Sunday we celebrate all that our giving does in our congregation, community, the wider church, and around the world. Our prayerful generosity is a concrete witness of Christ's love.

"Kyrie" from Mass in G Major – Franz Schubert
Chancel Choir

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 691: **Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring**

BARBARA ALLEN



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.

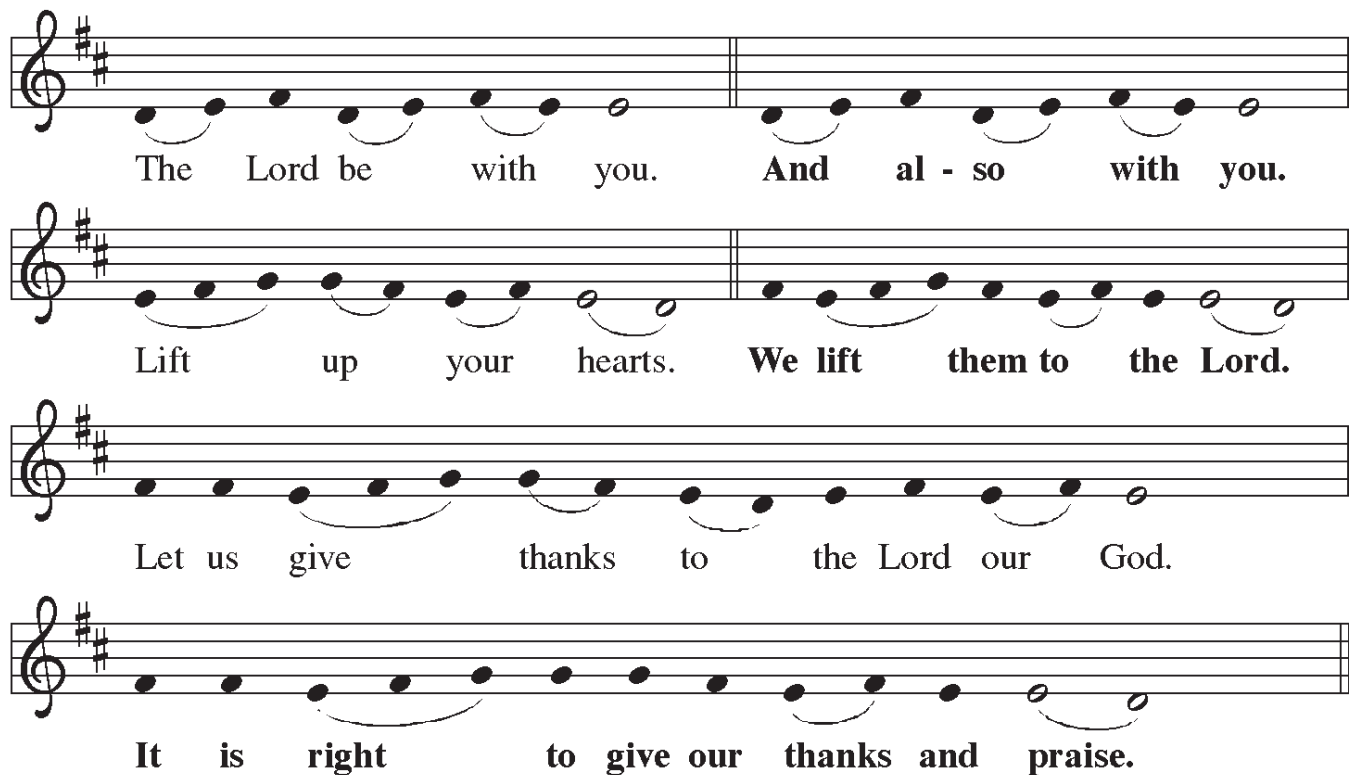
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Offering Prayer

Gracious God, **in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

We praise you, all-holy God,
our maker, redeemer, our keeper.
For the universe beyond our knowing,
for lands and seas and all their animals,
and for friends, strangers, and family,
for homes, workplaces, grocery stores and schools.
We praise you for your covenant people,
and for centuries of faithful followers of Christ.
We praise you for your Son Jesus who saves us from sin
and who loves the world unconditionally.

Who on the night before he died 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.

After supper, Jesus 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.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit.
Nourish us with this meal,
inspire us to serve and put grace into action,
helping to renew the world with your mercy and love.

We praise you, God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

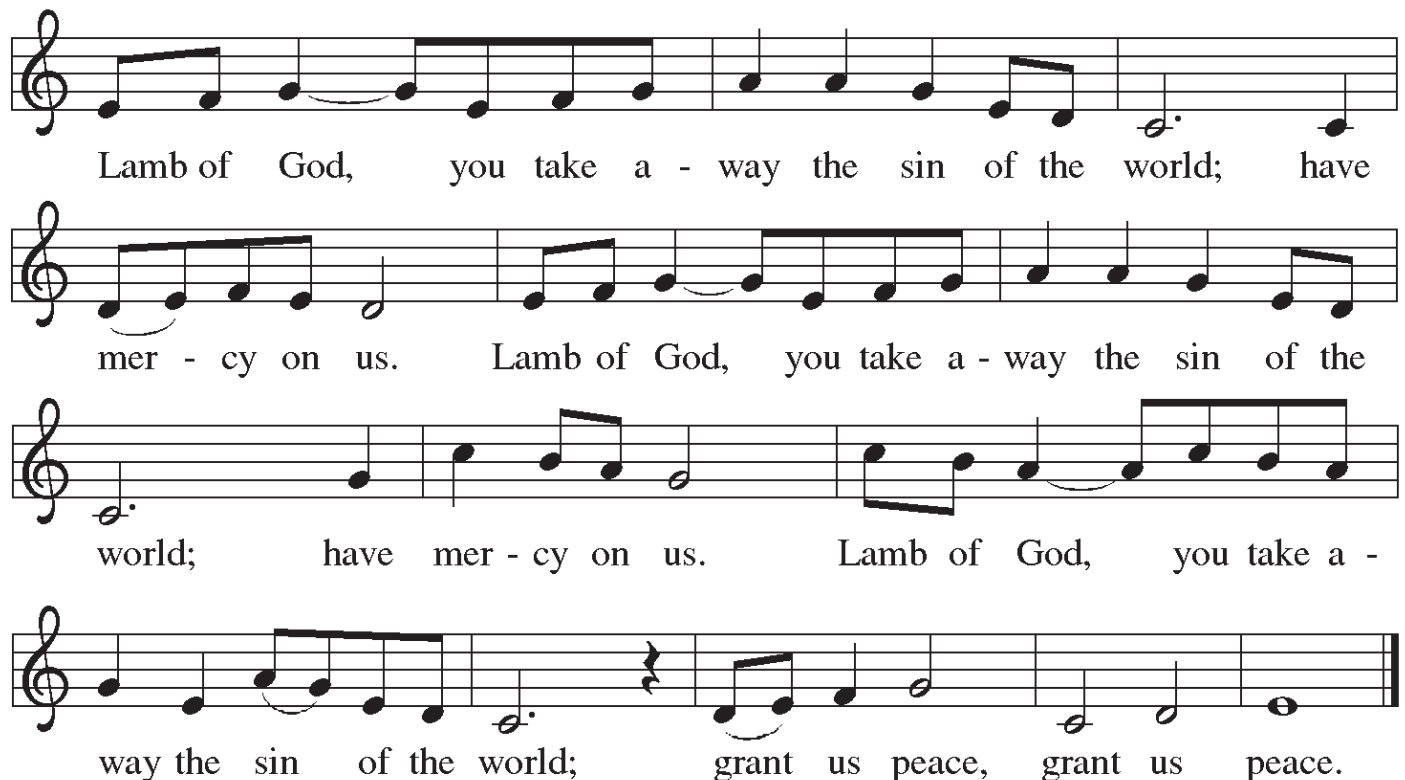
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Ave Verum” –Charles Gounod

Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine,

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary,

Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.

*You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross
for the sake of us.*

Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit cum sanguine
From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood,
Esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine.
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

Jesu dulcis, Jesu pie, Jesu fili Mariae,
Sweet Jesus, merciful Jesus, Jesus, Son of Mary,
Jesu tu nobis Miserere.
Jesus, have mercy on me.

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

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed
our hearts in this meal with bread for the
journey. Give us your grace on the road of life
that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for
the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, who gives life to all things and frees us
from despair, bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you
always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ♦ ELW 674: **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ** LINSTEAD

*Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary,
facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.*



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

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Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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Dismissal Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude ♦ Recessional on LINSTEAD –John Benke

You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.

Flowers for worship today are given by Mark Caldwell in
memory of Nina Forgo.

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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, 9 a.m.–noon, 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.
- Faith Formation for all children and youth is available Sundays, 9:30–10:15 a.m., in the education building. Adult Forum is offered 9:15–10:15 a.m.
- For a copy of this morning's sermon, inquire in Augustana's office.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the [Giving page at Augustana's website, www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org). 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.

Worship Ministries

Altar Guild:

October Paul Whitehurst

Bus Driver: Henok Yohannes

Cantor: Keith Williamson

Communion Bread:

October Ron Glusenkamp

Communion:

8 a.m. Venus Conklin

10:30 a.m. Betty Boyd
Lance Wheeland

Communion Linens:

October Mark Caldwell

Library: Linda Crow

Livestream Assistant:

Nancy Nyhus

Offering:

8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims

Nancy Nyhus

10:30 a.m. Janet Flesch
Michael Zumwalt

Prayers: Kisanet Yohannes

Reader:

8 a.m. Tim Libby

10:30 a.m. Emmett Cruson

Ushers:

8 a.m. Rob Trussell

10:30 a.m. Errol Buhr
Karen Bourg
Katy Lunsford
Austin Ezpeleta
Herman Espeleta
Kristin Hempelman
Greg Hempelman
Allan Schneider

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