



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2023 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 8

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Welcome to worship on summer Sundays after Pentecost! These Sundays are ordered numerically after the celebration of Pentecost which is traditionally considered the birth of the church in the first century. This year it was on May 28. Our worship is infused with the themes of our life together as church and our lives of faith in the world. We celebrate faith breathed into us by God as we consider how we live our faith for God's sake and for the sake of the world and each other.

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

Prelude ♦ Bell Peal on "Holy, Holy, Holy" –Linda R. Lamb
8 a.m. Andrew Peters, piano ♦ 10:30 a.m. Summer Handbells

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 with us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God, **we confess to you the sin of our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus. Amen.**

God promises boundless grace in every time and place. Hear the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 864: **Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven**

PRAISE, MY SOUL

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.*

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.

Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
 Music: PRAISE. MY SOUL. John Goss. 1800–1880

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 *Kyrie Eleison is Greek and translates as "Lord, have mercy."
All sing Refrain, and cantor sings verses.*

Refrain:

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends
and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



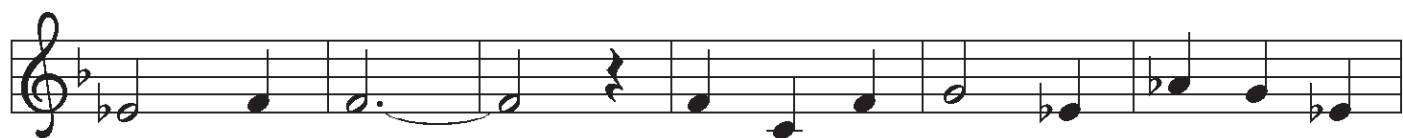
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



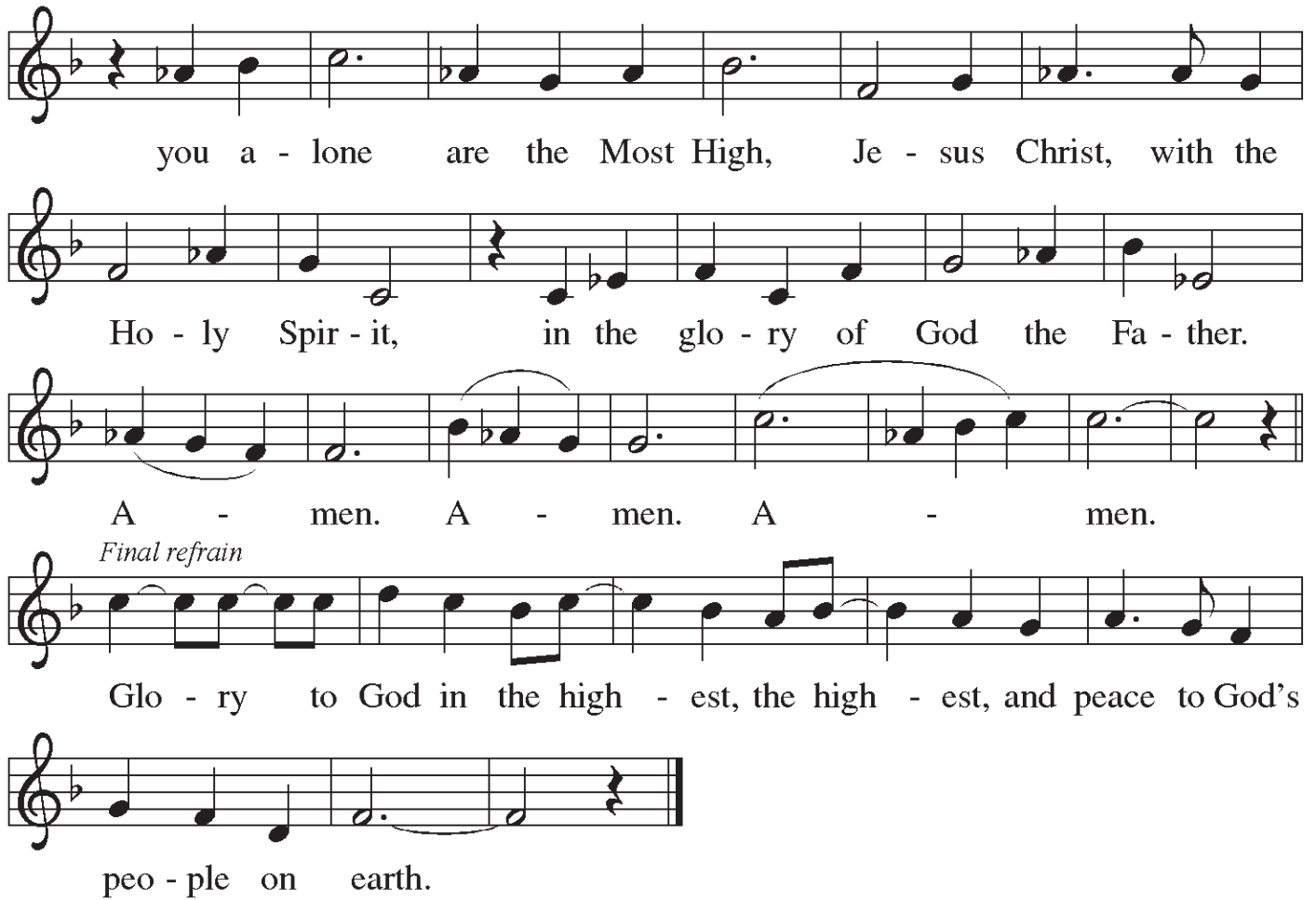
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.
Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading ♦ Genesis 29:15–28

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁵Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

¹⁷Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 105:1–11, 45b

Read responsively.

¹Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

²**Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

³Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴**Search for the strength of the LORD;
continually seek God's face.**

⁵Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

**⁶O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

⁷The LORD is our God,
whose judgments prevail in all the world,
**⁸who has always been mindful of the covenant,
the promise made for a thousand generations:**

⁹the covenant made with Abraham,
the oath sworn to Isaac,
**¹⁰which God established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**
¹¹saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan
to be your allotted inheritance." ^{45b}**Hallelujah!**

Second Reading ♦ Romans 8:26–39

A reading from Romans.

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or

persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



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



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

Gospel ♦ Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

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

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ 10:30 a.m. “A Simple Prayer” –Linda R. Lamb
Summer Handbells

Children's Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Gail Mundt

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 622: **Neither Death nor Life**

NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE

Refrain:

Refrain – All



All: Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor



trials in the pres-ent, nor an - y trial to come, nei - ther height, nor



depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us



from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Cantor:

- 1 Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;
though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise
through the Spirit who brings you to life. *Refrain*
- 2 All who are led by the Spirit shall live
as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus,
God's adopted and chosen and loved. *Refrain*
- 5 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword? *Refrain*

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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:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Did you know that 1 out of every 50 Americans are touched by a Lutheran Service Agency like Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains? Care for children, families, refugees and older adults are supported through our offering.



“How Good It Is to Sing Praise” –Richard Proulx
8 a.m. Keith Williamson, solo
10:30 a.m. Summer Choir and Tim Garrington, piano

How good it is to sing praise to God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!
Great is the Lord and mighty in power;
limitless is God’s wisdom;
God counts the number of the stars,
and calls them all by name.
Sing to the Lord with glad thanksgiving;
make music to our God.
Sing a song and make music on the harp;
praise your God, O Jerusalem.
For the Lord has blessed his people with peace.
God’s word is sent through all the earth:
all nature gives glory.
Great is the Lord and mighty in power. Alleluia!

–Paraphrase of Psalm 147

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 870: **We Praise You, O God**

KREMSER

3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.

To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

Offertory Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God,
and great is your glory.

You so loved the world that you sent to us Jesus,
your Word made flesh.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill your holy will and show us the way.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
we give thanks to you, O God,
not as we ought but as we are able;
accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless us, your servants,
and this bread and wine,
so that we may be filled with grace,
and forgiven and formed to live as your people
for the sake of the world.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your church, now and forever. **Amen.**

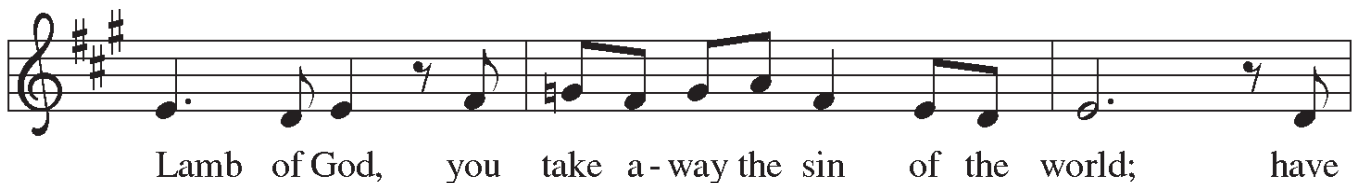
Lord's Prayer **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.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

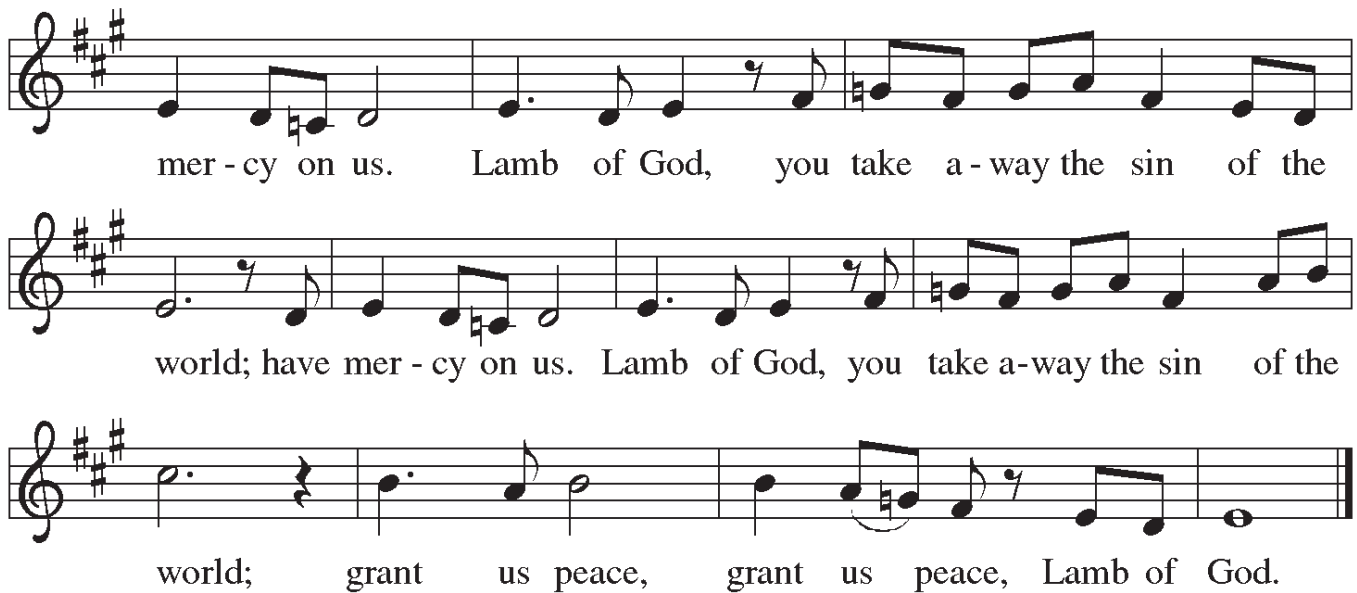
The assembly is seated.

Holy Communion

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.





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, Lamb of God.

“In Bright Mansions Above” –spiritual arr. K. Lee Scott
Keith Williamson, solo

In bright mansions above, Lord, I want to live up yonder in
bright mansions above.

My mother’s gone to Glory; I want to go there too.

Lord, I want to live up yonder in bright mansions above.

My father’s gone to Glory; I want to go there too.

Lord, I want to live up yonder in bright mansions above.

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

**We thank you, generous God, for nourishing
us at your holy meal. Send us now to spread
your generosity into all the world, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

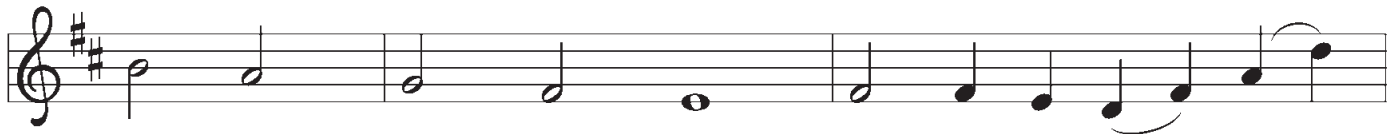
The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

Amen.

Sending Hymn ♦ ELW 619: **I Know That My Redeemer Lives!** DUKE STREET
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.*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
he lives and loves me to the end; He lives, my Savior, still the same;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; what joy this blest assurance gives:
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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Dismissal Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “Rigaudon” –Henry Kihlken

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

Flowers for worship are given in memory of Louie Toscano on his birthday by his daughter, Karen and Chuck Yeager and family.



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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. Augustana's nursery staff is on hiatus in July, but, along with the Caring Corner, the nursery is available for children accompanied by an adult who may need a quiet place. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom and in the family bathroom on this floor.
- You are welcome to have your water bottles with you during worship.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the [Giving page at Augustana's website, 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 (augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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Michael Graham

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Keith Williamson

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July Kent Mueller

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8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt

10:30 a.m. Jamie & Ellen Kastens

Communion Linens:

July Margaret Aarestad

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Pastor Gail Mundt

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8 a.m. Frank Philipp

10:30 a.m. Larry Rasmussen

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8 a.m. Paul & Kathy Edstrom

10:30 a.m. Emmett Cruson
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