

God's work. Our hands.



15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1

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Worship | Grow | Go

Welcome to worship on **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday!** Today is a church-wide emphasis of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) uniquely embodied by each ELCA congregation. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton invites us to be “church together” in this way, on this day, to remind us of our baptismal identity in 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.

Prelude ♦ “Trumpet Voluntary in B-flat” –William Boyce
Tim Libby, trumpet

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 creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn • ELW 858: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

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.

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus-tain - ing.
 sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai - ly at-tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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.**

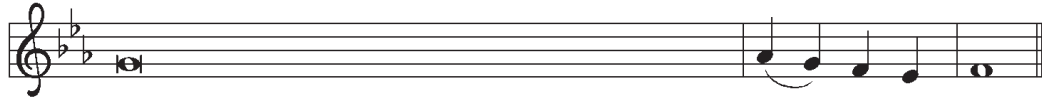
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



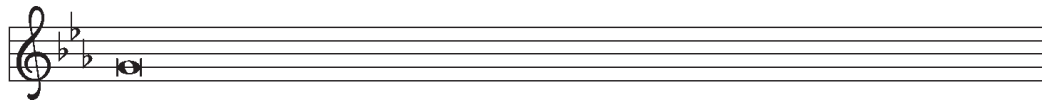
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



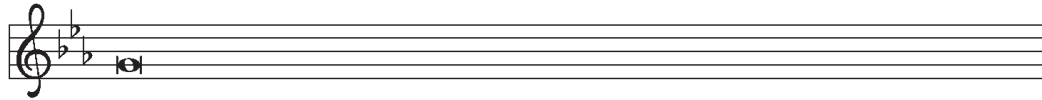
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

Canticle of Praise



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, **enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading ♦ Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from Exodus.

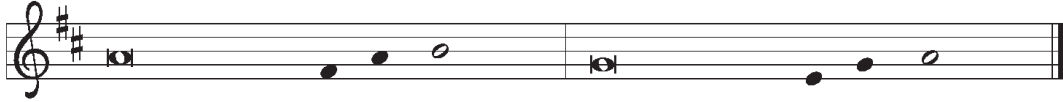
⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalm • Psalm 119:33–40

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) I desire the path of your commandments.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,
and I shall keep it | to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with | all my heart.

³⁵**Lead me in the path of | your commandments,
for that is | my desire.**

³⁶**Incline my heart to | your decrees
and not to | unjust gain.** *Antiphon*

³⁷Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;
give me life | in your way.

³⁸Fulfill your promise | to your servant,
which is for | those who fear you.

³⁹**Turn away the reproach | that I dread,
because your judg- | ments are good.**

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for | your commandments;
by your righteousness en- | liven me.** *Antiphon*

Second Reading • Romans 13:8–14

A reading from Romans.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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: In Christ God was reconciling the world | to himself,*
entrusting the message of reconcilia- | tion to us. (2 Cor. 5:19)
The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel ♦ Matthew 18:15–20

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Children’s Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day ♦ ACS 1000: God's Work, Our Hands

EARTH AND ALL STARS



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987
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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.**

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Today we join thousands of other Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregations in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Our giving helps to make nationwide programs like this possible.



"I'll Praise My Maker" –Lloyd Pfautsch

8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble ♦ 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers: my days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures.

Happy the one whose hopes rely on Israel's God, who made the sky, and earth,
and seas, with all their train. His truth for ever stands secure,
He saves the oppressed and feeds the poor, and none shall find His promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports the fainting mind;
He sends the laboring conscience peace. God helps the stranger in distress,
the widow and the fatherless, and grants the prisoner sweet release.

I'll praise God while He lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures. Amen.

—Isaac Watts

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 183: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948
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Offertory Prayer

Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

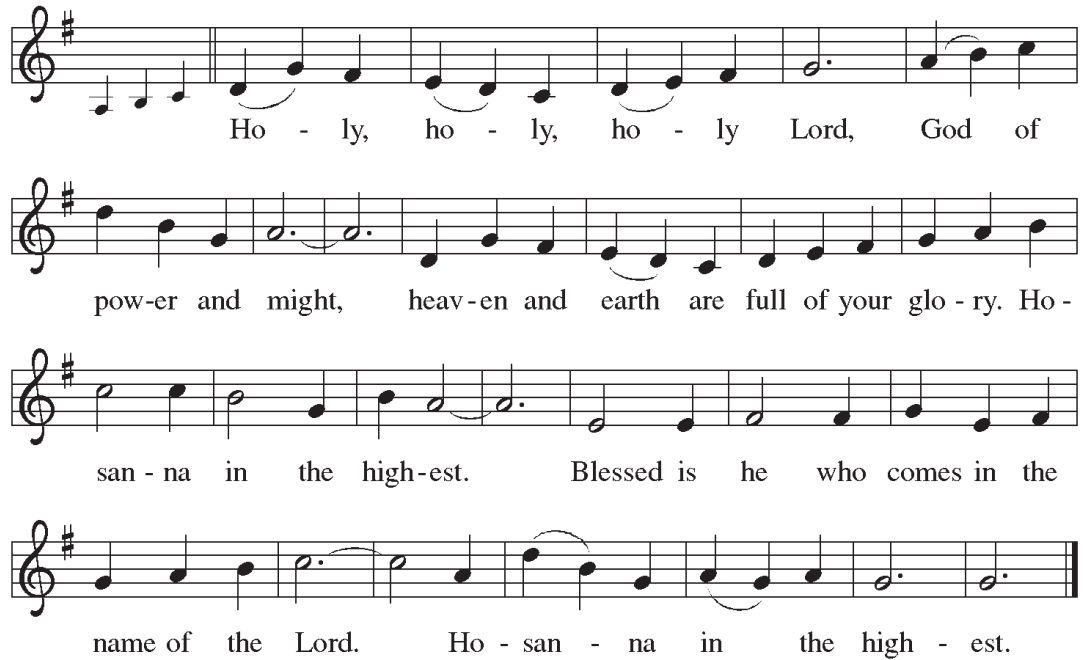
Great Thanksgiving

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.**

We give you thanks and praise, O God—for the glory and joy of creation for the work of reconciliation, for the promise of love eternal and for those who walk with us. So we offer you the words of a song sung by angels and saints joining our voices to the great cloud of witnesses as we sing these words:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God;
blessed is your Son, Jesus, our host at this table;
blessed is your Spirit, who settles in us and among us,
and within these gifts of bread and cup, transforming them,
making them sacred, and filling not for our bodies but for our souls.
So with gratitude and praise we come to your table, ready to be filled,
ready to be sent out, ready to be your people in the 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.

We lift our prayer to you,
using the words recited by all generations, saying:

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.

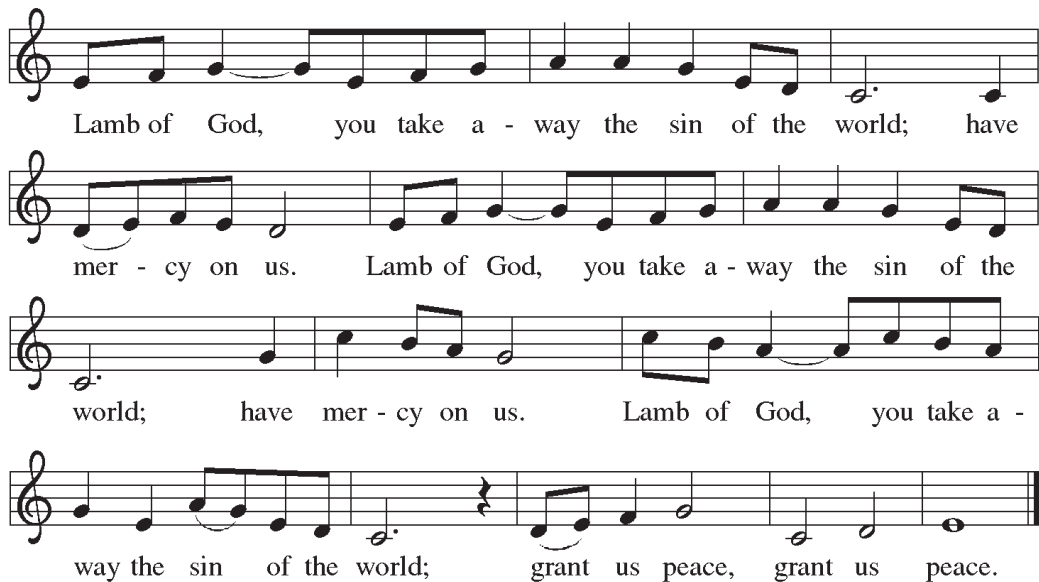
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

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 worshipping 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.

“Alleluja” –Johann Kuhnau

8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble ♦ 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Alleluja, gelobet sei Gott, singen wir all aus unsers Herzens Grunde.

Denn Gott hat heut gemacht solch Freud, der wir vergesen soll'n zu keiner Stunde.

Hallelujah, Praised be God. We all sing from the bottom of our hearts.

For God has made such joy today that we should never forget.

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

O God, **in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strength us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ♦ ACS 984: **Make the God of Hope Go with Us**

ARGENTINA

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 hymn will be sung two times.



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, *da - nos* go - zo *y paz!*
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, *ha - bla* tu ver - dad.
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, *mán - da - nos* tu luz,
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za *en la* os - cu - ri - dad.
bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por *la paz,* *can - te - mos*
Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. *Lu - che - mos* por *la paz,*
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a *ti,* *Se - ñor.*
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt.
Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in and through you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Molto Allegro” –Wolfgang A. Mozart

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



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.
- 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.

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8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt
10:30 a.m. Mike & Annika Theiss

Communion Linens:

September Kay Cruson

Crucifer: Griffin Brown

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Mark Caldwell

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8 a.m. AJ Levy
10:30 a.m. Karen Morgenthaler

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8 a.m. AJ Levy
Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. Wil Crook
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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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