

	<p>16th Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 2023 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.</p>	
	<p>Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1</p>	
	<p>Augustana LUTHERAN CHURCH</p> <hr/> <p>Worship Grow Go</p>	<p>5000 East Alameda Avenue Denver, Colorado 80246 PHONE: 303-388-4678 WEB: augustanadenver.org</p>

Welcome! We are glad that you're here! During this Autumn season, we continue with the focus on the Gospel of Matthew, with an emphasis on how we should treat others. We've been saved by grace and now ask ourselves how that translates to those around us. As the season changes and leaves show their spectacular colors, may the God of creation touch each of us with beauty and grace.

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 ♦ Meditation on "Be Thou My Vision" and "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"
Karen Bassford, piano

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.**

10:30 a.m. *For the Gathering Hymn, 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.*



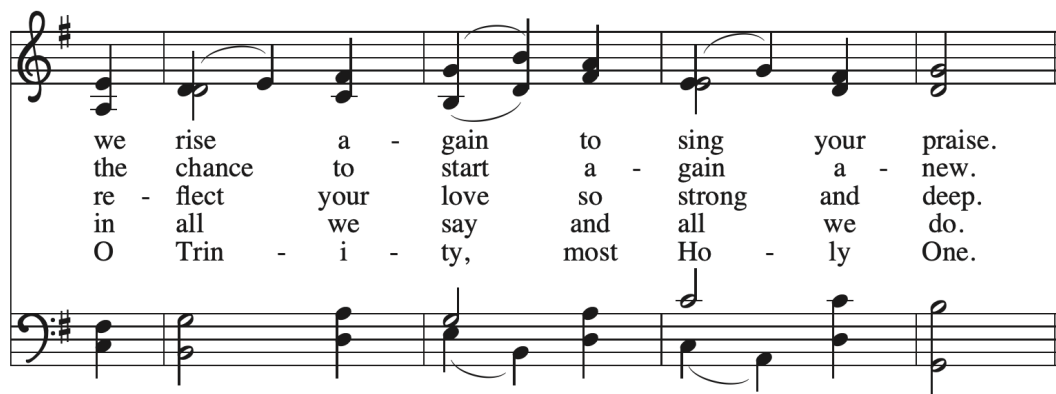
1 The night you gave us, God, has end - ed,
 2 We thank you for each glo - rious sun - rise
 3 Bless those who work in hours of dark - ness,
 4 We pray for en - er - gy and pas - sion
 5 We praise you, God, for na - ture's rhy - thms,



the dark - ness hails the sun's bright rays;
 that paints the earth a gold - en hue;
 who serve and toil while oth - ers sleep;
 to live our lives each day for you;
 for dark and day - light, stars and sun;



as shad - ows flee and earth a - wak - ens,
 each day your grace grants new be - gin - nings,
 their lives of car - ing and pro - tect - ing
 may all a - round us sense your pres - ence
 your whole cre - a - tion sings your glo - ry,



we rise a - gain to sing your praise.
 the chance to start a - gain a - new.
 re - flect your love so strong and deep.
 in all we say and we do.
 O Trin - i - ty, most Ho - ly One.

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 Music: ST. CLEMENT, Clement C. Scholefield, 1839–1904
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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.**

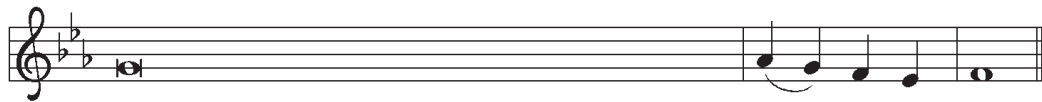
Kyrie



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.



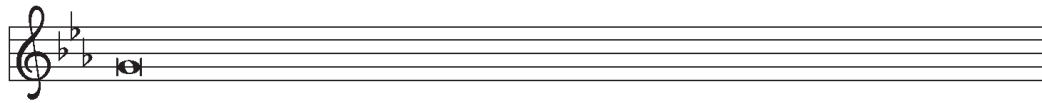
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



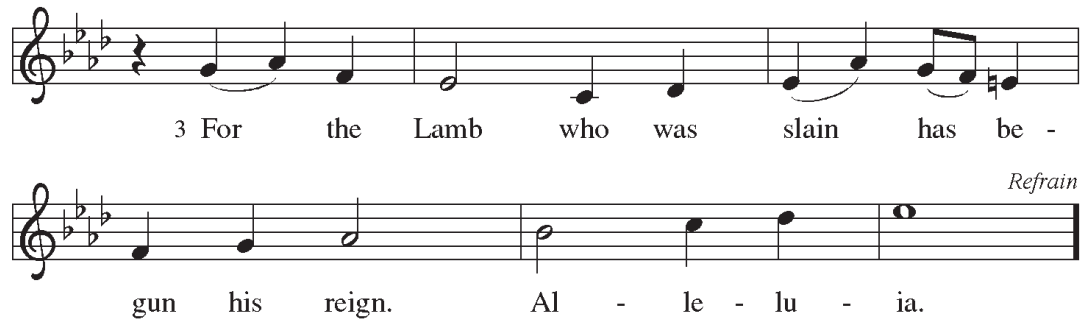
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



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.



Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, **merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading • Genesis 50:15–21

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 103:1–8

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

²Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—

³**who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;**

⁴**who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;** *Antiphon*

⁵**who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.**

⁶**O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

⁷**You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.**

⁸**LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.** *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ Romans 14:1–12

A reading from Romans.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.

²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

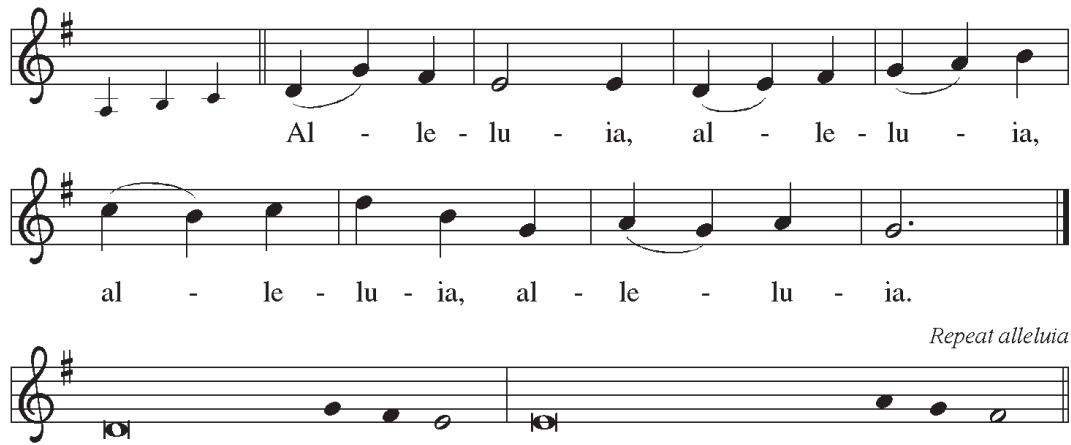
⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,
“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.”
¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: We have an advocate, Jesus | Christ the righteous;*
 your sins are forgiven on account | of his name. (1 John 2:1, 12)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel ♦ Matthew 18:21–35

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

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day • ELW 359: **Where Charity and Love Prevail**

TWENTY-FOURTH

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

All: 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
Low voices: 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
High voices: 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
All: 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
All: 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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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

This morning, children, adults, and youth will gather for Faith Formation, which helps all ages know the love of Christ. Your giving makes this ministry possible.



“I Saw the Cross of Jesus” –Victor C. Johnson

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

I saw the cross of Jesus, when burdened with my sin;
I sought the cross of Jesus, to give me peace within;
I brought my soul to Jesus, He cleansed it in His blood;
and in the cross of Jesus I found my peace with God.

I love the cross of Jesus, It tells me what I am-
a poor and guilty creature, saved only through the Lamb;
no righteousness nor merit, no beauty can I plead;
yet in the cross I glory, my title there I read.

I trust the cross of Jesus, in every trying hour,
my sure and certain refuge, my never-failing tower;
in every fear and conflict, I more than conqueror am;
living, I’m safe, or dying, through Christ, the risen Lamb.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
I saw the cross of Jesus, the wondrous cross!

–Frederick Whitfield

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

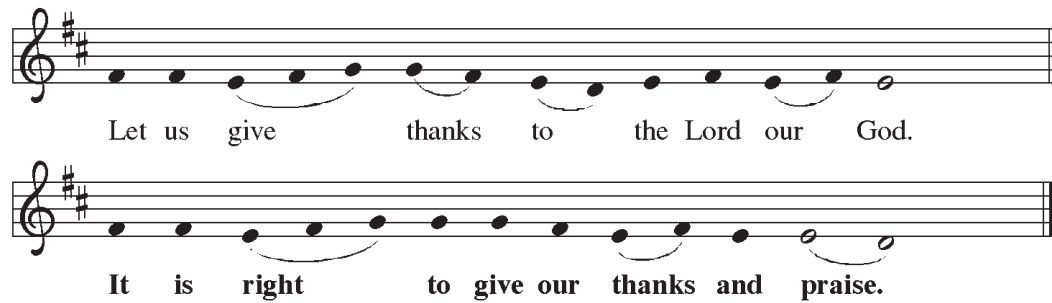
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Offertory Prayer

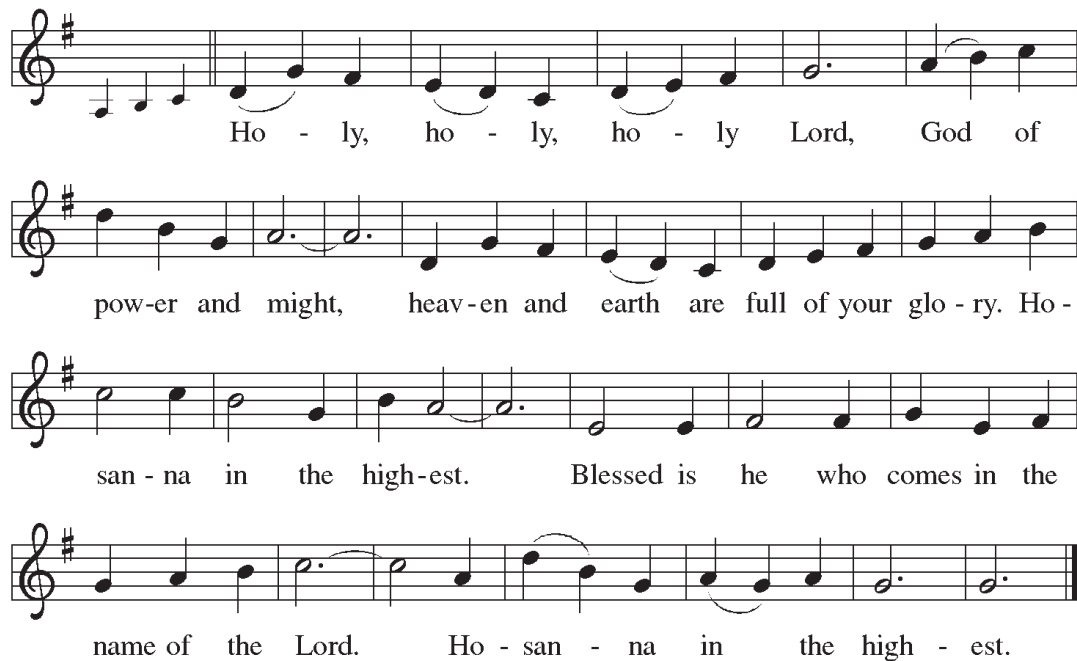
Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



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:



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 our bodies, but 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

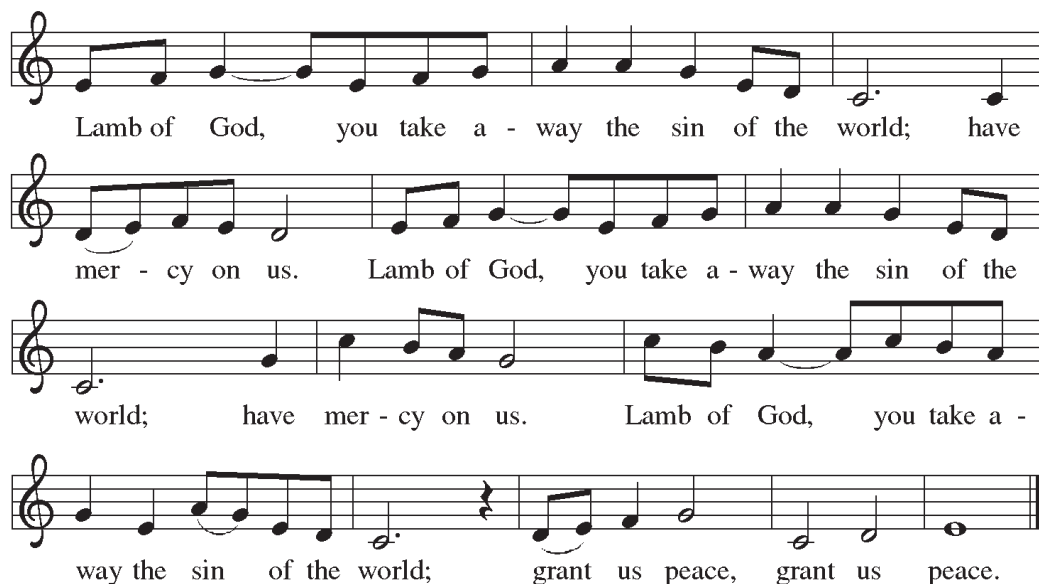
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

“Da pacem” –Charles Gounod
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Da pacem, Domine, in diebus nostris quia non est alius
Give peace, O Lord, in our days; for there is none other

Qui pugnet pro nobis nisi tu Deus noster.
who fights for us, but thee, our God.

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.**

10:30 a.m. *During the Sending Hymn, please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.*

All: 1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
All: 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
Cantor: 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
All: 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
All: 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

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Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

“Toccata” –Augustinus F. Kropfreiter

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



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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.
- Hearing assistance headphones are available for worship in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for an easy-to-use device for enhanced listening during 10:30 a.m. worship.
- You are welcome to have your water bottles with you during worship.
- 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.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the [Giving page at Augustana's website, augustanadenver.org](http://giving.page.at.augustana.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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September Kelly McCartney

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8 a.m. Jim Dierker
10:30 a.m. Katherine Cruson
Karen Bourg

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September Kay Cruson

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10:30 a.m. Tim Garrington

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10:30 a.m. Emmett Cruson
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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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