

18th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday October 1, 2023 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1



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Welcome! We are glad that you are here! Today we are observing **World Communion Sunday**, joining other denominations and Christians worldwide, celebrating our oneness in and by Christ. This gift of God's grace is offered to all in this worship service—at home or in this worship space. May the body of Christ be blessed!

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 • "Now We Join in Celebration" – Johann Crueger 8 a.m. Andrew Peters, organ • 10:30 a.m. Augustana Instrumental Ensemble

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.

Gathering Hymn • ELW 523: Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE

You are welcome to sing in English or Spanish.





2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

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3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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Greeling 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.**

The assembly is seated.

Mission Moment • Janet Flesch



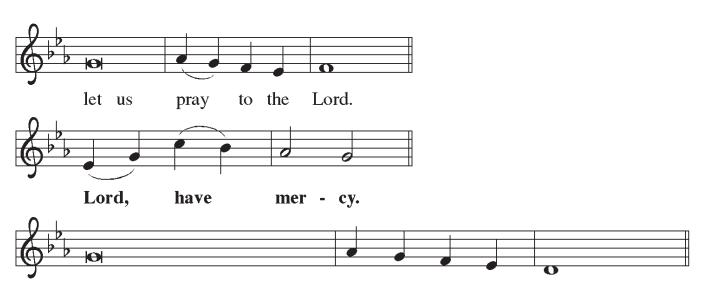
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Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

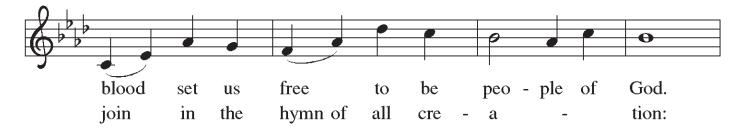


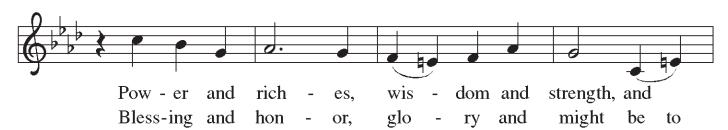
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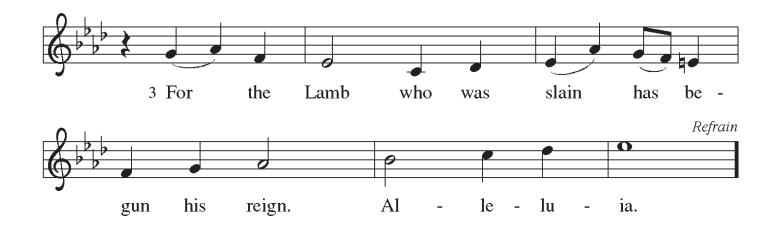


1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose 2 Sing . . with all peo - ple of God, the and









Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading • Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GoD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all

the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 25:1–9

Antiphon: (sung by choir) Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹To | you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame; rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths. *Antiphon*

5Lead me in your | truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
 6Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love, for they are from | everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way. *Antiphon*

Second Reading • Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from Philippians.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
7but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

*he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name

that is above every name,

10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

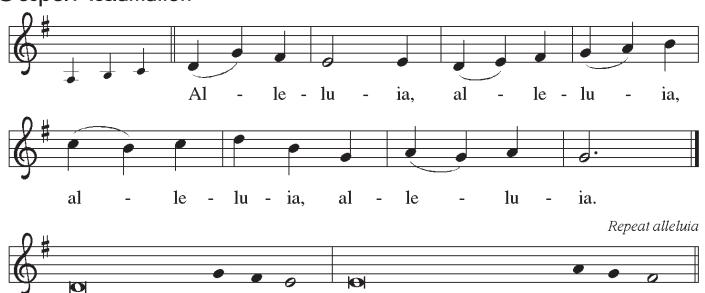
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.





Cantor: My sheep hear my voice, | says the Lord;*

I know them and they | follow me. (John 10:27)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel • Matthew 21:23-32

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

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem • 10:30 a.m. "Each New Day" –Natalie Sleeth Cherub Choir and Third Grade Alumni

Each new day is a gift from God that is given to you and me! Live it! Use it! Waste it! Lose it! Which one will it be? You can make somebody happy! You can smile and try to share! You can make the world a nicer place just because you're there! Each new day is a gift from God that is given to you and me! Live it! Use it! Waste it! Lose it! Which one will it be? It goes by so rapidly, soon it's just a memory, so spend it very carefully!

Children's Sermon • 10:30 a.m.

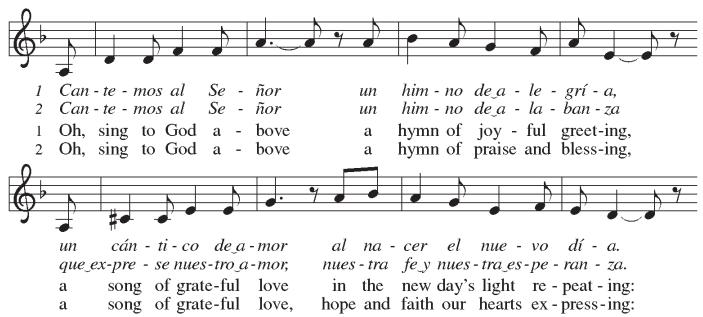
Sermon • Pastor Gail Mundt

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day • ELW 555: Oh, Sing to God Above

ROSAS

You are welcome to sing in English or Spanish.





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Music: ROSAS, Carlos Rosas

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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

Our offering helps to make the work of Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains possible. Foster care, adoption, care for older adults, and support to refugees are just a few of their ministries.

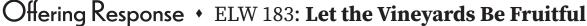


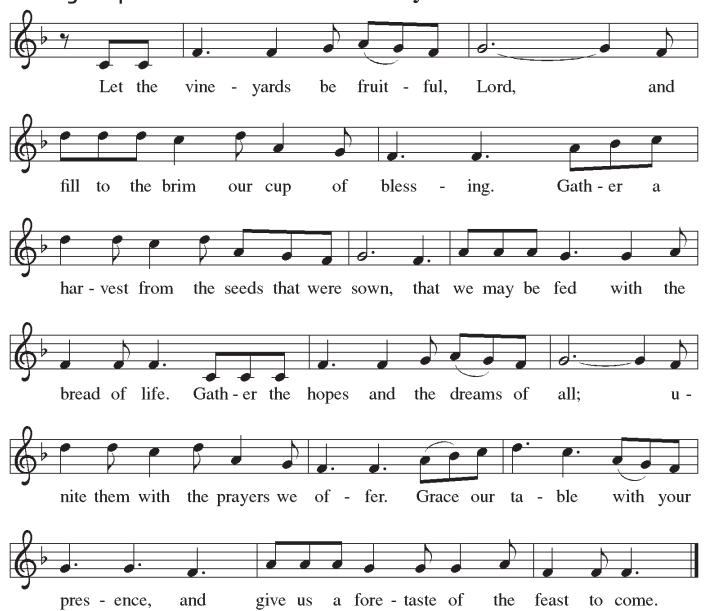
"Show Me Thy Ways" –Walter L. Pelz 8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths; lead me in thy truth and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation and on thee do I wait all the day.

-Psalm 25

The assembly stands.





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.

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:

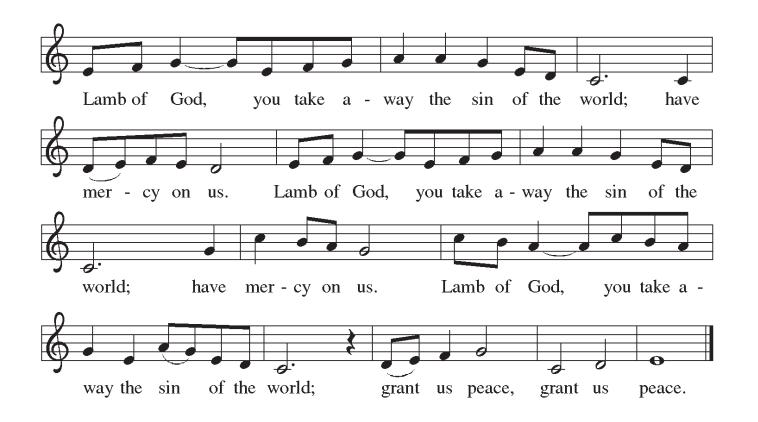
Lord's Prayer

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 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.



"A Communion Meditation" –Don Besig 8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

The table is spread, the meal is now prepared.

The Lord bids us come to join Him there.

We know we are not worthy, but still He will forgive

for He died that all of us might live.

Come break the bread, come take the cup.

Receive the promise of God's great love.

Savior, like a shepherd lead us as Your blessing now we share.

With Your blood and body feed us, keep us in Your tender care.

Blessed Jesus, with Your kindness we are filled.

Blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

Now we are fed, our hearts are joined as one.

The work of the Lord must now be done.

As we go forth to serve Him, He guides us with His truth; And our faith is strengthened and renewed. We share the bread, we share the cup, we share the promise of God's great love.

-Nancy Price and Don Besig

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, strengthen 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.

Sending Hymn • ELW 535: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

You are welcome to sing in English or Spanish.





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Dismissal Go in peace. God is at work in and through you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Movement III" from *Sonata I* -Charles Ore You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.

Candles for the Christ Chapel and sanctuary altar lamps this month are given in memory of Alan Cunniff by Shirley Cunniff.



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 <u>Giving page at Augustana's website</u>, <u>augustanadenver.org</u>. You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Restrooms and water stations 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 (<u>augustanadenver.org</u>) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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Altar Guild:

October Paul Whitehurst

Augustana Instrumental Ensemble:

Kirsten Daniel (flute and

director)

Christine Peters (violin) Kent Mueller (cello)

Lyn Goodrum (trombone)

Bus Driver:

Ryan VanderWel

Cantor:

Emily Murdock

Cherub Choir Director:

Marcia Olson

Communion Bread:

October Ron Glusenkamp

Communion:

8 a.m. Robin Hoffman

10:30 a.m. Christelle Menth

Paul Whitehurst

Communion Linens:

October Mark Caldwell

Library:

Linda Crow

Livestream Assistant:

Prayers:

Anne Stratton

Readers:

8 a.m. Robin Hoffman

10:30 a.m. Brian Cox

Ushers:

10:30 a.m. Annie Nessa

Inez Smith

Brad Uyemura Kathi Schmidt Staff

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