

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 16, 2024 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10



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**Welcome to Worship** on these Sundays after the festival of Pentecost, the birth of the church in the first century. Our worship themes include being a church who loves our neighbors as ourselves, as we love God who first loved us and showed us how to love by the example of Jesus.

In the summer months, we welcome many visitors who find more time for church. Please fill out the worship slips on the front of your bulletin, and let us know your thoughts and questions by putting the worship slip in the offering plate as it's passed around. We also enjoy our Summer Choir that includes anyone who wants to sing that Sunday with a practice before worship begins, and Wednesday evening S'more Fun and Worship in Augustana's park downhill from the church building. Come and connect with others as we enjoy our summer together!

10:30 a.m. worship is livestreamed weekly especially to include our home-centered members who cannot join us in person. Given recent advances in artificial intelligence (A.I.) on the Internet, children's faces are protected from being livestreamed as is everyone going forward for Holy Communion.

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 •** "Prayer" from *Suite Gothique* –Léon Boëllmann Peter Severson, organ

Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as we begin. "Manna" is a reference to the "bread from heaven" that sustained the Jewish people (Israelites), led by Moses through the wilderness after their escape from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 16:1–36).

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ★ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. Amen.

Drawn to Christ and celebrating God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

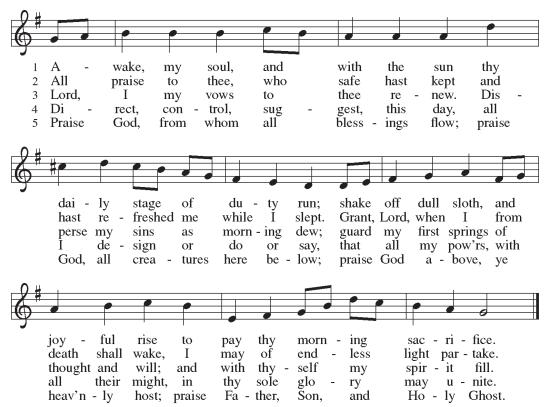
God, our strength, help us in our fear. It is hard to believe there is enough for us, let alone enough to share with other people. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trust in you. We run from your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Guide us with the words of life, and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is more than enough. Through Jesus, ♥ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant 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 557: Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

#### MORNING HYMN



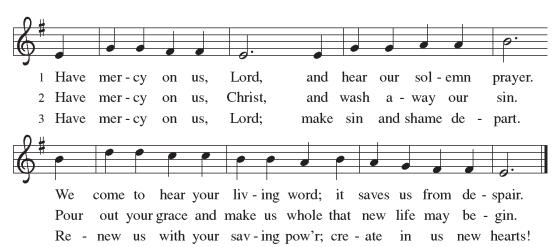
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## Greeting

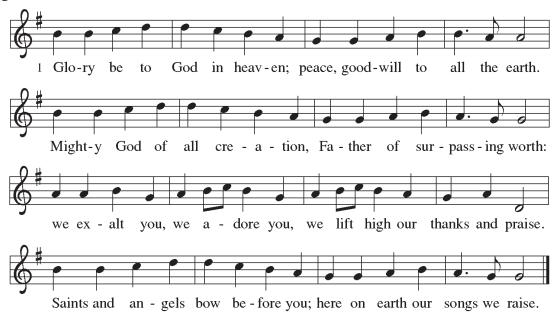
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

## Kyrie

stanza 1: Cantor ◆ stanzas 2-3: All



## Canticle of Praise



## Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

### First Reading • Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig

from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one

from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it

on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest

winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree

and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm** • Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

#### 2to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

## <sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;

14they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>that they may show how up-right the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

## Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 5:6–10, 14–17

A reading from Second Corinthians.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## Gospel • Mark 4:26-34

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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

The assembly is seated.

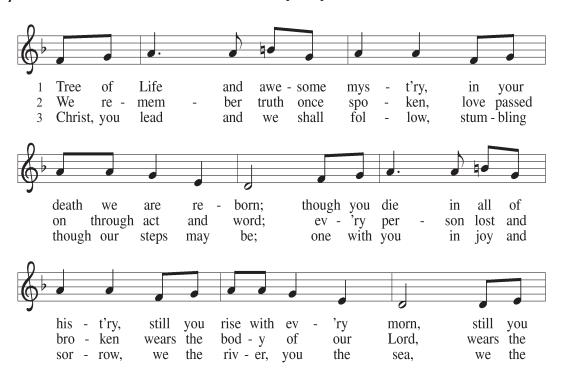
## Children's Sermon • 10:30 a.m.

#### **Sermon** • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

The assembly stands.

## Hymn of the Day • ELW 334: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Thomas





- 4 Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord; give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live your word, give us faith to live your word.
- 5 From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own; stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone, make us turn to you alone.

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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.

You are invited to greet one another with these words: "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

## Offering

Sowing the Gospel message through education yields a bountiful harvest. Our offerings foretell of this harvest from Early Learning to over 25 Lutheran Colleges.



"How Can I Keep from Singing?" –arr. Andrew Peters 8 a.m. Keith Williamson, solo 10:30 a.m. Summer Choir and LyNette Rasmussen, piano

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and heart, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and heart, how can I keep from singing?

-Robert Lowry

The assembly stands.

## Offering Response • ELW 691: Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

BARBARA ALLEN



The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.



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

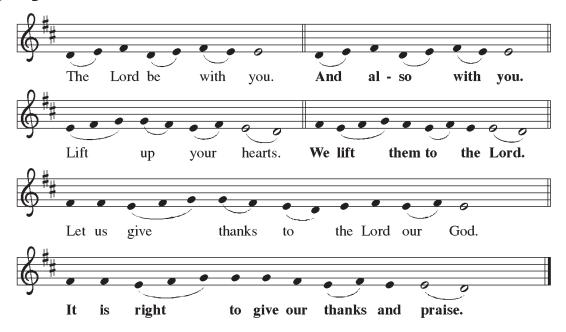
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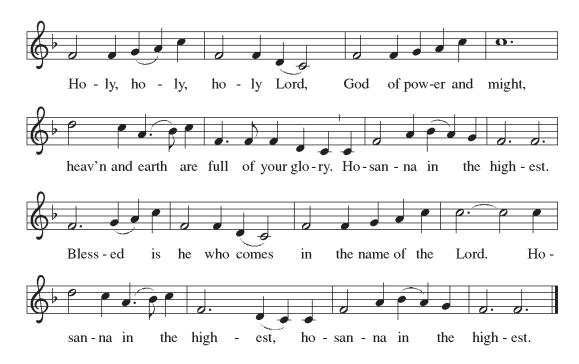
## Offertory Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving



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**

God of our struggles and celebrations, you have brought us this far along the way.

You stayed with us in times of suffering, and guided us on the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to liberate those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage, love and wisdom to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and people of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, gracious God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## Lord's Prayer

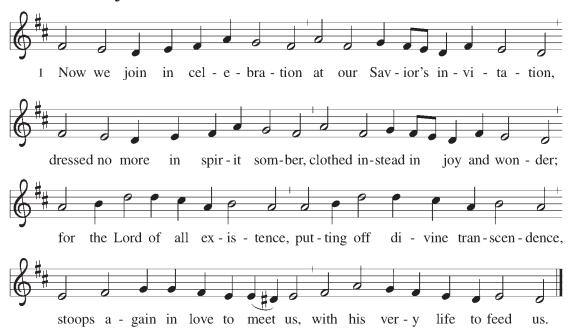
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

## 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 hymn.

#### **ELW 462: Now We Join in Celebration**



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"Thee We Adore" –T. Frederick H. Candlyn Keith Williamson, solo

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who in Thy sacrament art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail. Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to all doth here afford! O may our souls for ever feed on Thee, and Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, the vision of Thy glory and Thy grace.

-translated from St. Thomas Aquinas

## 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

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own heart. In your name we pray. Amen.

## Blessing

The blessing of God, whose Light transforms our hearts and sustains us, 
♣ be upon 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 813: Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE





Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, st. 1, alt; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2-4 Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain Text sts. 2-4  $\odot$  Joseph R. Alfred, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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Dismissal Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Chorale" from Suite Gothique -Léon Boëllmann

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

Flowers for worship today are given in memory of our wonderful father, Louie Toscano, by his daughters Karen Yeager and Debbie Dorn.



#### 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.
- 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.
- Accessible seating for people with assistive health and mobility devices is available on the south side of the sanctuary.
- 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.

## Worship Ministries

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Congregation Council

**Communion Bread:** 

June Ron Glusenkamp

**Communion:** 

8 a.m. Jim Dierker

10:30 a.m. Katherine Cruson

Karen Bourg

**Communion Linens:** 

June Julie Shellhorn

**Crucifer:** 

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

**Greeters:** 

8 a.m. Paul & Kathy Edstrom

10:30 a.m. Christopher Orwig

Susan Talbot

Library:

Billie Wolter

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Paul Blanchard

**Prayers:** 

Todd Engdahl

Readers:

8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims

10:30 a.m. Angie Ourada

**Ushers:** 

8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims

10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown

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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 (<u>augustanadenver.org</u>) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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