

18th Sunday after Pentecost September 22, 2024 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1



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Welcome to worship! As the days shorten and news cycles intensify, we are reminded by Jesus to love our neighbors as ourselves in stories that feature God's grace—fitting for a broken world longing for wholeness. We also hear from the Bible book of James encouraging us to be doers of the word, not just hearers; to use our speech wisely; to feed the hungry; to care especially for orphans and widows; to honor the earth, give generously, and live in peace.

10:30 a.m. worship is livestreamed weekly especially to include our home-centered members who cannot join us in person. Celebrating our public worship, we also protect our kids in real time on livestream by redirecting the cameras to other views during children's time and 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 • "Spring Song" –Felix Mendelssohn Lydia King, violin

Welcome

GATHERING *

Week after week, God calls us together to hear God's word and receive Christ's meal—to then be sent back into the world. We gather not on the Sabbath day, but on the day after; Sunday is the day of Resurrection.

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as we begin.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♣ one God, whose grace flows freely, and whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God in hope.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Gracious God, draw us to your heart and reveal your steadfast love to us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues, causing conflicts and disputes. We neglect the needs of our fellow humans and we wound your good creation. In your abundant mercy, forgive our sins, and turn us to follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

God promises to forgive us and to take away our sin. In the name of \blacksquare Jesus Christ, the source of unconditional grace, your sins are forgiven. **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 526: God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

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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.**



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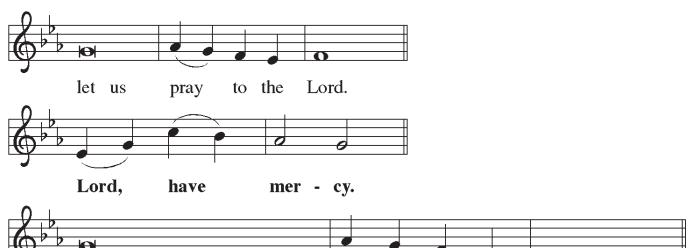
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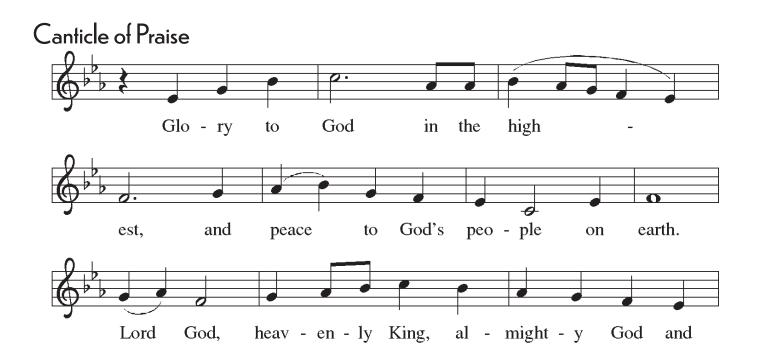


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

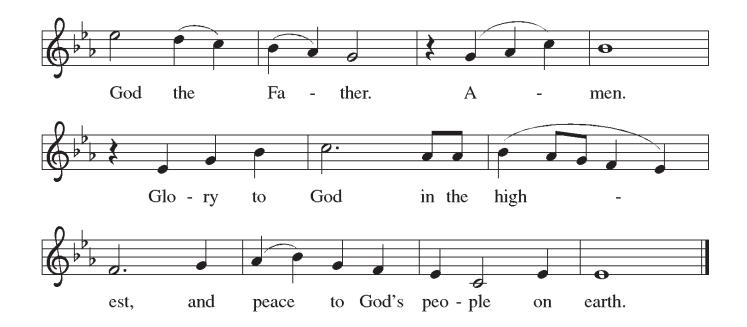


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.









Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time • 10:30 a.m.

WORD *

As Lutherans, we understand that the Word of God is proclaimed in scripture, sermon, song, and prayer, bringing God's Good News (Gospel) into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.

First Reading • Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb

led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

20 But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 54

Antiphon: (sung by choir) God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹Save me, O God, | by your name; in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²Hear my | prayer, O God; give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,

those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴Behold, God | is my helper; it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life. Antiphon

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me; in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Antiphon

Second Reading • James 3:13-18

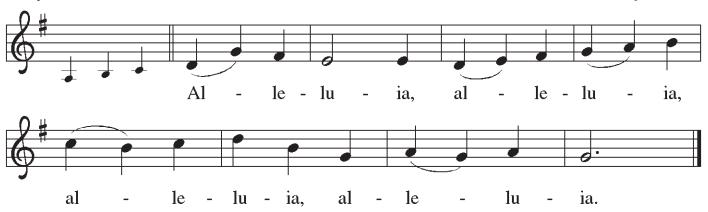
A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



The assembly stands.



Repeat alleluia



Cantor: God has called us through the proclamation of | the good news,* that we may obtain the glory of our Lord | **Iesus Christ.** (2 Thess. 2:14)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel • Mark 9:30-37

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

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

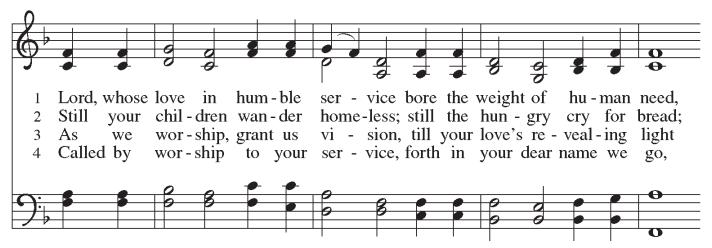
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

Sermon • Pastor Karen Ullestad

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day • ELW 712: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service BEACH SPRING





Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. Selected Hymns, 1985

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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.

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

The assembly is seated.

MEAL *

In the meal of bread and wine we are forgiven, sustained, and become what we receive: we are the body of Christ to be God's presence in the world for love, justice, and healing.

Offering

God calls us to be caretakers of the earth—not simply to take the earth's resources for our own benefit, but to use those resources to praise, honor and serve God.



-Ministry Highlight brought to you by Stewardship Committee

"The King of Love" – Craig Carnahan 8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

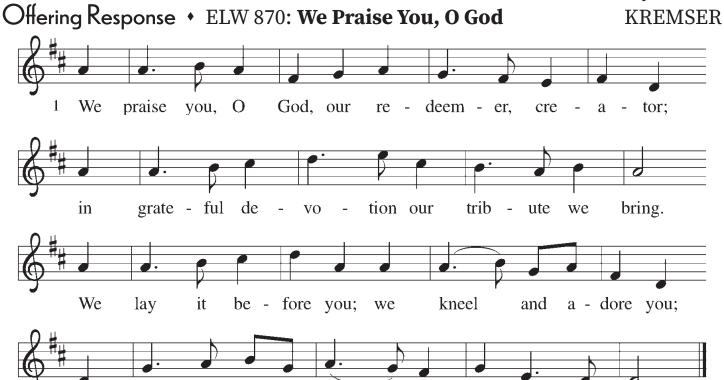
Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever. –Henry W. Baker

The assembly stands.

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Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963

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Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all people in need, through Jesus Christ, our hope and holy light. Amen.

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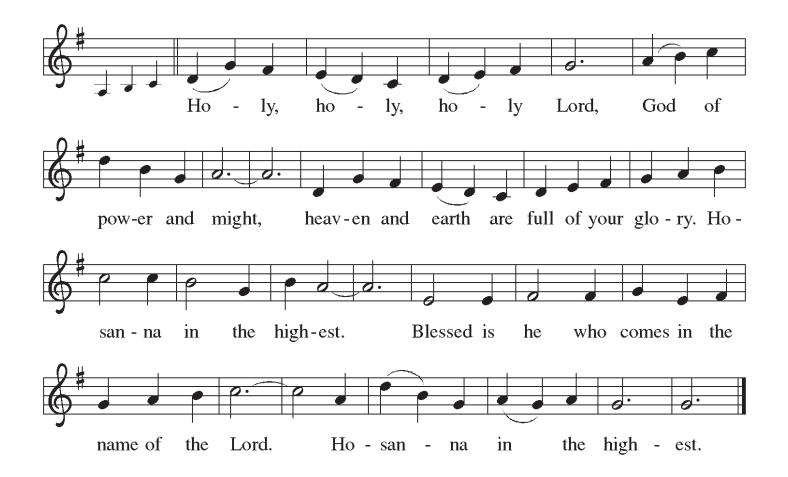
Great Thanksgiving

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:



Eucharistic Prayer

Compassionate God, author of the cosmos, heaven and earth reveal the wonder of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, from Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Holy Communion

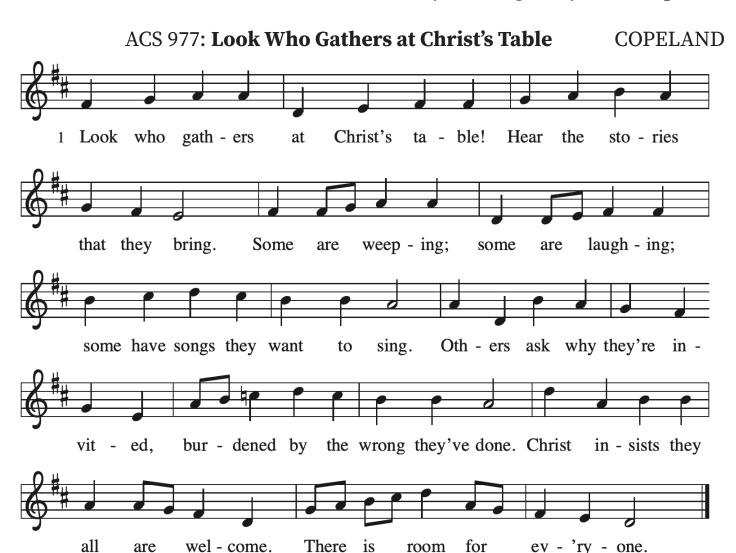
The assembly is seated.

We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. All adults, and children of any age with parental permission, are welcome to commune—both those present in person and on livestream.

- The ushers will invite you into the center aisle to receive glutenfree bread from the server.
- Receive wine (darker color) or grape juice (lighter color) from the server, place the empty cup in the basket or empty tray, and

return to your seat.

- If you desire a blessing rather than communion, please approach the servers with your arms crossed.
- If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher so that communion may be brought to you in the pew.



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Communion Solo * "Intermezzo" -W. F. Ambrosio Lydia King, violin

Communion Hymn • 10:30 a.m. ELW 754: **Jesus, the Very Thought of You** ST. AGNES



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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

Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others. **Amen.**

* SENDING *

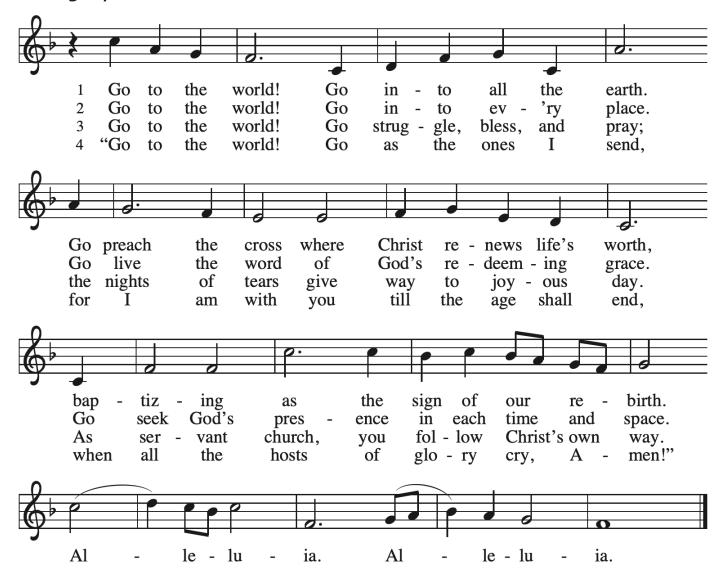
The Church cannot be contained within these walls. Through word and meal, the living Christ encounters us in this place, and we are empowered for ministry. God sends us as bearers of hope into a struggling world.

Blessing May the God who is love ★ be gracious to you, and fill you with hope. 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.

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Dismissal Go in peace, sent on the way of Jesus. Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Postlude in F Major" - Christian Cappelen

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.
- 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.
 Activity bags for children are available just outside of Christ Chapel. On the south side of the Sanctuary, children are also welcome to borrow items from the Worship & Wiggle shelf. Please return the items after worship. 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). 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.

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.

Worship Ministries

Altar Guild:

September Pat Miller

Lisa Boe-Sims

Bus Driver:

Henok Yohannes

Cantor:

Bella Mallow

Communion Bread:

September Robin Hoffman

Communion:

8 a.m. Roger Lipker

10:30 a.m. Jamie & Ellen Kastens

Communion Linens:

September Julie Shellhorn

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. John Flory

Greeters:

10:30 a.m.

Library:

Linda Crow

Prayers:

Anne Stratton

Readers:

8 a.m. Kirsten Lamphere

10:30 a.m. Brian Cox

Ushers:

8 a.m. Roger Lipker

Rob Trussell

10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg

Dana Buhr

Herman Ezpeleta

John Flory

Greg Hempelman Kristin Hempelman

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