



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 20, 2025 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10*

**Augustana**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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!*

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*Our 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 ♦ “Voluntary No. 1 in C Major” –George F. Handel

Welcome

♦ GATHERING ♦

*The assembly stands.*

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrating God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.*

**Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from your abundant life. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in following your way. In your mercy, forgive us. Break our bonds and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You are God’s beloved children. Through ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.*

## Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 520: **Dearest Jesus, at Your Word**

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673



First Reading ◆ Genesis 18:1–10a

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.”

<sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

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

## Psalm ♦ Psalm 15

*Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**<sup>2</sup> Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue,  
they do no evil to their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**<sup>4</sup> In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and  
do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.**

## Second Reading ♦ Colossians 1:15–20

A reading from Colossians.

<sup>15</sup> [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 ♦ Luke 10:38–42

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

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

Sermon ♦ Pastor Kent Mueller

*Silence for reflection.*

*The assembly stands.*

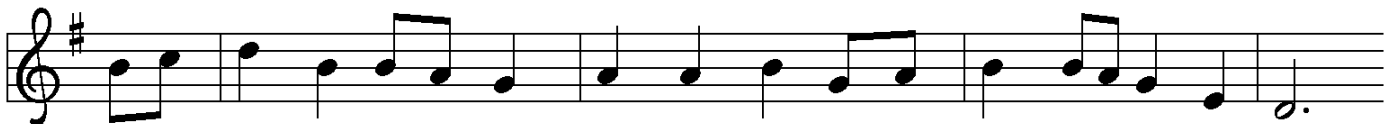
Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 636: **How Small Our Span of Life**      KINGSFOLD



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:  
2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;  
3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,  
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath,  
our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.  
to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.  
il - lu - min - ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with-in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,  
While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos - mic space,  
You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end  
for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass-ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.  
while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace.  
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans - cend.  
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KINGSFOLD, English traditional

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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:*

God of grace, **hear 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.” You may additionally shake hands or place your hand over your heart with a small bow to your neighbor.*

*The assembly is seated.*

◆ MEAL ◆

## Offering

*Members of Augustana’s Care Team are available to listen, pray, visit, and counsel during times of crisis, transition, and celebration. Thank you for your offerings which support Augustana’s ministry of hope and presence.*



“Give Me Jesus” –spiritual, arr. Mark Patterson

8 a.m. Keith Williamson solo ◆ 10:30 a.m. Summer Choir

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when I feel afraid, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

-Spiritual

*The assembly stands.*

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

BARBARA ALLEN



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 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.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957  
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune  
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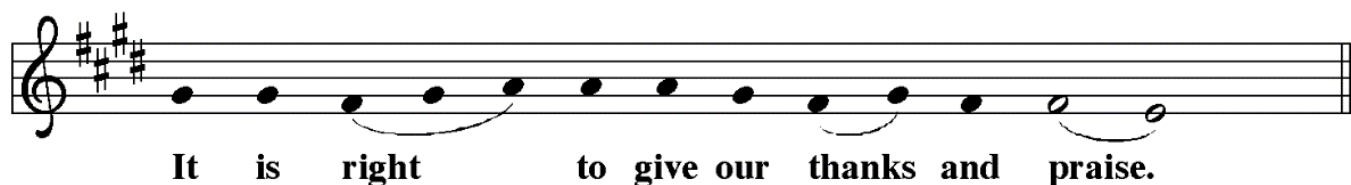
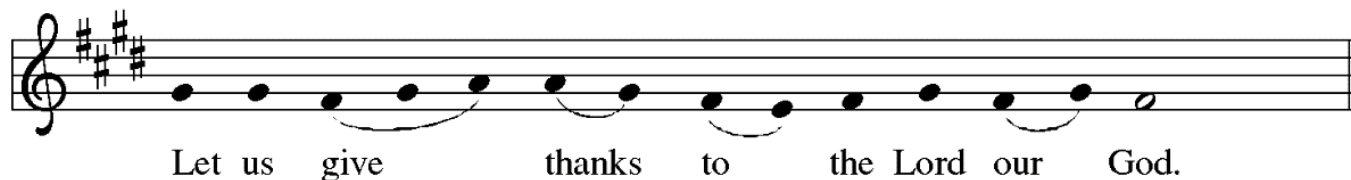
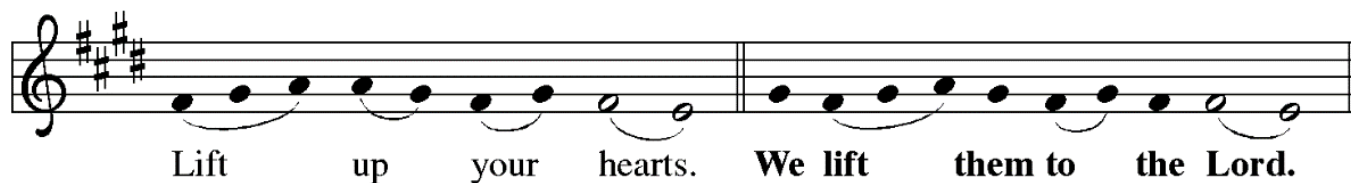
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## Offering Prayer

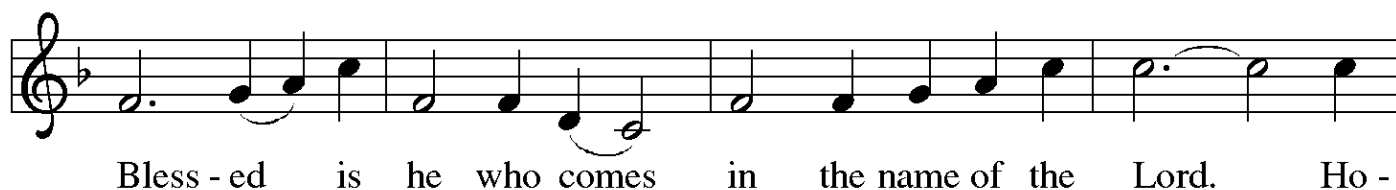
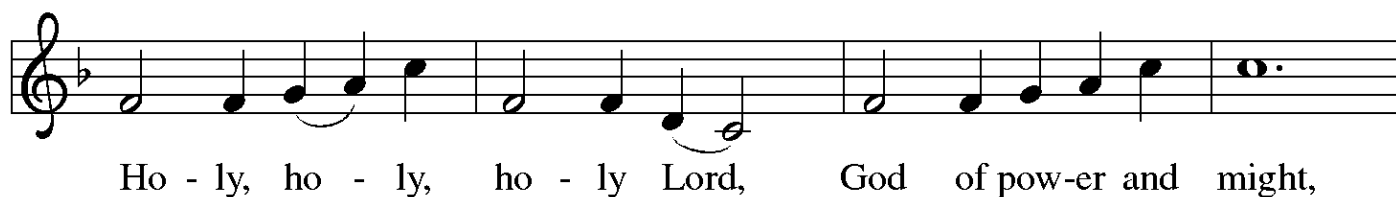
Let us pray.

Creator God, **in your generosity you bring forth an abundant harvest and all that is good. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





and unite them with the prayers of Jesus Christ  
who prays for us;  
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

*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 gluten-free 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.*
- *When you return to your pew you are invited to kneel or sit as you continue to pray and reflect.*

## Invitation to Communion

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

## Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Communion Solo

“Shout to the Lord” –arr. Lloyd Larson

Keith Williamson, solo

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the wonders  
of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.

Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing;  
power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

–Darlene Zschech

## 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

Let us pray.

Holy God who is love, you gathered us to your  
table where we feasted on your grace. Send  
us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as  
ourselves, to love our enemies and pray for  
them, and to proclaim your love in Jesus'  
name. **Amen.**

◆ SENDING ◆

**Blessing**     The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of Jesus Christ guide you on his way;  
and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you and ✠ give you  
peace. **Amen.**

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.*

# Sending Hymn ♦ ELW 658: O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

WALTON

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

**Dismissal** Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** ♦ “Voluntary No. 2 in C Major” –George F. Handel

*The postlude closes our worship time together. You are welcome to come up to the organ console for a better view, listen from your pew, or leave quietly while others are enjoying the music.*

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## 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.
- Activity bags for children are available just outside of Christ Chapel. On the south side of the Sanctuary, children are welcome to borrow items from the Worship & Wiggle shelf. Please return the items after worship. 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 Giving page at Augustana's website ([augustanadenver.org](http://augustanadenver.org)). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- From Christ Chapel, restrooms and water stations are located at the north end of the hallway leading from Christ Chapel. Restrooms and water stations are also located downstairs beneath the west sanctuary 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.

- 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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## 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](http://augustanadenver.org)) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

## Worship Ministries

### **Acolyte:**

10:30 a.m. Hattie Warren

### **Altar Guild:**

July Tracy Lutz

### **Bus Driver:**

Tim Libby

### **Communion Bread:**

July Beth Warren

### **Communion:**

8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt

10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg  
Katherine Cruson

### **Communion Linens:**

July Julie Shellhorn

### **Crucifer:**

10:30 a.m. Amelia Matossian

### **Greeters:**

10:30 a.m. Karen Morgenthaler  
Michael Quintana

### **Livestream Assistant:**

Bill Crossen  
Charlie Dickinson  
Nancy Nyhus

### **Prayers:**

Shanna VanderWel

### **Readers:**

8 a.m. Robin Hoffman

10:30 a.m. Beth Black

### **Summer Choir Accompanist:**

Christelle Menth

### **Ushers:**

8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims  
Kirsten Lamphere

10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown  
Robert Brown  
Emmett Cruson  
Jordan Ourada  
Rosalee Wanchisen  
Lance Wheeland

## Staff

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