



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
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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!

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 ♦ "Largo" and "Soave" from *Sonata in a minor* –Georg Philipp Telemann
Timothy Smith, horn

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.**

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 774: What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

SHOWALTER

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Refrain

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
 lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919
 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

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.

Canticle of Praise

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time

◆ WORD ◆

First Reading ◆ Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalm ◆ Psalm 33:12-22

Read responsively.

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.

²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading ♦ Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

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 12:32–40

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

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Silence for reflection.

The assembly stands.



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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LITTLE FLOCK
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Holy Baptism

Rejoice with Luka Jay Brekke, son of Jay and Gina Brekke, in his baptism. Welcome him into Christ's family today! Luka's sponsors are Matt Brekke, Shannon Winters, and Anthony Winters.

Presentation

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Promises are made by the parents, the sponsors, and the assembly.

Profession of Faith

The assembly stands.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

We renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

The candidate is baptized.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Please stand as we sing a word of welcome to the newly baptized.

Welcome, Child of God

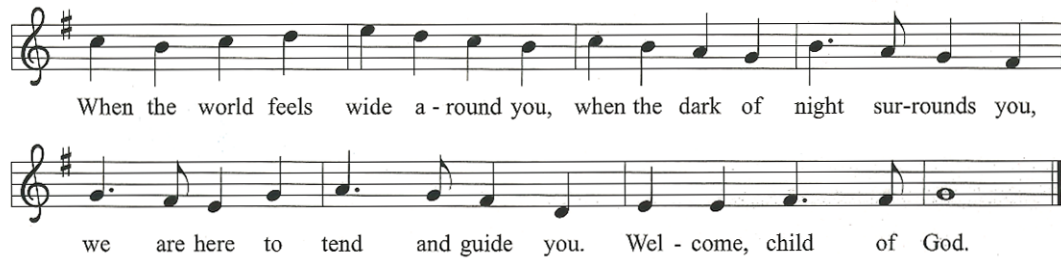
AR HYD Y NOS



Rain - drops, o - ceans, lakes, and riv - ers; wel - come, child of God.



Moth - ers, fa - thers, broth - ers, sis - ters; wel - come, child of God.



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Blessing for Kendall Flesch

Kendall, as you live out your baptism and prepare to serve in Turkey as a Young Adult in Global Mission, we give thanks to God:

For the privilege of new encounters,

For the wonder of our common creation,

For the fresh perspectives others bring to our lives,

For the joy of friendship that crosses boundaries.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

O God of all the nations and the world you so love, grant Kendall the humility to listen without pretext, to love without prejudice, to learn without presumption, and to serve without pride. May she display the gentleness of Christ so that she lays aside any unhelpful assumptions of our own culture, makes deep connections to members of our global family, and lives as an ambassador of the gospel of reconciliation. Strengthen her through her baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor, ✠ and give you peace. 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

Thank you for your offerings which support the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). YAGM invites young adults into a transformative, year-long journey in intentional service with ELCA partners. As they offer themselves in service, young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine country programs around the world.



“Allegro” from *Sonata in a minor* –Georg Philipp Telemann
Timothy Smith, horn

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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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

The Lord be with you. **And** al - so 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 . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, gracious creator,
Endless is your mercy and eternal your steadfast love.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age,
Including now the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who proclaimed your good news in word and deed, in his ministry on earth,
and through the mystery of his death and resurrection.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
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

“How Beautiful on the Mountains” –Alfred Wooler
Keith Williamson, solo

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him
that bringeth good tidings, and publisheth peace.
How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him
that bringeth good tidings of joy.
That publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion:
thy God reigneth. How beautiful!

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.**

Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.

Sending Hymn ◆ ELW 763: My Life Flows On in Endless Song

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

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

Postlude ♦ “Improvisation on HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING”

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.

Flowers for worship today are given by John and Kay Bengston in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Candles for the Christ Chapel altar lamp this month are given in memory of Viola Munson by her granddaughter, Karen Yeager.

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.
- 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). 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.

Worship Ministries

- Acolyte:**
10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown
- Altar Guild:**
August Pat Miller
- Bus Driver:**
Tim Dickinson
- Communion Bread:**
August Kelly McCartney
- Communion:**
8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt
10:30 a.m. Christelle Menth
Lance Wheeland
- Communion Linens:**
August Judy Nyquist
- Crucifer:**
10:30 a.m. Robert Brown
- Greeter:**
10:30 a.m. Michael Quintana
- Livestream Assistants:**
Bill Crossen
Charlie Dickinson
Nancy Nyhus
- Prayers:**
Marcia Olson
- Readers:**
8 a.m. A.J. Levy
10:30 a.m. Tim Smith
- Ushers:**
8 a.m. A.J. Levy
Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. Grace Crook
Wil Crook
Bill Crossen
James Kastens
Craig Tamminga
Miles Tamminga

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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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