



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 31, 2025 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10*

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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.*

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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** ♦ "Song of Peace" –Jean Langlais

**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.**

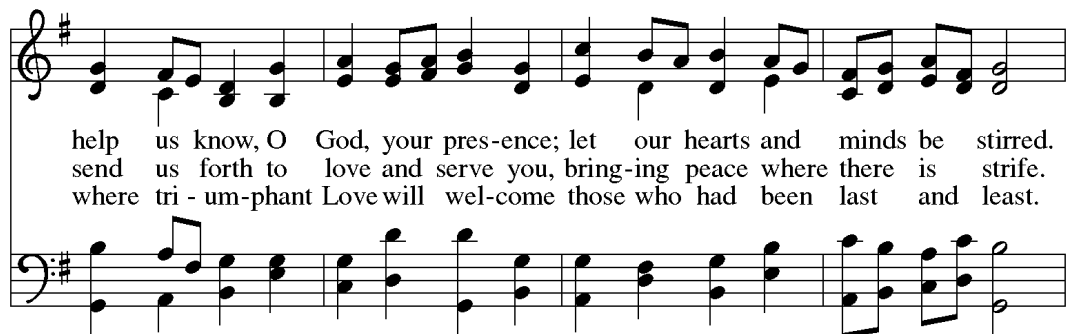
10:30 a.m. *Please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.*

## Gathering Hymn ◆ ELW 522: As We Gather at Your Table

IN BABILONE



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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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.**

## 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.

O God, **you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Anthem

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” –John Ness Beck

Max Johnson, solo

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 waters flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth,  
and, 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.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever. Amen.

–Psalm 23

## Children’s Time ♦ 10:30 a.m.

♦ WORD ♦

## First Reading ♦ Proverbs 25:6–7a

A reading from Proverbs.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence  
or stand in the place of the great,

<sup>7a</sup>for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

## Psalm ♦ Psalm 112

*Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God’s commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;**

**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup> For they will never be shaken;**

**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup> Their heart is established and will not shrink,**

**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

**<sup>10</sup> The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## Second Reading ♦ Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

<sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 14:1, 7-14

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

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

<sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## Sermon ♦ Pastor Kent Mueller

*Silence for reflection.*

# Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 461: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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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

*On average, 25 people worship via Augustana's livestream at 10:30 each Sunday morning. Thank you for your offerings which support the ministry of AV Technician Alice McAlister and other resources needed to welcome worshipers at home and afar.*



"Woodcutter's Song" from *The Pilgrim's Progress* –Ralph Vaughan Williams,  
Blake Nawa`a, solo

He that is down need fear no fall, He that is low, no pride;  
he that is humble, ever shall have God to be his Guide.

I am content with what I have, little be it or much;  
and, Lord, contentment still I crave, because Thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is, that go on pilgrimage;  
here little, and hereafter bliss, is from age to age.

–John Bunyan

# 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.

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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

“Panis Angelicus” –André Caplet

Blake Nawa`a, solo

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;

*The bread of the angels becomes the bread of mortals;*

Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum:

*the bread of heaven puts an end to prefigurations.*

O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis.

*O wondrous thing! the poor, the servant and the humble feed on their Lord.*

## 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 859: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won-drous-ly reign - ing,  
3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros-pers your work and de-fends you;  
4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!

My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.

Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a - wake.  
 Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do;  
 Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,

Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.  
 in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.  
 glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing.

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

**Postlude** ♦ “LOBE DEN HERREN” –Johann Gottfried Walther

*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.*

# 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. Childcare is available in the nursery, 9–11 a.m., 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 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.

# Worship Ministries

- Acolyte:**  
10:30 a.m. Carter Cox
- Altar Guild:**  
August Pat Miller
- Bus Driver:**  
Michael Graham
- Communion Bread:**  
August Kelly McCartney
- Communion:**  
8 a.m. Jim Dierker  
10:30 a.m. Michael Zumwalt  
Finley Zumwalt
- Communion Linens:**  
August Judy Nyquist
- Crucifer:**  
10:30 a.m. Robert Brown
- Greeters:**  
10:30 a.m. Jena Requist  
Ken Beazer  
Aaron Beazer
- Livestream Assistant:**  
Charlie Dickinson
- Prayers:**  
Michael Zumwalt
- Readers:**  
8 a.m. Kathy Edstrom  
10:30 a.m. Finley Zumwalt
- Ushers:**  
8 a.m. Paul & Kathy Edstrom  
10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown  
Robert 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 ([augustanadenver.org](http://augustanadenver.org)) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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