

15th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 5, 2021 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Setting 4, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

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*Welcome to worship on these Sundays after Pentecost! On Pentecost, we celebrate the birth of the church through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church is often referred to as the Body of Christ because we serve the world as Christ's resurrected body in ways that reflect Jesus' earthly ministry. These summer Sundays allow us to sink into the stories of Jesus and how he moved through the world, offering food, forgiveness, and radical inclusion into God's promises. Prepare to be comforted and challenged by Jesus' ministry to individual people and to the world that God loves.*

*Because of CDC guidelines, masks are highly recommended for everyone at worship for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Unvaccinated people should continue to wear masks.*

**WiFi use:** *All the bandwidth possible is needed to livestream the 10:30 worship service. Please turn your cell phone off, turn off the WiFi, or put it in airplane mode while the service is going on. Thank you!*

Prelude

“Andante” –Gabriel Fauré

James Fittz, cello and Linda Mack, organ

Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

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

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

## Gathering Song ELW 312: **Jesus, Come! For We Invite You**

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.*



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to  
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in  
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,  
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or  
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in  
 chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -  
 all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
 se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
 ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
 rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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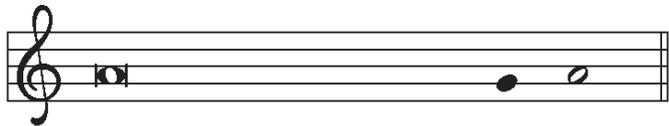
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## Greeting

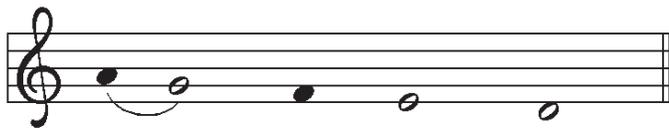
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

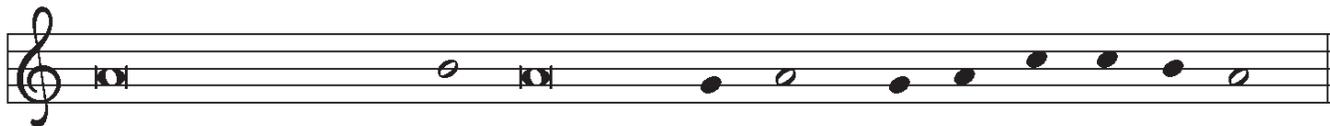
# Kyrie



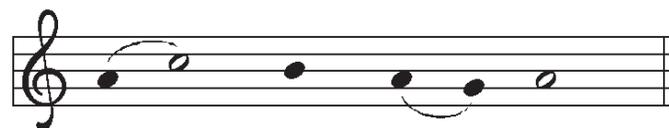
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



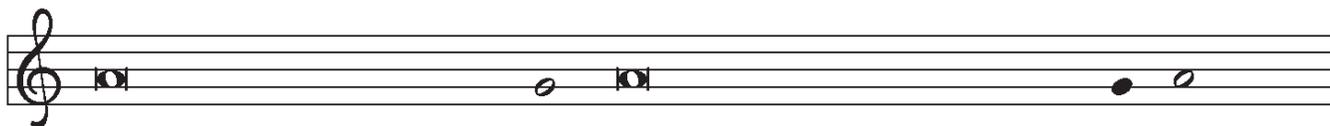
Lord, have mer - cy.



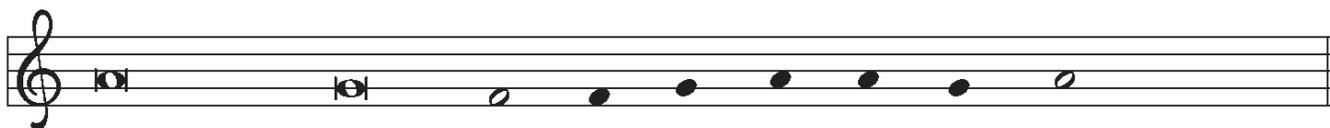
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



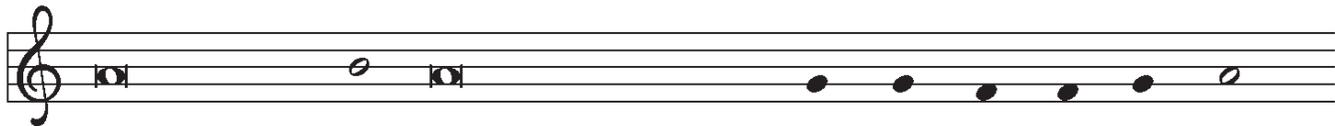
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



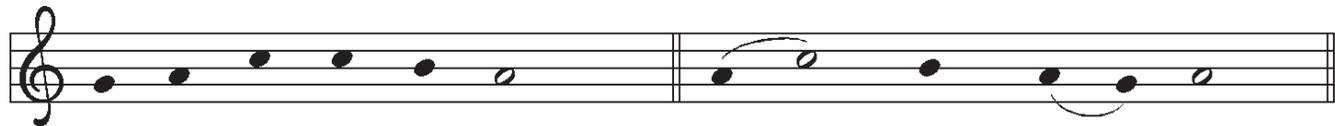
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



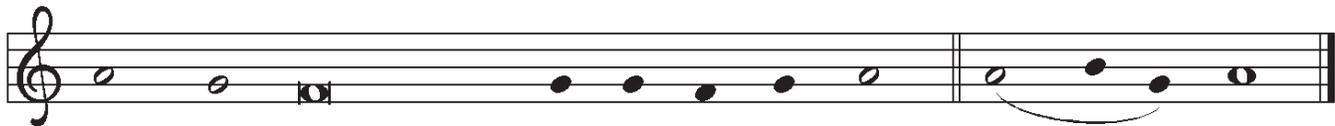
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

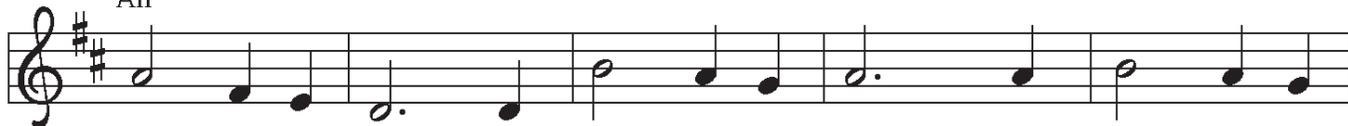
## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



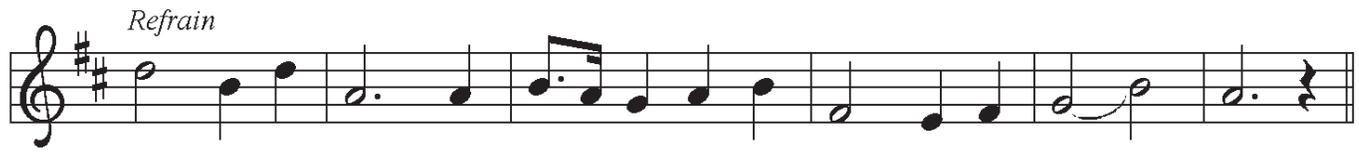
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



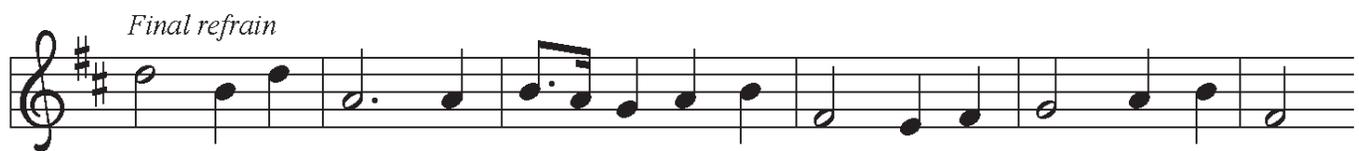
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day Let us pray.

**Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 35:4–7a

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

## Psalm

Psalm 146

*Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there is no help.

**<sup>4</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas,  
and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading

James 2:1–10, 14–17

A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

<sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to

them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

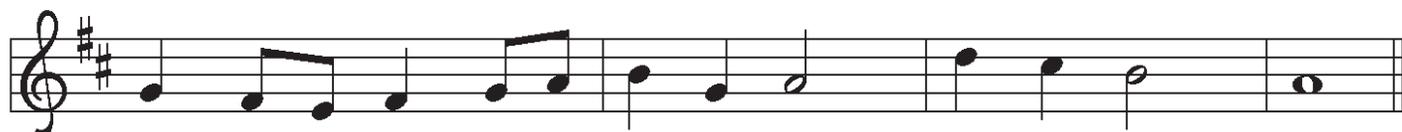
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

### Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel

Mark 7:24–37

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

<sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

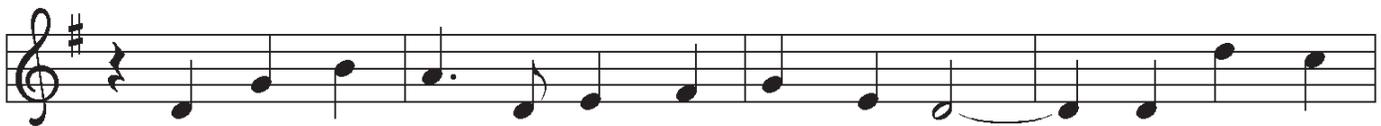
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Children’s Sermon  
10:30 a.m.

Sermon                      Pastor Caitlin Trussell

*The assembly stands.*

Hymn of the Day      ELW 546: **To Be Your Presence**



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here,                      to show com -  
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold,                      to feed the  
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest,                      to speak for  
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,                      to serve your



pas - sion’s face and lis - t’ning ear,                      to be your heart of mer - cy  
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold,                      to be your hands of jus - tice,  
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed,                      to be your voice of hope, your  
 peo - ple is our call and choice,                      and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
right up - hold,           al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - jice,

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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:*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*You may share a sign of peace with the peace sign or a wave or a hand over your heart.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## Offering

*On this Labor Day weekend, we give thanks to God for our ability to work and our ability to share in our offering what we earn so that those in need are cared for with the love of Christ.*

“I Will Sing New Songs” –Antonín Dvořák

Art VanDyck, soloist

10:30 a.m. Pat VanDyck, piano

*The assembly stands.*

## Offertory Prayer

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.

**Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

**Eucharistic Prayer** We praise you, all-holy God,  
our maker, redeemer, and keeper,  
for the universe beyond our knowing,  
for land and water and all their creatures,  
and for friends, strangers and family,  
homes, workplaces, and schools.

We praise you for your covenant people:  
for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam.

We praise you for faithful people: Mary, Peter and Paul,  
and for those who mentor us in faith.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,  
who redeems us and offers us life and love.  
Who in the night before he died took bread,  
and gave thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to the disciples, saying:  
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again after supper Jesus 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.  
We pray for your Holy Spirit.  
Inspire us to give and to serve,  
and renew the world with your mercy,  
with your healing, your justice, your peace.  
We praise you loving God,  
today, tomorrow, 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### Holy Communion

*We are connected by the Holy Spirit to God and to each other  
across time and place through our baptisms. In this same*

*Spirit, we share bread and wine with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home. We invite you to share this bread of life and cup of blessing as we all are one in Christ. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of God.*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Adagio” (from *Cello Concerto*) –Edward Elgar  
James Fittz, cello and Linda Mack, organ

*The assembly stands.*

### Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

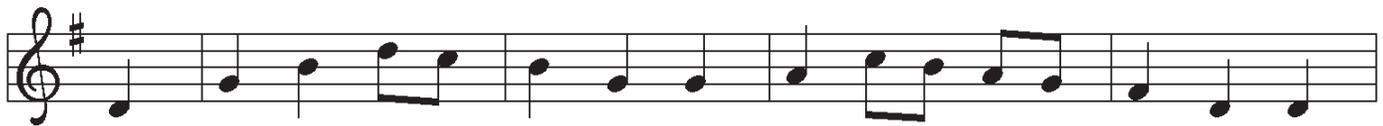
## Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

### ELW 881: **Let All Things Now Living**

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.*



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Gabriel's Oboe" (from *The Mission*) –Ennio Morricone  
 James Fittz, cello and Linda Mack, organ



**Evangelical Lutheran  
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God's work. Our hands.

## Welcome!

- How good to have you here!
- Large-print copies of the service bulletin are available.
- For a copy of this morning's sermon, inquire in Augustana's office.
- Children are welcome in worship! Children's bulletins and crayons are available on Augustana's entrance tables. Childcare is available in the nursery for newborns through children age 5.
- The Ammerman Library is open and staffed every Sunday.
- Restrooms 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.
- 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.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the [Giving page at Augustana's website, www.augustanadenver.org](#). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- 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.
- Welcome to coffee and cookies, 9–10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall.

## Worship Ministries

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September Pat Miller, Lisa Boe-Sims

**Bus Driver:** Michael Graham

**Cantor:** Art VanDyck

### Communion Preparation:

8 a.m. Venus Conklin,  
Jim Dierker

10:30 a.m. Robert & Patsy Miller

### Communion Assistants:

10:30 a.m. Heidi Johnson,  
Roger Lipker

### Communion Linens:

September Julie Shellhorn

### Library:

Linda Crow

### Livestream Assistant:

Bill Crossen

**Prayers:** Don Troike

### Readers:

8 a.m. Don Troike

10:30 a.m. David Aarestad

### Ushers:

10:30 a.m. Annie Nessa, Win

Nyquist, Brad Uyemura

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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 ([www.facebook.com/augustanadenver/](http://www.facebook.com/augustanadenver/)) or YouTube channel ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8QQ4ybjC4GuBH\\_mdvVRCdA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8QQ4ybjC4GuBH_mdvVRCdA)) for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website ([www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org)) for downloadable worship resources and past worship videos.

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