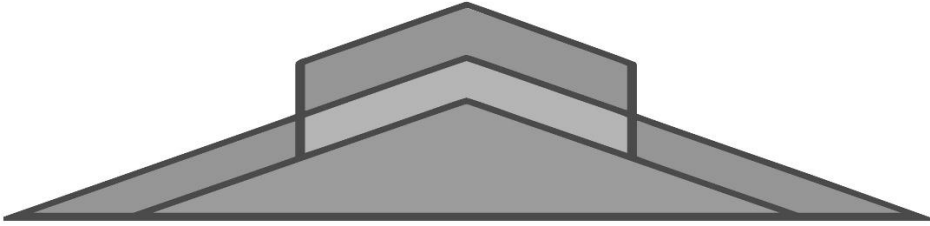


**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 21, 2025**



"And if you have not been  
**FAITHFUL**  
with what belongs to another,  
who will give you  
what is your own?"



LUKE 16:12, NRSV

**10 a.m. Worship**  
**Augustana Lutheran Church**  
**Pastor *Amy Kelly***  
**Accompanist *Anne Hintz***

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*(\*stand if able)*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Have mercy on us, O God, because of your unfailing love.  
Because of your great compassion, forgive us.  
Free us from the guilt that weighs us down,  
from the sin that controls us.

P: Loving and merciful God,

**C: we have so little to bring to You.**

**But what we have, we willingly give:  
our humble spirits and contrite hearts.  
We long to be your disciples,  
to follow your path for our lives,  
and to share with others  
the good news of your love and mercy.**

P: Our God is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, full of unfailing love.  
Today, receive God's forgiveness.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **\*GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

ELW #661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

# \*KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

## “Now the Feast and Celebration”

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!


1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*


2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*


3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*

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### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S WORD

### WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

#### Psalm 113

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time on and forevermore.

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is high above all nations  
and his glory above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high,

<sup>6</sup> who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?

<sup>7</sup> He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

<sup>8</sup> to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.

<sup>9</sup> He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Sanctuary”

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Luke 16:1-13

Jesus also said to the disciples, “A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. <sup>2</sup> He called the manager in and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.’

<sup>3</sup> “The household manager said to himself, What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I’m not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. <sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses.

<sup>5</sup> “One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He said, ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.’<sup>[a]</sup> The manager said to him, ‘Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.’ <sup>7</sup> Then the manager said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ He said, ‘One thousand bushels of wheat.’<sup>[b]</sup> He said, ‘Take your contract and write eight hundred.’

<sup>8</sup> “The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it’s gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> If you haven’t been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> If you haven’t been faithful with someone else’s property, who will give you your own? <sup>13</sup> No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

*Pastor Amy Kelly*



# HYMN OF THE DAY *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* ELW #631



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

### **\*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 THE PEOPLE**

Each petition will end with the words, "Hear us O God"  
The congregation responds, **"Your mercy is great"**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

### **OFFERING**

# **\*OFFERTORY** *"Give Thanks"*

W&P #41



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.



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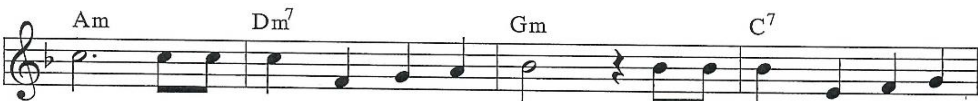
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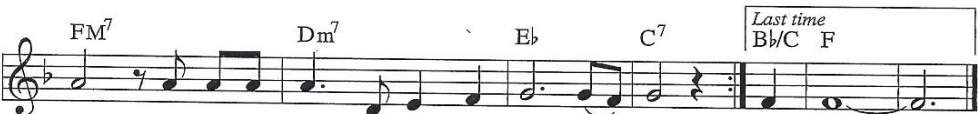
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should in all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

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

P: You are indeed Holy, Almighty and Merciful God. You are most holy and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved that world that you gave your only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE 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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*We commune together following The Lord's Prayer.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **TABLE PRAYER**

Be present at our table, Lord;  
Be here and everywhere adored;  
These mercies bless, and grant that we  
May strengthen for thy service be.  
Amen.

## **\*BLESSING**

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;  
Grace to risk something big for something good; and  
Grace to remember the world is  
too dangerous for anything but the truth and  
too small for anything but love.

-Rev. William Sloane Coffin (1924-2006)

**\*SENDING HYMN** *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

*ELW #733*



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours-es a - bove; join with all na - ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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## **\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**AUGUSTANA'S CALENDAR**



Sun	9/21	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m.	Coffee fellowship Worship; Drive for Dollars potluck following worship
Wed	9/24	11:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Ladies Lunch @ Cally's Café Confirmation Council
Thu	9/25	9 a.m.	Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall
Sun	9/28	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m.	Coffee fellowship Worship; September birthday celebration following worship

*Please see the Kiosk for details on other happenings this week*

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Donations can be given by cash or check. Please indicate your donation is for the fall campaign.