

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 28, 2025



10 a.m. Worship
Augustana Lutheran Church
Pastor *Amy Kelly*
Accompanist *Kaele Peterson*

GATHERING

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

*(*stand if able)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

ELW #705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

***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.

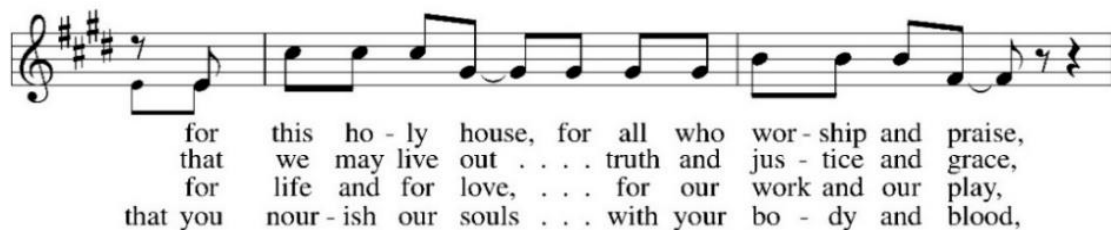
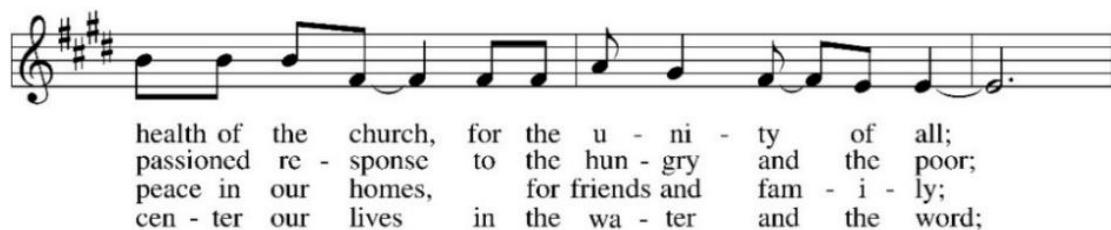
*KYRIE ELEISON

Leader sings verses 1-3; All Refrain

Refrain



Last time



Refrain



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *"Sanctuary"*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system covers measures 1 through 2. The second system starts at measure 3 and covers measures 3 through 4. The third system starts at measure 6 and covers measures 6 through 7. The score includes various musical notations such as whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, rests, and ties. There are also some decorative flourishes like slurs and ties between notes.

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

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

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

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Amy Kelly

HYMN OF THE DAY “Change My Heart, O God” sing twice ELW #801

Refrain

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

End

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: Eddie Espinosa

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CHANGE MY HEART

P M

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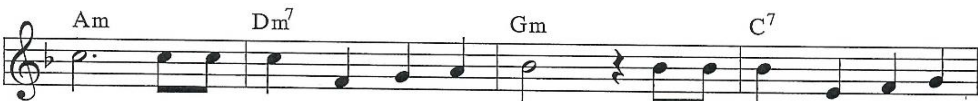
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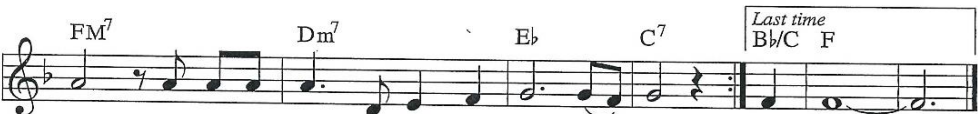
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



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

*All are welcome at Christ's table, you will be ushered forward.
Grape juice is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers, please request.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "We Remember You"

W&P # 152

C² Dm⁷ F/G G C G/B Am

In bro - ken bread and the cup that we share, we re -

F FM⁷ G^{sus} G C² Dm⁷

mem - ber you. In bro - ken bread and the

F/G G C G/B Am Dm⁷ G⁷ C^{sus} C

cup that we share, we re - mem - ber you.

F G/F C/E Am CM⁷/G F

We re - mem - ber you, Je - sus. We re -

G C Am CM⁷/G F G F/A G/B

mem - ber your love for us. We re - mem - ber the

C G/B Am C/G F/G G⁷ C

blood you shed. We re - mem - ber you.

Text and music: Rick Founds
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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.

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN “This Little Light of Mine”

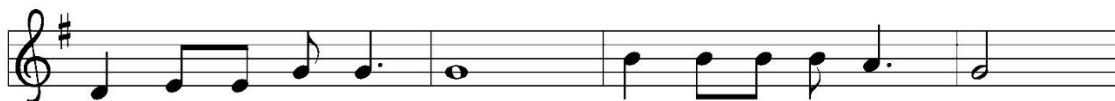
ELW #677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

AUGUSTANA'S CALENDAR

Sun	9/28	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m.	Coffee fellowship Worship; September birthday celebration following worship
Thu	10/2	9 a.m. 12 p.m.	Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall Bible Study
Sun	10/5	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m.	Coffee fellowship Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship

Please see the Kiosk for details on other happenings this week

ONLINE GIVING - The QR Code below can be scanned with your smartphone to give to Augustana online.



Exciting update for the fall campaign as we kick it off today! We have secured \$8,000 in donation matches toward our Drive for Dollars campaign. We have \$1 for \$1 matches up to \$8,000! Our collective goal now is \$8000 between now and October 19. *Can you help us score a touchdown?*

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



AUGUST MEETING UPDATE

Since March 2025, members and leaders from **Augustana, Bethlehem, First Lutheran, Hope, and Zion** have been gathering monthly to explore what it means to be the Church together in changing times.

On August 28th, the Fergus Area Mission meeting included three main discussions.

1) **Augustana Invitation to Executive Teams**

Augustana's Executive Team invited the other congregations' executive teams (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) to a gathering with the focus to continue building relationships.

2) **Guidance to the Joint Worship Planning Team**

Two members from each participating congregation and pastors will meet to plan a joint worship and outreach event. Locations outside of the church buildings were discussed. The outreach component will be hunger related with two focuses: one hands on project that any age can participate in and a special offering to make a greater impact to the local food shelf.

3) **Youth and Family Collaboration**

A small group broke off to discuss options for a single event for youth and/or families that could be hosted by all five congregations.

We ask that you join us in prayer for this process, for each of these congregations, and for God's greater work in Fergus Falls.

In September, the **Joint Worship Planning Team** and the **Youth and Family Collaboration Team** will meet to continue their work.



Next Meeting: October 23rd @ 6 PM at First Lutheran Church
You are invited to attend!

For questions, please contact: Pastor Amy