

# Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 5, 2025



**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**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: We enter the song of Creation!

**C: Earth cradles our ancestors, bringing forth new life.**

P: We enter the prayer of Creation!

**C: Sky brings darkness and light, holds storms and the stars.**

P: We enter the praise of Creation!

**C: Mountains peaked with snow, hills swaying with grasses.**

P: We enter the silence of Creation!

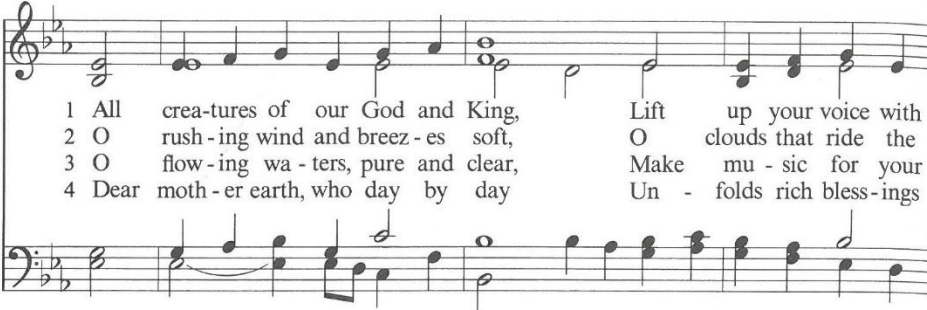
**C: Humanity between the ground and the heavens.**

P: We come here, humbly, as one earthly family to worship our Creator:  
the giver of form, the maker of space.

**C: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

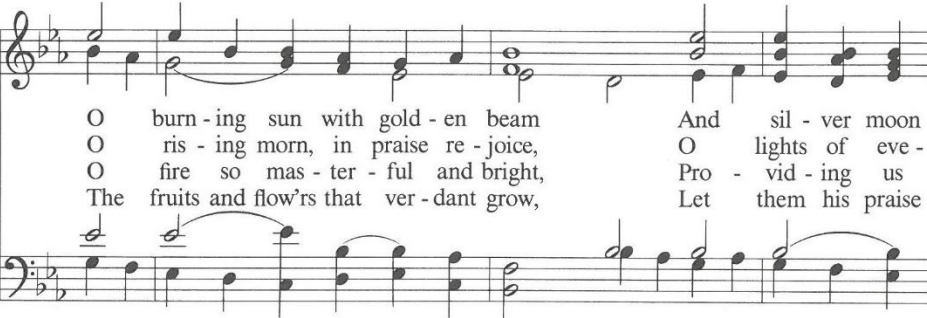
LBW #527



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with  
 2 O rush-ing wind and breez-es soft, O clouds that ride the  
 3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your  
 4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-folds rich bless-ings

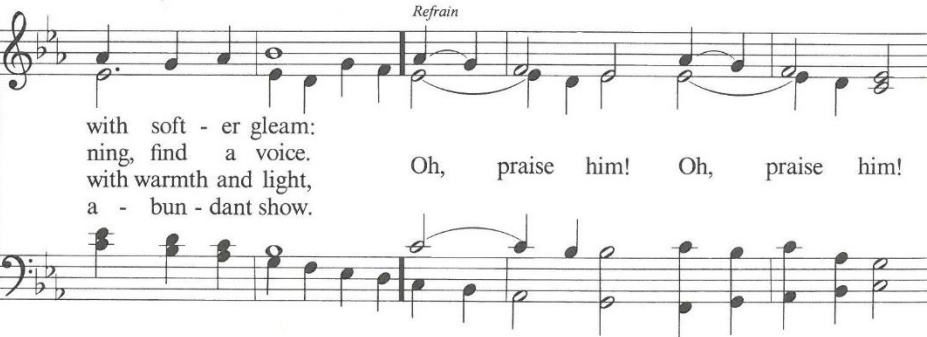


us and sing: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 winds a-loft: Oh, . . praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Lord to hear. Oh, . . praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 on our way, Oh, . . praise him! Al-le-lu-ia!



O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam And sil-ver moon  
 O ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice, O lights of eve-  
 O fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, Pro-vid-ing us  
 The fruits and flow'rs that ver-dant grow, Let them his praise

*Refrain*



with soft-er gleam:  
 ning, find a voice. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!  
 with warmth and light,  
 a-bun-dant show.



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Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

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## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: God of righteousness and justice, You have made the Earth and all that is in it, but we have failed to honor your good work. We do not recognize your presence among us, and our hardened hearts do not hear Creation's cry. We have made your good land a desolation, and we dishonor your image in our neighbors. Forgive us, in your steadfast love, O God, for trampling your vineyards and polluting your sky. On your holy mountain, call us again to be stewards of your Earth and to join all Creation in songs of praise. Amen.**

**P:** Rejoice, for the Incarnate Word has come to you. Laying aside all heavenly glory, the Servant of all is obedient unto death to make of you and all the Earth a new Creation. Rejoice, for Christ, from whom nothing can separate you, + forgives you all your sins. Rejoice, for the One whose name is majestic in all the Earth raises you up to newness of life. Amen.

## **\*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*



- 1 For peace in the world, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im -
- 3 For peace in our hearts, for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;  
 passionate re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;  
 peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;  
 cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
 that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
 that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S WORD**

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

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Psalms 37:1-9**

- <sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
<sup>2</sup> for they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.  
<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do good;  
live in the land and enjoy security.  
<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.  
<sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.  
<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.  
<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.  
<sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

**P:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of two staves each. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands, with some measures containing rests or specific rhythmic patterns like eighth notes.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

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## **GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

### **Luke 17:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **MESSAGE**

*Pastor Amy Kelly*



## HYMN OF THE DAY “When Long before Time”

ELW #861



1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,  
2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,  
3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,  
4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,  
their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;  
its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,  
and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,  
the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—  
and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.  
the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long.  
our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,  
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,  
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,  
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,  
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
be glory forever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936

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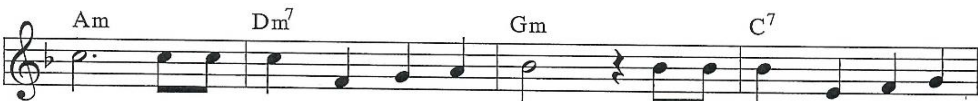
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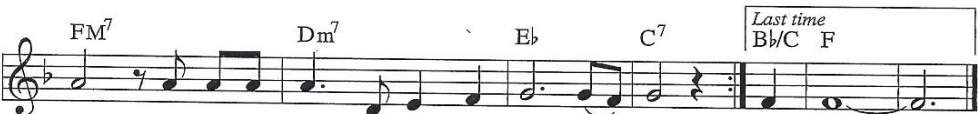
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



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.*

## **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** *"Born-ing Cry"*

ELW #732



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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## **\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, Praise God in creation.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## AUGUSTANA'S CALENDAR

Sun	10/5	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m.	Coffee fellowship Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship
Mon	10/6	12 p.m.	Outreach Board Meeting
Wed	10/8	3:45 p.m.	Confirmation
Thu	10/9	9 a.m. <b>10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Office Open</b>	Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall
Sun	10/12	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m.	Coffee fellowship Rejoice Worship; Meal following Worship
Tue	10/14	9:30 a.m. Noon	Ruth Circle @ Pioneer Pointe Deborah Circle @ Augustana Church

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

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### Campaign Huddle!

It's halftime! 2 weeks in, 2 weeks to go!  
We are nearly 60% to the goal of \$16,000.  
Let's come out for the second half and make the touchdown!

For contributions already received for the Drive for Dollars fall campaign, thank you! For those still planning to contribute, donations can be given via cash or check and any size gift makes a difference. 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6 PM at First Lutheran Church

You are invited to attend!

For questions, please contact: Pastor Amy