

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026



**9:30 a.m. Worship
Augustana Lutheran Church
Pastor Amy Kelly**

GATHERING SONG

“Open Our Eyes Lord”

D Dsus/E D/F# G2 G G/A A Bm7 A7/C# G/D D A/C# Bm

♩ = 76

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus, to

9 D/A Gmaj9 Em A7 Bm7 A7/C# G/D D Dmaj7 D Dsus/E D/F#

reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him. O - pen our

18 G2 G Em7 A Bm7 A7/C# G/D D A/C# Bm D/A Gmaj9 Em

ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten. O - pen our eyes, Lord,

28 A7 G2/B A7/C# Em/D D

we want to see Je - - sus.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Everyone come! You who are thirsty, come. You who are struggling to make ends meet, come. You who squander all you have, come. You who are longing to share with others, come. Come and listen! God draws near and gives renewing water. God enters in and offers strength to the weary. God teaches us again how to share as community. God helps us to be a new people grounded in promise.

P: Everyone come! Come and know the renewing love of God.

C: We come today to worship. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Grace Alone"



1. Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and
2. Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we



step of faith, ev - ery dif - ference we will make
hope to teach, ev - ery - where we share his peace



is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery moun - tain
is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing

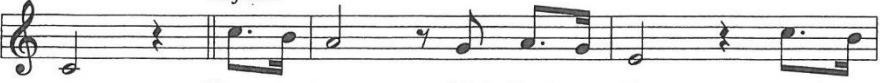


we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine,
word we say, ev - ery tear we wipe a - way,



ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind } is on - ly by his
ev - ery sor - row turned to praise }

Refrain



grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un -



known he will pro - vide. Christ in us our Cor - ner -



stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.

WORDS: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson (Eph. 2:8-10)
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GRACE ALONE
Irregular with Refrain

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C: God of grace and mercy, we confess
that we are impatient for perfection.

We want our struggles to be over *now*.

We want our lives to be polished *now*.

We want our relationships to be breezy *now*.

We want our faith to be rock-solid *now*.

**We want all our dreams to come true
with the snap of a finger.**

Remind us, God, how much more meaningful the slow path can be.

**Remind us that our need to make progress is not your punishment, but
your gift: that you walk with imperfect people,
so that we can see in real time
the power of your love. Amen!**

CHILDREN'S WORD *Holy Play*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to
your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

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 G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word "You".

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 Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 14:22-33

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him,

saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Amy Kelly

HYMN OF THE DAY “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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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.

***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

Petitions will end with the words, "Lord we call to you,"
Congregation responds, **"Hear our prayer."**

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Give Thanks”



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.



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.



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



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Last time

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

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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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.**

TABLE PRAYER

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest,
and let these gifts to us be blessed.
Amen.**

BLESSING

P: May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us; may the love of God go with us this day now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING SONG “Shout to the Lord”

ELW #821



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

P: Go in peace, Rejoice in the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

The ELCA Churches of Fergus Falls invite you to

Common Mission Sunday

with



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

August 16, 2026

9:30am Spies Riverfront Park

Preacher: Brian Scott, ELCA pastor and LWR Advisor
Worship Offering given to **LWR**

This worship service replaces all other ELCA worship services that day

AUGUSTANA'S CALENDAR

Sun	8/9	9:30 a.m.	Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship
Wed	8/12	5:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Council Meeting Stewardship Board Meeting
Thu	8/13	9 a.m.	Piecemakers Quilting
Sun	8/16	9:30 a.m.	Joint ELCA Worship @ Spies Riverfront Park

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