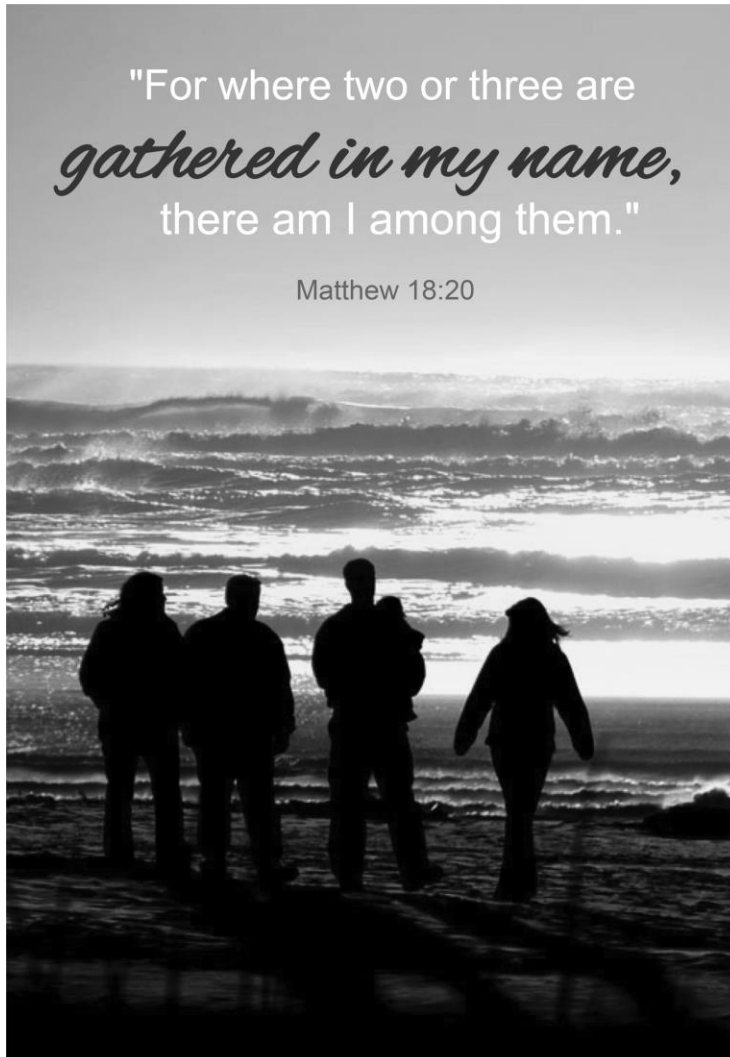


Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026



9:30 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

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, the Son, + the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the Creator of wind and rain field and ocean, the Bread of Life who has come down from above, the Spirit at work within us and this world.

C: Amen.

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God and Father of all,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away, and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** *"Blessed Assurance"*

ELW #638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

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 vs. 1,3 & 4; all sing refrain

Refrain

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

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;
 passioned 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**

**O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

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

CHILDREN'S WORD – *Holy Play*

Psalms 119:33-40

- ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
- ³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
- ³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees
and not to selfish gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
be gracious to me according to your word.
- ³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
- ³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
- ⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness be gracious to me.

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia”**

Setting 8, pg. 188



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



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John 6:68, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: Robin Cain; arr. Phil Kadidlo
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress

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***GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

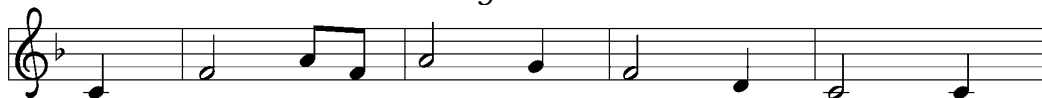
C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Amy Kelly

HYMN OF THE DAY “Amazing Grace”

ELW # 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

***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, "Lord in your mercy,"
The congregation responds with, "**Hear our prayer.**"

***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.
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
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!

Last time

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*OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***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 “Seeds Scattered and Sown”

W&P #121

Refrain

Seed, scat-tered and sown; wheat, gath-ered and grown;
bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the Liv-ing Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands; one cup that is
shared by all; the Liv-ing Cup, the Liv-ing Bread of God.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

ELW #774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

AUGUSTANA CALENDAR

Sun 9/6 9:30 a.m. Worship; Coffee fellowship following
Worship

Mon 9/7 ***Labor Day – Office Closed***

Tue 9/8 11:00 a.m. Ruth & Deborah Circle in
Fellowship Hall

Wed 9/9 6 p.m. Mission Report Meeting

Thu 9/10 9 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting

Sun 9/13 10:30 a.m. ***Note Time Change***
Youth Sunday
Student Mission Information
Rejoice Worship
**No meal following worship*
2:30-5:30 p.m. Ice Cream social at Uncle Eddies

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



Circle News Deborah and Ruth Circles will meet together on Sept. 8 at 11 a.m.
in the fellowship hall at Augustana. The Bible Study is from “Bible Women,”
pages 299-303.



Drive for Dollars Calling all Leaders!

Augustana's fall giving campaign will kick-off on Sunday, September 20 and the goal is \$16,000. We would like to secure the first half of the goal, prior to kick-off of the Vikings vs. Bears game. We need lead gifts for the first \$8,000 of the campaign goal, please let Pr. Amy or a member of the Stewardship Committee know. Gobble Up turkey will be served, bring a dish to share! Thank you for your consideration!

Stewardship Committee: Jon Nygaard, Sr., Janet Swenson, Cornel Walker, Mike Winge, or Dacia Johnson

Financials through month end July 31, 2026:

Actual general offering revenue - \$88,758.52

Budgeted general offering revenue - \$94,213.00

Actual general fund expense - \$125,824.57

Budgeted to general fund expense - \$144,690.00

Augustana Lutheran Church's Welcome Statement

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-off or down on your luck. We especially welcome crying babies and excited toddlers. We welcome single parent families and those with no family at all, individuals with special needs and individuals in need of Christ's love. We welcome you whether you can sing like Michael Buble' or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woke up or just got out of prison. It makes no difference to us if you were awarded a Sunday School Perfect Attendance Pin or you haven't been to church since Christmas Eve Service when you were five. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome those with an 11:30 tee-time, and those with nowhere to be, active duty military members, veterans, keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters, teetotalers and homebrewers. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organized religion. We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because you're visiting Grandma and she insisted on coming. We welcome those who are tattooed, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or took a wrong turn on Cascade Avenue and ended up here by mistake. We don't believe it was by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, vacationers, seekers, skeptics, believers in God, people in need of a God who believes in them, and, of course, you.

** The origin of Augustana's Welcome Statement is a bit mysterious. It was adopted at Coventry Cathedral in England but shared with their minister by a friend from the US. Later, the minister of Coventry Cathedral was contacted and told that it came originally from a small church in Wales who simply asked that whenever it was used people would thank God for its writer. We thank God for the writer and for those who contributed to its present adaptation and, especially, for those who strive to live out Jesus' wide welcome day after day.*