



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship

Augustana Lutheran Church

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the
people of God. (*stand if able)*

PRELUDE

Accompanist Anne Hintz

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 "All Are Welcome"

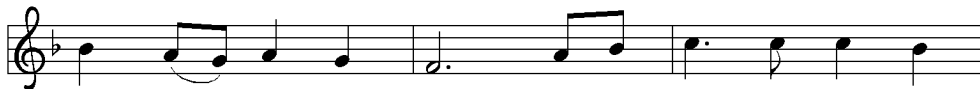
ELW #641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

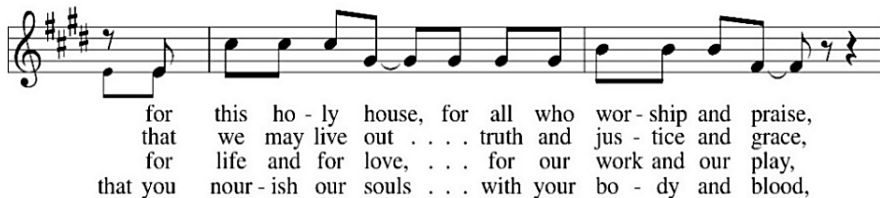
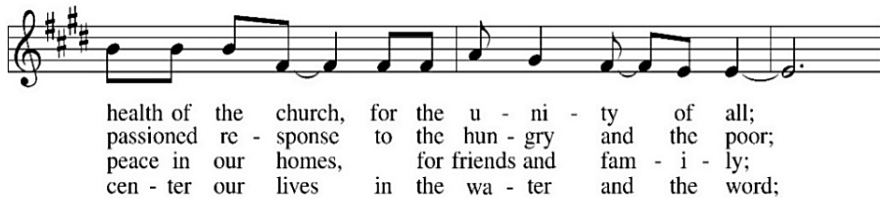
GREETING

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



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

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

CHILDREN'S WORD – *Holy Play*

Psalms 145:1-8

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴ One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.
- ⁶ They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in

faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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.

***GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 20:1-16

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

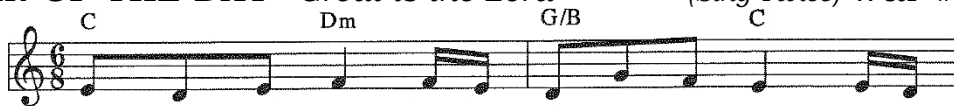
C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Amy Kelly

HYMN OF THE DAY "Great is the Lord"

(Sing Twice) W&P #53



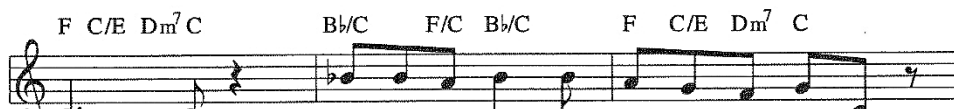
Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his



pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is



faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is



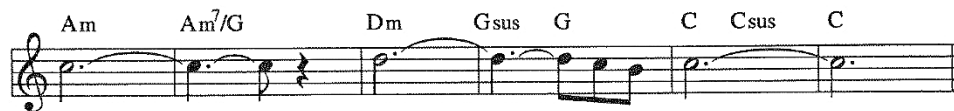
love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.



Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now



lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the



Lord! Great is the Lord!

***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!

***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.

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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

We commune together following the Lord's Prayer.

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

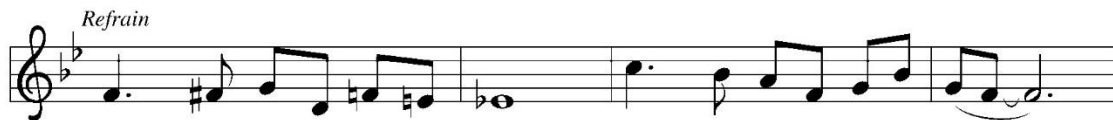
P: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN** “Just A Closer Walk with Thee”

ELW #697



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

AUGUSTANA CALENDAR

Sun	9/20	10:30 a.m.	Worship; Coffee fellowship following Worship Campaign Kick-Off after Worship Meal and football game
Tue	9/21	3 p.m.	Men's Pie @ Perkins
Wed	9/23	11:30 a.m.	Ladies Lunch @ Cally's Café
Thu	9/24	9 a.m.	Piecemakers Quilting
Sun	9/27	10:30 a.m.	Worship; September birthday celebration following worship

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Drive for Dollars Calling all Leaders!

Exciting update for the fall campaign as we kick it off today! We have secured the first \$8,000 in donations toward our Drive for Dollars campaign. Our collective goal is an additional \$8000 between now and October 18. Let's get to the goal line and score a touchdown!

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

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