



When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the
moon and the stars, which you have set in place.

Psalm 8:3

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Shared on Augsburg Lutheran Church YouTube Channel

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

All worship participants are required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status. *(Note: All those leading worship in the chancel or choir loft are vaccinated and will only remove masks while speaking or singing.)*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Three

✠ **GATHERING** ✠

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Aria from Pastorale, BWV 590*

J.S. Bach

ACCLAMATION

Timothy Olsen

Alleluia. If we love one another, God lives in us
and God's love is perfected in us. Alleluia.

(1 John 4:12)

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**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.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN 876 Let the Whole Creation Cry (*All Stanzas*)

SALZBURG

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

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 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

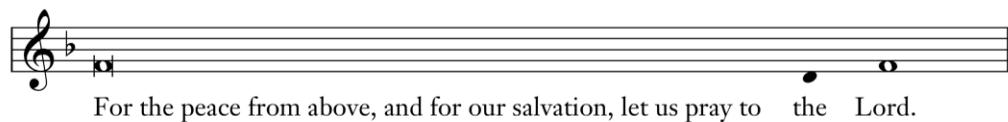
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

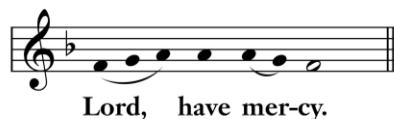
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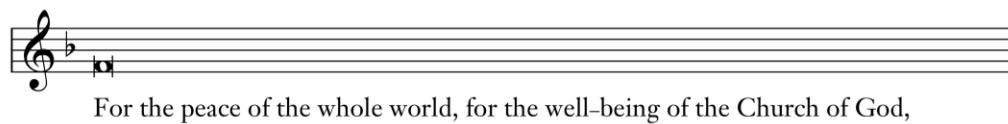
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



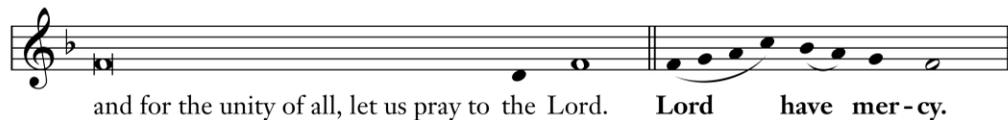
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



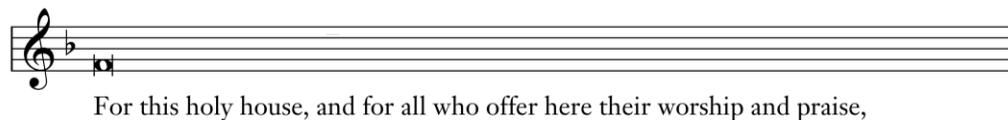
Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer-cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: **Amen.**

We sit.

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**



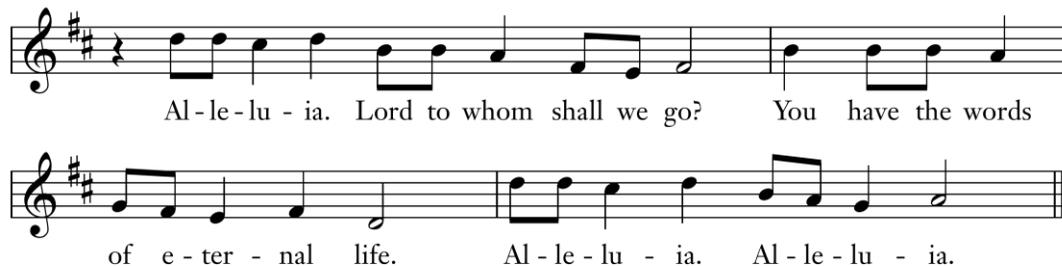
SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

HYMN OF THE DAY 835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High (*All Stanzas*)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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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 INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

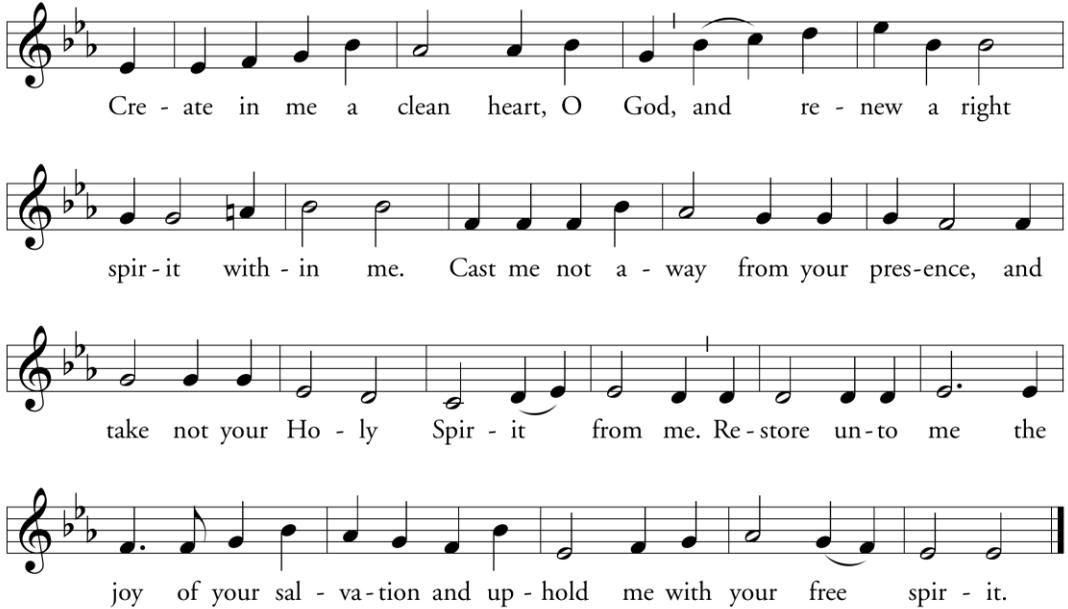
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion and up - hold me with your free spir - it.

Let us pray.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.**

**Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Great Thanksgiving'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Sanctus'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:'. The second staff has two measures: 'Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -'. The third staff has two measures: 'san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing using the individual communion kits that you received when checking in for worship. Gluten-free wafers are available when you check in. Please wait to take communion until the pastor comes to the end of the row and shares the Eucharistic Proclamation with you. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. Those who have never communed and would like to are encouraged to talk to a pastor. All who do not receive communion will receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

ANTHEM (8:30) Our Father, By Whose Name

setting by Donald Busarow

Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,
Who dost in love proclaim Each family thine own,
Bless thou all parents, guarding well, With constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which thy people dwell.
O Christ, thyself a child Within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come;
Our children bless in ev'ry place, That they may all behold thy face
And knowing thee may grow in grace.
O Spirit, who dost bind Our hearts in unity,
Who teachest us to find The love from self set free;
In all our hearts such love increase That ev'ry home, by this release,
May be the dwelling-place of peace.

ANTHEM (11:00) Ave verum corpus

W.A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.*

Hail, True Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man,
Whose pierced side flowed with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

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

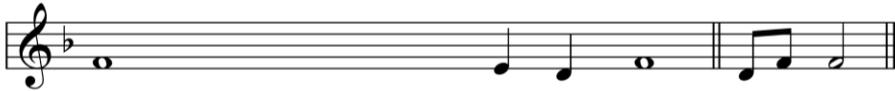
Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

GODSPEED for Nancy Crandall (11:00)

BLESSING



The Lord bless you ... and ✠ give you peace. A - men.

SENDING HYMN 543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing (*All Stanzas*) AR HYD Y NOS



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Marche Triomphale

Sigfried Karg-Elert

Soli Deo Gloria!

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Announcements

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Frances Kimball on her birthday, September 29, by Susan and Craig Peatross.

This week we keep in prayer Clark Comer, 1911 Waycross Dr., Winston Salem, NC 27106-3416. Please send **Clark** a note.

Next Sunday (October 10) is Commitment Sunday! Please prayerfully consider how God's gifts will be at work through you in the year to come as we prepare for a full year of ministry at Augsburg. You will receive a mailing this week that includes this year's appeal and a 2022 Statement of Intent Card. We ask that you return this card at worship on October 10, via the mail, or by filling out the card online. *Together we give and grow!*

Augsburg's annual Blessing of the Animals event will be held on **Wednesday, October 6, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Come with your pet and join us on the front steps of the church for a blessing and a brief photo op. All pets are welcome, if leashed or contained. We will also be collecting donations of dog and cat food for the Fuzzy Friends Food Pantry.

A new topic for Tuesday Bible Study starts this week! October's topic will be *Biblical Prayer: A study of how God's people prayed in the New Testament*. We'll examine the types of prayer, what was prayed for, and by whom. We will also reflect on how our modern prayer life compares. Pastor Paul offers this class on Zoom each Tuesday at 2:00pm, you can click on this link then to join. Click [HERE](#) for the Zoom link!

Augsburg's Softball Team will be playing this Wednesday, October 6, 6:30 p.m. at Washington Park #2. Spectators are always welcome!

CROP Walk is Sunday, October 17. CROP Walk raises money to help address the crisis of food insecurity locally (Crisis Control & Sunnyside Ministry) and throughout the world through the work of Church World Service. To sign up to walk or donate: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/augsburg-lutheran>

The School Kit and Personal Care Kit Ministry is back after the long COVID delay. Nylon bags containing an information sheet detailing the requested supplies are available outside the Gathering Room and in the foyer by the church office. Loose copies of the instruction sheet for the personal care kits are at the same location. The deadline for returning them to the church office is November 1.

The Efrid L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its **Fall Quarter** meeting on **Monday, October 25, 2021** at 7:00 p.m. The committee will review requests for Hine Fund grants and Augsburg Endowment grants at this meeting. All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, October 13. Agendas will be emailed to members. Please call or email the Hine Fund secretary if you are unable to attend the meeting.

The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to “put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met.”

The purpose of the Augsburg Endowment Fund is “to provide for a perpetual, segregated endowment fund to support the ministries of Augsburg Lutheran Church and the worldwide church, all in the name of Jesus Christ. The Fund will provide members and friends of Augsburg an avenue to make contributions or planned gifts, which will support the Church’s ministries for generations”. Income from the Endowment fund is distributed annually to support benevolence outside Augsburg, the Augsburg operating budget, and Augsburg capital improvements.

We keep you in prayer. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please send them an email. Pastor Paul is seniorpastor@alcws.org and Pastor Lori is pastoralassociate@alcws.org.

Readings for next week: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Worship attendance for services last week: 193 in person and **70** views on **YouTube**.

Providing Service Today

Bulletin Cover Artist

Gretchen Troutman

Ushers

(8:30) Damion Richardson, Joel Myers

(11:00) Jack Strandhoy, Don Eppert,

Joel Myers

Head Usher

Don Eppert

Presiding

Rev. Lori Carter

Preaching

Rev. Katie Bryant

Greeter

(8:30) Sheila Oppel

(11:00) Debbie Baker

Communion Assistants

(8:30) Vicki Sellner

(11:00) Maria Fortin

Altar Guild for October

Claire Wynnemer & Shari Dominguez

Liturgists

(8:30) Bruce Tippet

(11:00) Spencer DesChenes,

Choral Intern



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