



“Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.”  
Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”  
*Genesis 15:5*

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

11:00 AM

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Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning – to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

*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.*

**Masks are optional inside all Augsburg facilities. Please be mindful of those who wish to remain distanced.**

**On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the “Friendship Register.”** Please sign the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Ten*

*The paraments are green during the time after Pentecost. Green is used to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.*

## **✠ GATHERING ✠**

### **ACCLAMATION**

Timothy Olsen

Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready,  
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.  
*(Matthew 24:42, 44)*

### **OPENING VOLUNTARY** Offertory

Florence Price

*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.**

*The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.*

**GATHERING HYMN 771 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**

**HOLY MANNA**

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.**

## KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth,  
2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## 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 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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



- <sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God <sup>|</sup> is the LORD!  
 Happy the people chosen to <sup>|</sup> be God's heritage!
- <sup>13</sup>The LORD looks <sup>|</sup> down from heaven,  
 and sees all <sup>|</sup> humankind.
- <sup>14</sup>God sits firmly en- <sup>|</sup> throned and watches  
 all who dwell <sup>|</sup> on the earth.
- <sup>15</sup>God fashions <sup>|</sup> all their hearts  
 and observes <sup>|</sup> all their deeds.
- <sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size <sup>|</sup> of the army,  
 nor are warriors rescued by <sup>|</sup> their great strength.
- <sup>17</sup>The horse gives vain <sup>|</sup> hope for victory;  
 despite its great strength it <sup>|</sup> cannot save.
- <sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD,  
 upon those who wait for your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love,
- <sup>19</sup>to deliver their <sup>|</sup> lives from death,  
 and to keep them alive in <sup>|</sup> time of famine.
- <sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD,  
 our helper <sup>|</sup> and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup>Surely, our heart rejoic- <sup>|</sup> es in you,  
 for in your holy name we <sup>|</sup> put our trust.
- <sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, <sup>|</sup> be upon us,  
 even as we place our <sup>|</sup> hope in you.

## SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.



## **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**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*Each portion of the prayers conclude:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love;  
through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**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.**

*We sit.*

# ✠ MEAL ✠

## OFFERING

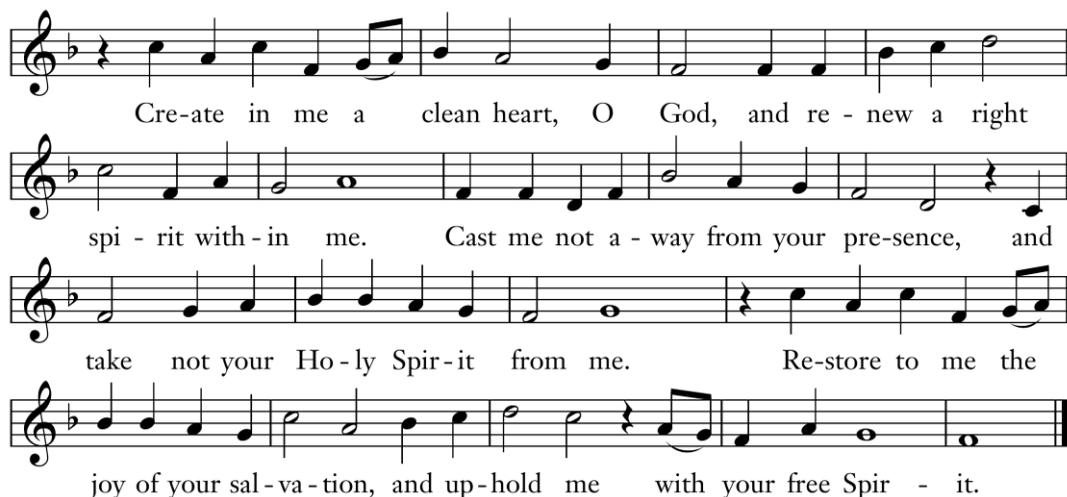
### OFFERTORY ANTHEM Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni

Cantate Domino, canticum novum: Sing to the Lord a new song,  
laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum. God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum: Let Israel rejoice in their maker;  
Et filiae Sion exultant in rege suo. Let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN



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

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.**

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time, and our possessions.**

**Use us, and what we have gathered,  
in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

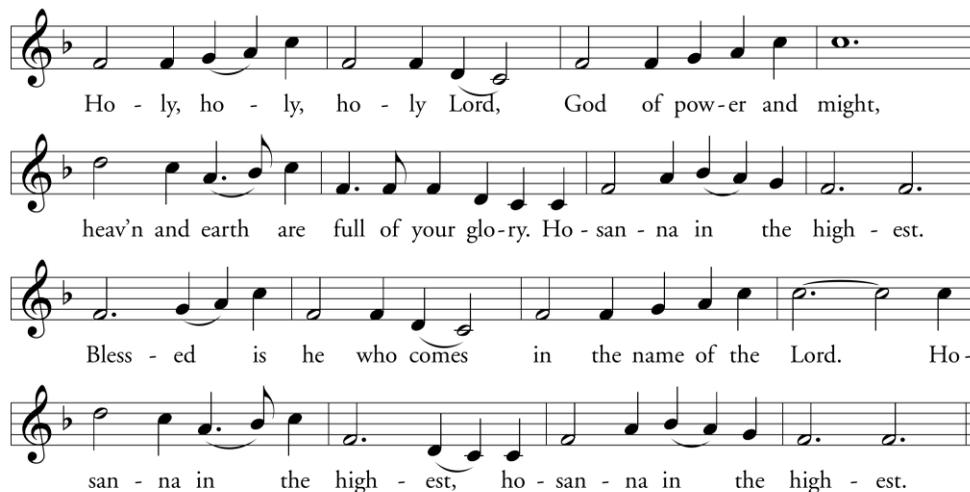
### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. 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 consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

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 - er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says*

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

*The assembly responds*

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

## AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*We sit.*

## COMMUNION

*Today we will be communing using the individual communion kits that you received when you arrived for worship. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. 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.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 488 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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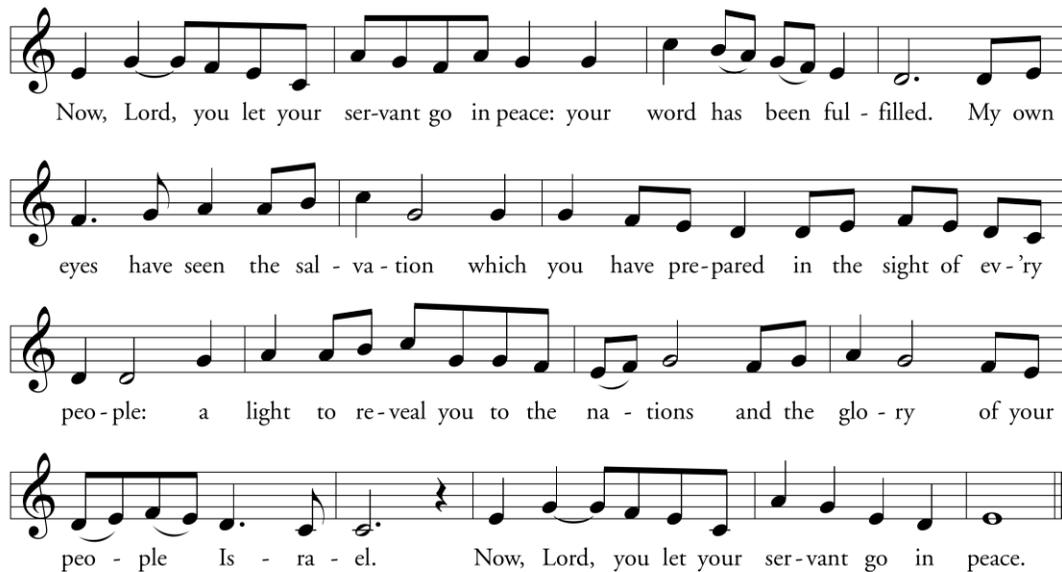
*We stand.*

## TABLE BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Nunc dimittis*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful - filled. My own  
eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev-'ry  
peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### BLESSING



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

*The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.*

**SENDING HYMN 767** Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Toccata in E Minor

J. Pachelbel

### *Soli Deo Gloria*

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The Reverend Paul A. Wollner, Senior Pastor

Observes Monday as his sabbath day.

The Reverend Joe Yucha will begin his call as our new Associate Pastor on August 15!

### ***Rostered Minister of Word and Service***

The Reverend Katie B. Bryant, Youth & Emerging Ministries

Observes Friday as her sabbath day.

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