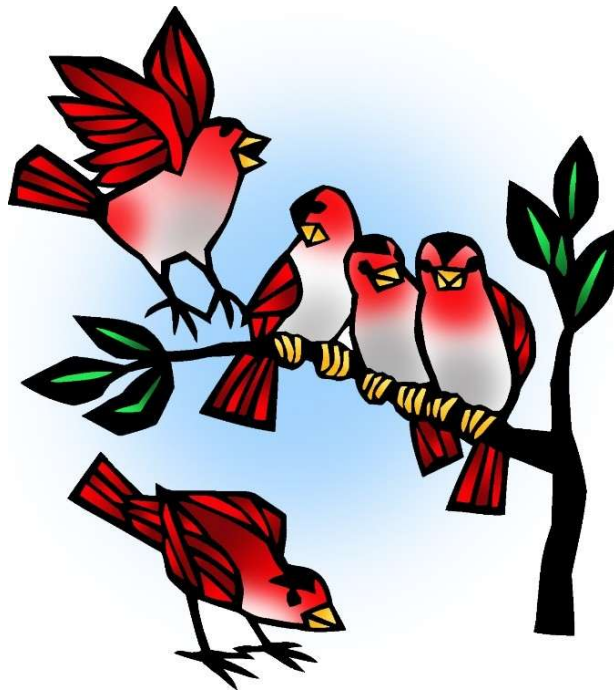


The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Augustana and Grace Lutheran Churches



June 21, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are so glad you joined us for worship today. Yes, we're talking to YOU! If you are new to our church, here are a few notes we hope help you feel at home:

- **ALL ARE WELCOME** in our faith community: Whether you were in church last Sunday, last year, or this is your very first time; no matter who you are or what your life experiences are; no matter your background, address, age, or income. We're glad you're here!
- In our Lutheran tradition, it's all about grace! Everything begins with the freely given gift of God's love for us and for all creation. We hope you find that reflected in our worship and preaching today.
- In our Lutheran tradition, we think a lot about the words we use for and with God, and we tend to use a lot of words in worship. You are invited to participate by joining us in saying any part printed in bold and singing. Sit/stand where indicated if it's comfortable for your body.
- Please do not feel obliged to make an offering as a visitor. If you would like to give anyway, you can do so by putting your contribution in the offering plate or giving electronically (see our announcements for instructions). We know that financial offerings are only one way people give back to God.
- Hymns can generally be found in the red hymnal in your pew, listed by number. Hymns are printed for you in large print bulletins.
- All are welcome at the table of Holy Communion. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to speak with our pastor before or after worship.
- If you are new to us, and are so inclined, we would love to have your contact information. Please fill out one of the visitor cards found in our pew and put it in the offering plate. We promise not to spam you!
- Our church isn't open only on Sunday mornings! See the announcements for a hint of everything going on.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING MUSIC – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our year of listening!

At Augustana Lutheran Church we have begun a year of listening stretching from May 2026 to May 2027. During this year we are taking intentional time to listen more closely to the voices of God, one another, and our neighbors.

In worship, this means spending time in quiet as we begin to center ourselves and prepare to listen for God's voice. We will start with song, sit in silence, then be called to worship by the singing bowl (an instrument of prayer and meditation). Of course, during this time we anticipate some noise and wiggling from little ones. This is not a problem. We know that some are more comfortable with silence than others, and this experience will stretch all of us. If you need guidance to begin, consider placing both feet firmly on the floor, gently closing your eyes, and taking long, deep breaths. You may also choose a word (such as a name for God) to return to during the time of quiet whenever your mind begins to wander to other things.

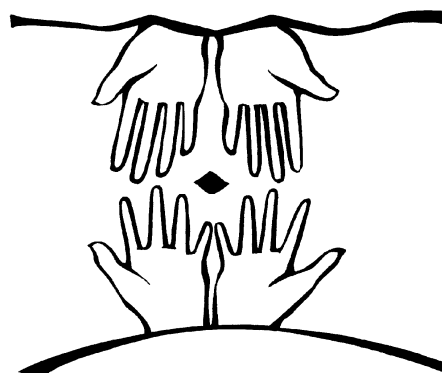
- P. Most merciful God,
C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake 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.
- P. By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – *Let the Whole Creation Cry* (ELW 876)

*You are invited to join in singing and face the cross as it is carried in.
Hymns are found in the red hymnal in your pen.*

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

You are invited to join in singing.

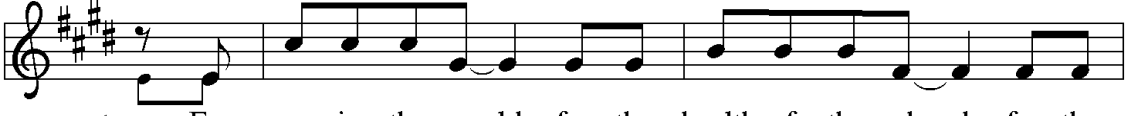
Refrain




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




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



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray. Teach us, good Lord God,
to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for
rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing
that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C. Amen.

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

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

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

A. A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout,
“Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become
for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, “I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,”
then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my
bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce
him! Let us denounce him!”

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

“Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take
our revenge on him.”

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

A. A reading from Romans.

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase?

² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?

³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin.

⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

You are invited to stand as comfortable and to sing to welcome the gospel.



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 – Matthew 10: 24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. Jesus said to the twelve: ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master.

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known.

²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come to the first pew for a teaching moment especially for them.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – O God, My Faithful God (ELW 806)

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable and sing.

APOSTLES' CREED

A. With the whole church, we confess our faith:

**C. 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

A. Gathered together by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

A. God of grace,
C. hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P. Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken
and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
C. Amen.

PEACE

We greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then please be seated.

+ MEAL +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OUR OFFERING

We offer gifts of time, talent, and treasure to God in thankfulness for all that God gives us. Augustana and Grace Lutheran Churches are grateful for the many ways our friends give to the work of God in the world!

OFFERING MUSIC

As our financial offerings are collected, music is played.

OFFERING SONG – *To God Our Thanks We Give* (ELW 682)

Once the offering is collected, you are invited to stand as you are comfortable and join in singing the song through 2-3 times.

To God Our Thanks We Give

Reamo leboga



Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,
To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,



re - a - mo le - bo - ga mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give.

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OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful...*the leader continues...*
our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. **We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

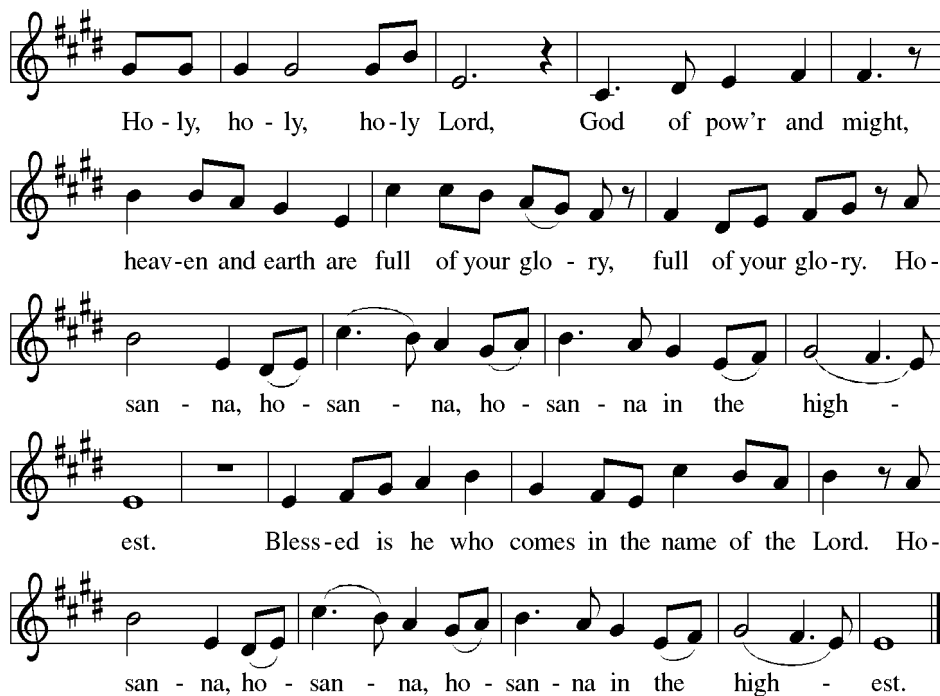
C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P. It is indeed right...*the leader continues...*
and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

You are invited to sing.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth...
*the leader continues...*Power of the Most High, now and forever.

C. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C. **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

C. **Thanks be to God!**

You may be seated.

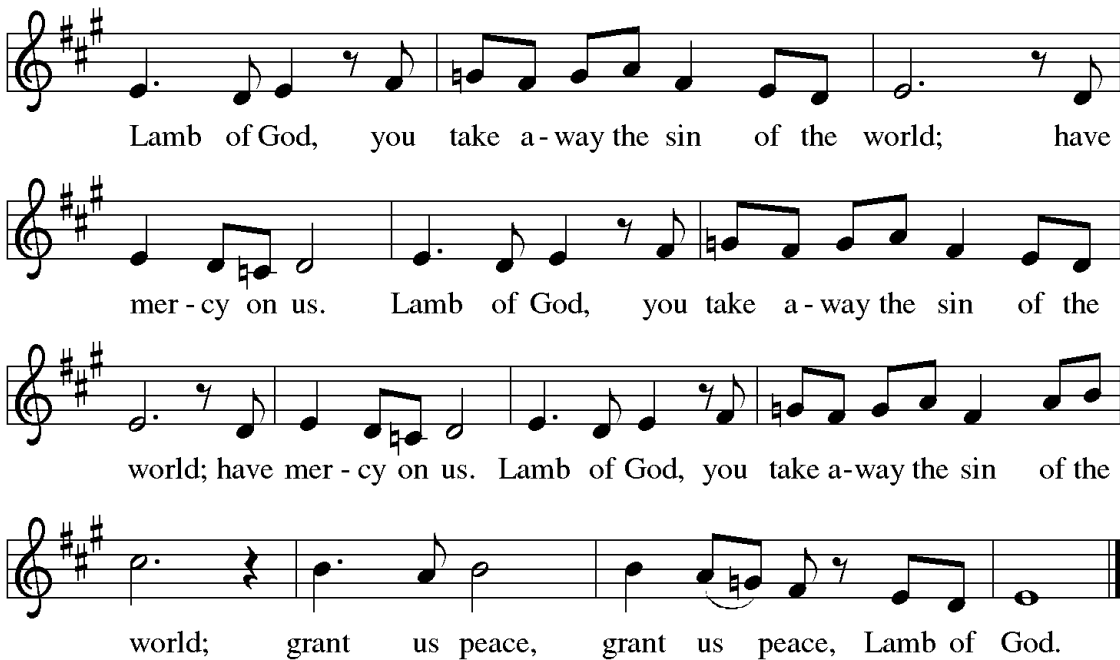
HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized or have communed before are welcome to take part in this holy meal. If you feel drawn to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion today, you are welcome to receive it! Jesus has set this table just for you.

An usher will show you when to come forward, and our communion assistants can show you what to do if it is your first time with us. If you prefer to receive only a blessing today, you may cross your arms over your chest when you come forward to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

You are invited to sing as Holy Communion is prepared and distributed.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION – *Children of the Heavenly Father* (ELW 781)

When Holy Communion has concluded, you are invited to stand as comfortable.

P. The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray. Compassionate God...*the leader continues...*
now and forever.

C. Amen.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING FOR FATHERS AND THOSE YOU PROVIDE FATHERLY CARE

The assembly is invited to gather around a man near them who is fathering”—such as our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and uncles. Place your hands on or above these men as this blessing is prayed.

P. Let us pray. God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all fathers and those who provide fatherly care...*the leader continues...*
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C. Amen.

BLESSING

P. May our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer

✝ One God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C. Amen.

SENDING SONG – *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

(ELW 769)

You are invited to sing and to face the cross as Jesus leads us into the world.

DISMISSAL

A. We share our mission statement:

**C. As the body of Christ, we are called to love all,
serve all, and welcome all!**

A. Go in peace. Serve The Lord.

C. Thanks be to God!

