

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Augustana Lutheran Church



June 28, 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

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

We are grateful to our own Mark Moyer for leading worship today! Please note: Today's service is a Service of the Word (does not include holy communion).

+ 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.

You are invited to sing in dialog with the leader:

All Who Are Thirsty

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Leader' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a double bar line and repeat sign after the first line of music.

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979

Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel

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We sit together into an extended moment of silence. The singing bowl calls us to worship.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable, and to face our baptismal font.

L. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C. Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

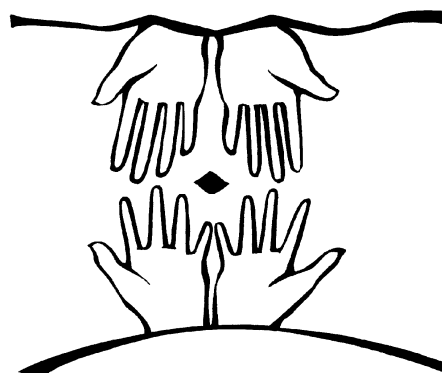
- L. Most merciful God,
- C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the 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.
- L. 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 – *All Are Welcome* (ELW 641)

*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 pew.*

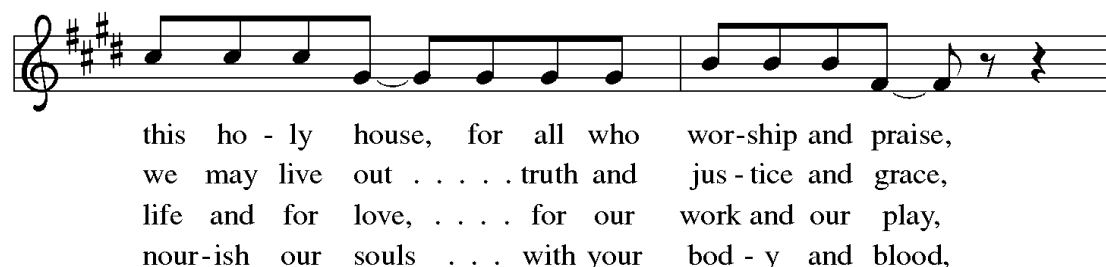
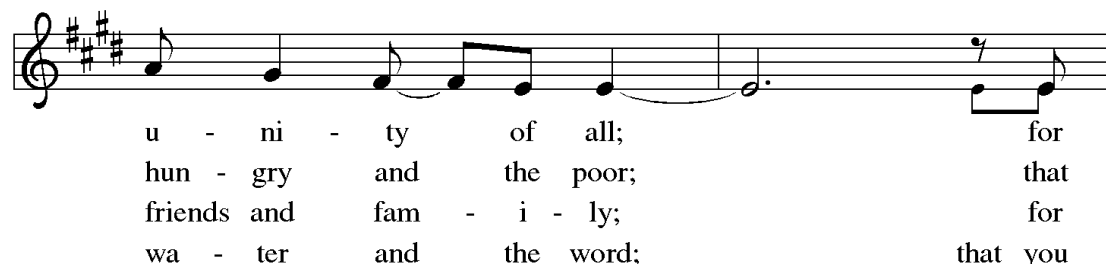
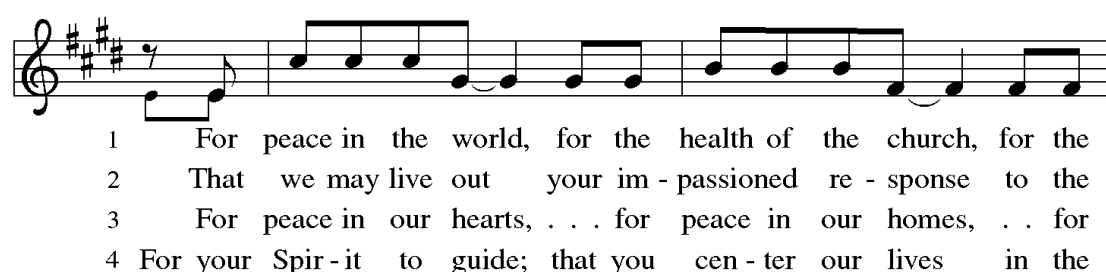
GREETING

- L. 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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L. Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace,
and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us
into a people who welcome your word and serve one another,
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 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

A. A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

A. A reading from Romans.

¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness.

¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations.

For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life.

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: 40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

L. The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

L. Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

L. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON: *Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Northwestern Ohio Synod*

HYMN OF THE DAY – *To Be Your Presence* (ELW 546)

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:

L. 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.

L. 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.

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.

Text: Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936

Music: REAMO LEBOGA, Botswanan traditional, as taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe

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OFFERING PRAYER

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

C. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

L. Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God...*the leader continues...*For your Word of life, O God,

C. we give you thanks and praise

L. By your Word...*the leader continues...*For your Word of life, O God,

C. we give you thanks and praise

L. Through Jesus, your Word made flesh...*the leader continues...*
For you Word of life, O God,

C. we give you thanks and praise

L. Send your Spirit of truth, O God...*the leader continues...*
be honor and glory forever.

C. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L. 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.**

+ SENDING +

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

BLESSING

L. May our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer

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

C. Amen.

SENDING SONG – *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

(ELW 676)

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!



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