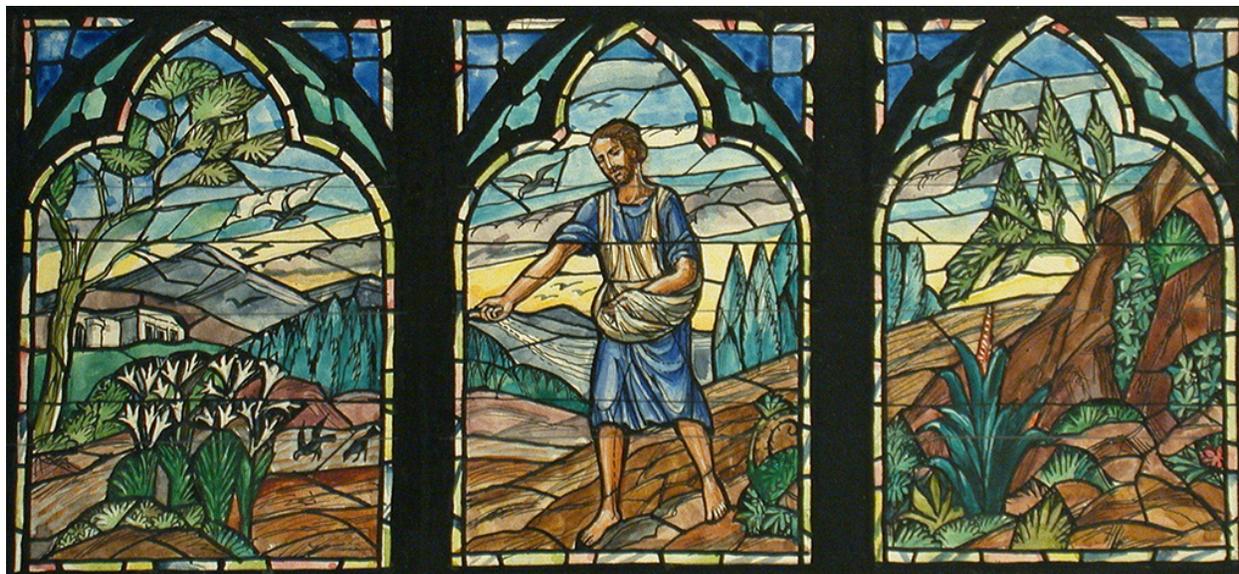


Augustana Lutheran Church

Washington, DC



TIME AFTER PENTECOST – LECTIONARY 17

July 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Augustana!

Embodying a ministry of radical and gracious welcome, we are an intercultural congregation that welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Augustana has been racially integrated since 1954 and Reconciling in Christ (LGBTQ open and affirming) since 1989. We are glad you have joined us for worship today.

The order of worship is found in this bulletin—all words and liturgy are included:

- The peoples' responses in the liturgy are indicated by **bold type**.
- Portions of the liturgy are also indicated by *page* numbers and can be found in the front of the *ELW*.

Newcomers are encouraged to reach out using the “Contact Us” link found on our website: augustanadc.org

Although in-person worship is suspended for the foreseeable future we are streaming worship through Facebook and ALBUM. Like us on Facebook and view our video archives on YouTube (AugustanaLutheranChurchDC):

www.augustanadc.org (Website)

facebook.com/AugustanaLutheranDC (Facebook Page)

facebook.com/AugustanaLutheranBroadcast (Video Ministry Facebook Page)

Introducing the Day's Texts and Liturgical Focus

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

J. S. Bach

The Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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.

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.

Hymn – God of Grace and God of Glory



God of grace and God of Glo - ry, on your peo - ple
Chure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.

Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

1 Kings 3:5-2

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

Psalm 119:129-136

Setting by Benjamin Hutto

The Refrain is sung as indicated.



When your word goes forth, it gives light and un - der - stand - ing.

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant; I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy, as always you do to those who love your Name. *Refrain*

Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity rule over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, because the people do not keep your teaching. *Refrain*

Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of

God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

Gradual Hymn – Whatever God Ordains Is Right

What - ev - er God or - dains is right; all that he does is for us.

Who lifts our souls with pure de-light: in love God will re - store us.

We see God's face, the way of grace; God's lov - ing arms will

hold us, at last in light en - fold us.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46, 51-53

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

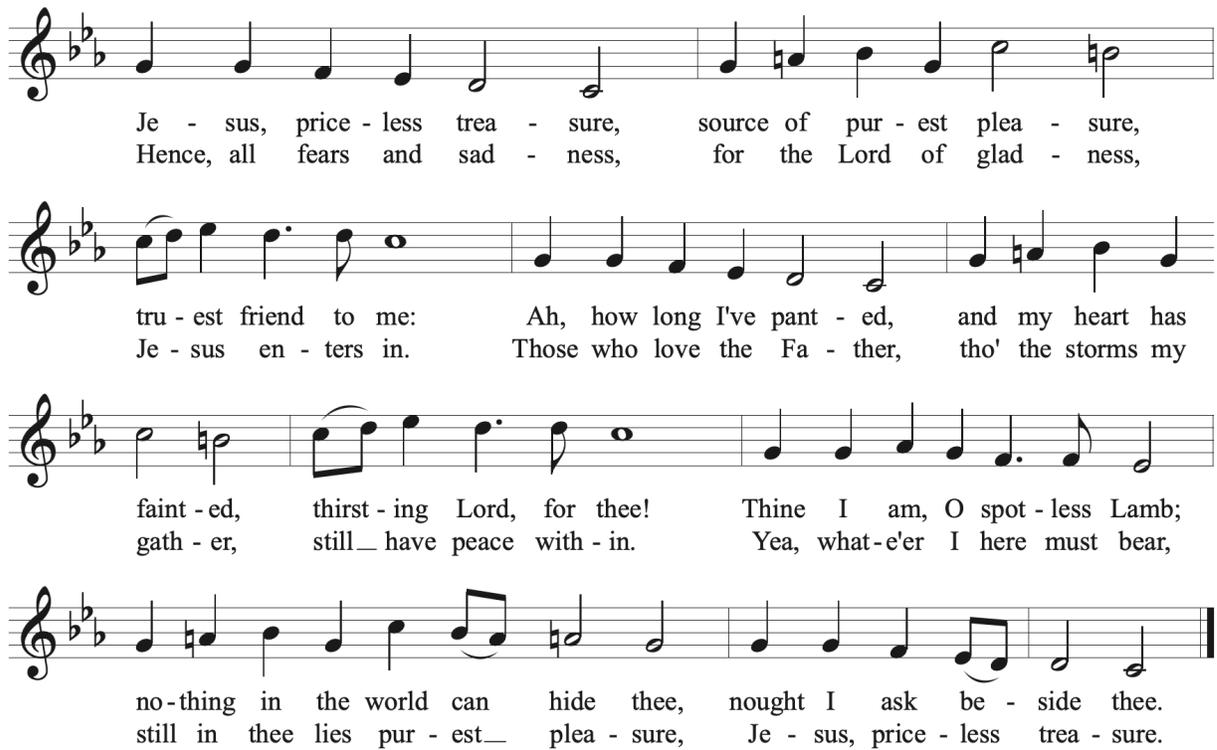
⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' ⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn – Jesus, Priceless Treasure



Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,
tru - est friend to me: Ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
Je - sus en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, tho' the storms my
faint - ed, thirst - ing Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
gath - er, still - have peace with - in. Yea, what - e'er I here must bear,
no - thing in the world can hide thee, nought I ask be - side thee.
still in thee lies pur - est - plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure.

Sermon



Hymn – Be Thou My Vision



Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my best thought both by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r;
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Apostles' Creed

In unity with Christians around the world, we confess our faith:

**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

Each petition concludes with the following response:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

THE LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING

Sharing of Peace

Offering Minute

Voluntary

Jesu, Priceless Treasure

Johann Gottfried Walther

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth, through your Word you brought creation into being, declaring your grace and mercy to all creatures. Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Inspire us through the gift of your Word that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

Hymn – Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing, the
task of — our — ev - 'ry - day life we will face —
our faith ev - er — shar - ing, in love ev - er — car - ing, em -
brac - ing — God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.
With — your Word you — feed us, with your light now —
lead us; u - nite us — as — one in this life that we share.
Then may all the — liv - ing with praise and — thanks - giv - ing give
hon - or — to — Christ, and his name that we bear.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

The 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.**

THE DISMISSAL

Benediction

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Lutheran Church of the Reformation

This morning, we welcome the members and friends of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation! Reformation anticipates live-streaming worship in the future and they will be viewing our service with us via our Augustana Lutheran Broadcast Outreach Ministry (ALBUM)! **Pastor Michael Wilker**, the Senior Pastor of Reformation, joins us as our guest presiding minister.

The Augustana Office Is Closed

While staff make periodic visits to the office to check mail and messages, the Augustana Church Office is closed for the time being. In the event of a pastoral care emergency, please contact Pastor Kleiber via email at: pastor@augustanadc.org.

Families and Children – Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

This week we are jumping back into the lectionary with Romans 8:26-39. This is such a rich passage with great reminders about God's love for us. Sunday morning we will be talking about "sighs too deep for words" and how we can pray when we don't know what to say. To be a part of Family Ministries, drop me an email at family@augustanadc.org. An abbreviated version will be available on Facebook live Sunday morning. The video will be posted before the church service.

Confirmation Classes

We have had 2 weeks of confirmation classes so far. We have 5 youth who are embarking on the journey of learning the Bible, learning catechism, and learning what it means to live Lutheran. Please keep these youth in your prayers as they journey together through this important step in their faith formation.

Bedtime Stories – Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

We continue our Tuesday night Bedtime stories on Facebook live. **This is for children of all ages!** This Tuesday's story is a classic "*The Runaway Bunny*." All Facebook videos can be viewed on the Augustana Facebook page. Reach out to Carrie if you have any questions.

An important announcement: As we inch closer to September and the date of the return of in person worship remains unclear, we will be launching a new curriculum that will be mailed directly to your home. Please send an email to family@augustanadc.org with the address of where you would like it mailed to. The new curriculum will be launched September 13 and I will aim to get it to you the last week in August. Additionally, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Zoom Hospitality Hour

Lutheran Church of the Reformation is joining us in worship this Sunday and virtual Hospitality Hour! [Join Sunday Hospitality Hour via ZOOM >>](#) (Meeting ID: 671 993 8280; Password: 1517)

Martha's Table – Saturday, August 1 at 4:45 p.m.

You are invited to serve as a McKenna's Wagon helper (Martha's Table). The mobile food service, McKenna's Wagon, goes out 365 days a year to distribute food into the city. Volunteers help to distribute and serve food to patrons and return to Martha's Table at 1474 Columbia Road, NW. Volunteers who experience changes in their health, including respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties should not volunteer, should cancel, or reschedule their volunteer shift. If you want to serve, please contact Joan Gardiner at joanmgardiner@gmail.com.

The Foreign Policy Group – Next Sunday, August 2 at 12:15 pm.

Please join us for this month's topic, "*Panic at the border: U. S. Relations with the Northern Triangle*." Even if you haven't read the chapter in "Great Decisions" (a State Department publication) but either enjoy talking about or have information you wish to share, join the [Zoom discussion](#). (Meeting ID: 816 7742 9249; Password: 391838)

Join the Anti-Racism Learning & Action Committee

You're invited to join the Anti-Racism Learning & Action Committee on Wednesdays at 8pm ET. [You are all invited to join on Wednesday evenings](#) and/or [access our resources for learning and taking action](#). Please let Audrey McIntosh (ajecrm@gmail.com) know if you have any questions and we look forward to talking with you on Wednesday evening.

Online Giving

You can donate to Augustana securely by going to: augustanadc.breezechms.com/give/online. It is also possible to donate via text message. *Text to Give* is easy – just text “give” to **202-430-4499** (Augustana’s private and secure *Text to Give* number). You will get an immediate response asking you for an amount (*note*: the first time you use *Text to Give*, you will need to go through a brief setup process to connect your bank account or credit card with Breeze). That’s all there is to it!

Augustana Member Care Ministry

Our community is a caring congregation, aiming to meet the spiritual and personal needs of its members. If you are in need of any member care, please let the church office or pastor know of your needs or requests.

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