

Augustana - Lutherans and Anglicans worship together
 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 23) – September 5, 2021

GATHERING SONG: “O God beyond All Praising” #797

O God beyond all praising,
 We worship you today
 And sing the love amazing
 That songs cannot repay;
 For we can only wonder
 At ev'ry gift you send,
 At blessings without number
 And mercies without end:
 We lift our hearts before you
 And wait upon your word,
 We honor and adore you,
 Our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
 Accept the love we bring,
 That we who know your favor
 May serve you as our king;
 And whether our tomorrows
 Be filled with good or ill,
 We'll triumph through our sorrows
 And rise to bless you still:
 To marvel at your beauty
 And glory in your ways,
 And make a joyful duty
 Our sacrifice of praise.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth” #769

Mothering God, you gave me birth
 in the bright morning of this world.
 Creator, source of ev'ry breath,
 you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form,
 offering me your food of light,
 grain of new life, and grape of love,
 your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
 in arms of patience hold me close,
 so that in faith I root and grow
 until I flow'r, until I know.

COMMUNION SONG: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #771

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with thee;
 Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
 As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
 Great is thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
 Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **[Refrain]**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **[Refrain]**

SENDING SONG: "For the Fruit of All Creation" #760

For the fruit of all creation,
 Thanks be to God.
 For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
 Thanks be to God.
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
 Silent growth while we are sleeping,
 Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
 Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
 God's will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbor,
 God's will is done.
 In our world-wide task of caring
 For the hungry and despairing,
 In the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.

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For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.