

# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ELW – *Setting 2, Holy Communion*  
10:30 AM Sept. 17, 2023

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE & WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING PRAYER

*Leader:* Let us turn our hearts to the West; From there the Thunders bring us cleansing rain.

**All: Creator God, heal us and our relatives.**

*Leader:* Let us turn our hearts to the North; Winter comes to us from there and calls us to rest.

**All: Creator God, restore our strength.**

*Leader:* Let us turn our hearts to the East; The morning Sun begins each day there.

**All: Creator God awaken us and help us to walk with a renewed life.**

*Leader:* Let us turn our hearts to the South; Where the warm winds come from to give us comfort and joy.

**All: Creator God soothe our aching souls.**

*Leader:* Let us turn our hearts to the Sky; From there our Creator sees all around us.

**All: Creator God help us to trust you to lead us.**

*Leader:* Let us turn our hearts to the Earth; From there quiet wisdom comes to teach us.

**All: Creator God hear us as we pray. Amen.**

*(adapted from Diocese of Western North Carolina - Anglican Indigenous Ministries)*

### GATHERING HYMN: “Come, Let Us Worship God” (echo song)

1) Come let us worship God. **All: Come let us worship God.**  
(repeat lines)

### Refrain:

Welcome everyone. **All: Welcome everyone**  
To the love of God. **All: To the love of God.**

2) Rest for the weary. **All: Rest for the weary.**  
(repeat lines)

### Refrain

3) Food for the hungry. **All: Food for the hungry.**  
(repeat lines)

### Refrain:

Welcome everyone. **All: Welcome everyone**  
To the love of God. **All: To the love of God.**

4) Hope for the children. **All: Hope for the children.**  
(repeat lines)

### Refrain

5) Come, sing the circle wide. **All: Come, sing the circle wide.**  
(repeat lines)

### Refrain

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Leader:* We gather in God’s name.

**All: We claim Christ’s promised presence.**

*Leader:* My brothers and sister, not out of dread and fear but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

**All: Eternal God, maker of the skies above,  
lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,  
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,  
in earth and sky, you are there.**

**O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,  
soul behind all souls,**

**in everything we touch, in everyone we meet,  
your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.**

**But when we have not touched  
but trampled you in creation,**

**when we have not met but missed you in one another,  
when we have not received but rejected you in the poor,  
forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.**

*Leader:* Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me.

**All: Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity  
by living as forgiven people, until heaven and earth rejoice  
and the whole earth cries Glory! Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*(A Communion Liturgy of the Iona Community 2020)*

HYMN OF PRAISE: “For the Wholeness of the Earth” #1067 ACS  
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## THE WORD

PSALM: PSALM 103:1-4, 10-13

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

**All: <sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God’s benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

**All: <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

<sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

**All: <sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**

<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

**All: <sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.**

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “If We Live”

#1025 ACS

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Leader:* The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Light Dawns on a Weary World” #726 ELW

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: “Lord, in your mercy – hear our prayer”

*(adapted from canonbfive.wordpress.com)*

SHARING THE PEACE, p. 128

*Leader:* The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

### OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: “We Are an Offering”

#692 ELW

OFFERING PRAYER

## THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING,

*Leader:* May the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them in gratitude to the Lord.**

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our Creator.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**, p. 130

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*Leader:* The gifts of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

**LAMB OF GOD**, p. 135

**HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:**

*“In the Singing”*

**#466 ELW**

*“As the Grains of Wheat”*

**#465 ELW**

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

**#733 ELW**

*“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”*

**#814 ELW**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

Blessed are you, Creator God . . . and continue to walk together in the way of Jesus. **All: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL: All: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**All are welcome at the table.**

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God’s grace and believe Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist. Grape juice (lighter colour) and red wine (darker colour) are provided in the glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

*Thank you to our lector and communion assistant Pat Blakley, ushers Angie Johnson & Bonnie Moser, musician Deborah Buck, and technical support Greg Fowlie-Neufeld for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to the altar guild for the communion preparations.*

*Last Sunday’s in-person attendance: 47*

**Second Reading – Romans 14:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>**WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE WEAK IN FAITH**, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**Gospel – Matthew 18: 21-35**

<sup>21</sup>**PETER CAME AND SAID TO [JESUS]**, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister or sibling from your heart.”

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