

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ELW – Setting 1
10:30 AM April 28, 2024

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS GREETING

Leader: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

GATHERING HYMN: “Come to the Water of Life” #955 ACS THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Leader: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

All: Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Leader: Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things, sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us. We bless you for these gifts of water. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

All: Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Leader: Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power: Noah and the animals survive the flood; Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

All: Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Leader: Your love flows through water, joined to your life-giving word: Your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death to life, your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life. Your steadfast love fills the earth.

All: Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Leader: Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love.

Clothe us and all of your people with grace. Embolden us to do justice. Bless us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you, whom we thank and praise, Through Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold” #958 ACS PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

All: ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

All: ²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

All: ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, “The Lord has acted!”

All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia”, p.102

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of Our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Where Charity and Love Prevail” #359 ELW

APOSTLES’ CREED, p. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: “God of grace – hear our prayer”

SHARING OF THE PEACE, p. 106

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

OFFERING & HYMN: “We Are an Offering” #692 ELW

(The offering will be collected during the instrumental; the hymn will follow)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER, p. 112

SENDING

BLESSING (adapted from Helen Weaver “United in Your Love”)

SENDING HYMN: “Let All Things Now Living” #881 ELW

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Thank you to our lector Ruth Zuk ushers Edith/Lorne Carlson & Larry Trenouth, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, and technical support Katie Ottley for assisting in worship today. Thanks also to the coffee crew of Sheila Mogk and Tannis Sharp.

Last Sunday’s in-person attendance: 61

Offering & Income for April to date: \$21,982

(Includes PAR: \$5825; 1209 Rent: \$1855)

Expenses for April to date: \$18,196



We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to

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(full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate with credit card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR. Please ensure envelopes put in the offering plates have an envelope no. or address.

Please keep in your thoughts and hearts those in need of our prayers, especially Alice D. & Alice H., Ann Jane, Audrey, Brodie, Bruce, Carrie, Curtis U., Danielle C., Deanna, Doug, Elma, Evelyn K. & Evelyn S., Gayle, James & Karinn, Jim S., Karen, Kevin, Lynda W., Lisa, Marlene & Ron, Mildred, Nori, Ron F., Scott U., Shelby & Don, Sharon, Gord & Natalie.

First Reading – Acts 8:26-40

²⁶**AN ANGEL OF THE LORD SAID TO PHILIP**, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Second Reading – 1 John 4:7-21

⁷**BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER**, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have

boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel – John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹**I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE VINEGROWER.** ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

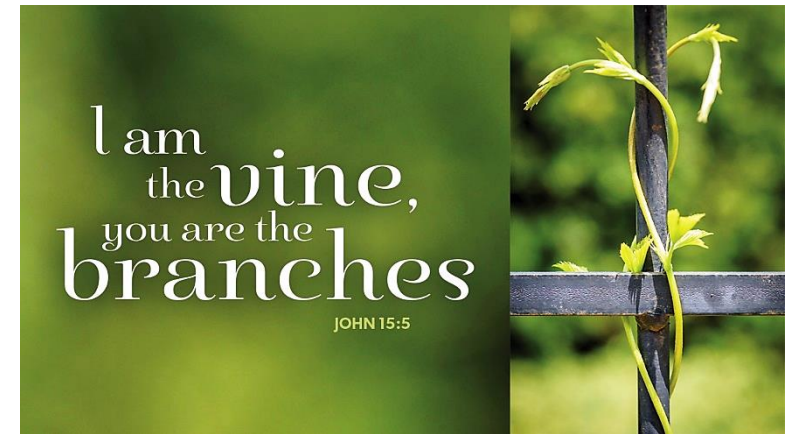
Our Parish Calendar

Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AI Anon grp)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Concordia Jr. Alpenrose Dancers
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men’s Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship & Holy Communion



MICAHA MISSION Remember Me Campaign is this Sunday April 28th. This fundraising campaign provides an opportunity for the faithful to reflect about those in our midst who are often ignored but who are we are called to remember, as Jesus did, the incarcerated. Please consider contributing \$5 towards our ministry so that we can continue providing our programs and services. Donations may be made here today or online at any time at <https://themicahmission.org/index.php/donate/> Thank you for your generosity.

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