

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ELW – *Setting 9*
10:30 AM Dec. 10, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP; “*Prepare the Royal Highway*” (Choir)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING (Betty Warren, James & Jonah Lindenbach)

James L.: Today we light the candle of peace, because peace has come to us.

All: Welcome, peace of Christ.

We breathe in your presence,
which sustains us and makes us whole.

Where will we find you today?

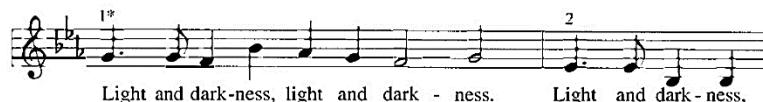
(*illustratedministry.com*)



HYMN: “*Light and Darkness*” (#24 Holden)

“Light and darkness, light and darkness.” (x 3)

Light and Darkness 24



* May be sung in canon.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE (*illustratedministry.com*)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As we celebrate the incarnation of the Prince of Peace, and the peace that finds us both in dark and light places.

We find peace among us and between us as we gather to worship.

Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(*illustratedministry.com*)

GATHERING HYMN: “*Lost in the Night*” #243 ELW
PRAYER OF THE DAY (*illustratedministry.com*)

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

CHILDREN’S TIME

CHOIR ANTHEM: “*Advent Prayer*” with Margareth Peterson on flute

PSALM: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Leader: ¹You have been gracious to your and, O Lord;
you have restored the good for tune of Jacob.

All: ²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.

Leader: ⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you
speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
their hearts to you.

All: ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

All: ¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Leader: ¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

All: ¹³Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “*Alleluia*”, p.198

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*”

#243 ELW

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: “*Merciful God – receive our prayer*”

OFFERING HYMN: “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*” (#257 ELW v.3-4)

(*offering will be collected during the song*)

OFFERING PRAYER (*illustratedministry.com*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER, p.201

SENDING

BLESSING (*illustratedministry.com*)

SENDING HYMN: “*On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry*” #249 ELW

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

POSTLUDE

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Thank you to our lectors Betty Warren & James Lindenbach, acolyte Jonah Lindenbach, ushers Marie Ebbert and Marlene Trenouth, musician Mik Bickis, choir director Deborah Buck, and technical support Katie Ottley for assisting in worship today. Thanks also to the coffee crew of Betty Warren, flute accompaniment by Margareth Peterson, and Augustana-St. Timothy’s Choir for the special music.

Last Sunday’s in-person attendance: 55

Offering & Income to date for Dec.: \$6,033

Expenses to date for Dec.: \$5,408

We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to augustana@sasktel.net (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.

Our Parish Calendar

Sunday	7:00 pm	Al Anon Open Meeting
Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AA grp)
Tuesday	8:00 am	Spiritual Growth Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday	7:30 pm	Blue Christmas (Zion)
Friday	11:30 am	J.O.Y. Christmas Luncheon (250 Hunter Rd)
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday	12:30 pm	Music Recital

First Reading – Isaiah 40:1-11

¹COMFORT, O COMFORT MY PEOPLE SAYS YOUR GOD.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
⁶A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.
⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.
⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.
⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"
¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

⁸DO NOT IGNORE THIS ONE FACT, BELOVED, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.
¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.
¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness,
¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel – Mark 1:1-8

¹THE BEGINNING OF THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD.
²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;
³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ's unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

*Thank you for sharing in worship here today.
May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you,
and a source of strength and hope.*

Dec. 24 – Advent 4 will be a pre-recorded service and online only.
Christmas Eve Services
6 PM (livestreamed?)
8 PM (with communion)
Christmas Day – 10:30 AM (no livestream)
Dec. 31 – Lessons And Carols at 10:30 AM

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December 10, 10:30 AM**



Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

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