

Augustana
where Lutherans and Anglicans worship together

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WOV Service of Word & Prayer

Welcome to Augustana – where Lutherans and Anglicans worship together. I would like to acknowledge we gather on Treaty six territory and the homeland of many people of the Metis Nation. You are welcome to worship with us. We aim to share the unconditional love of God with people of all abilities, ages, colours, ethnicities, sexual orientation or gender identities. This is a work in progress and you are welcome to join us on our way. We welcome guest preacher Pastor Adam Snook. He is the assistant to the bishop of the Eastern synod of the ELCIC.

We begin our time of worship as we began our life of faith: in the name of God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

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.

GATHERING HYMN **Just a Closer Walk with Thee**, #697, V. 1-2

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but Thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to thee. **[Refrain]**

Through this world of toil and snares,

if I falter, Lord, who cares?
 Who with me my burden shares?
 None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. **[Refrain]**

CHILDREN'S TIME

- Sad time – unmarked graves of children at residential schools
- It is ok to be sad ... and even mad
- Picnics with my Grandmother at the cemetery
- My father was buried there ... but there was no marker until decades later. But he was buried with his family. My grandmother knew where her son was I learned about my family through visits to that cemetery.
- That was not possible for the parents of children who died at residential schools ...
- What can we do about that? We can't change what happened, but we can acknowledge that this was wrong and we can listen and believe the family stories that people tell about the children who are missing from their family stories ... the aunties and uncles they never got to know ...
- We can remember that these children are God's precious children
- To remind us of this let's sing a song...
 "Love, love, love, love the gospel in one word is love.
 Love your neighbour as yourself for God is love." 3X *(public domain)*

SCRIPTURE SONG

Refrain: Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe
 Just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.
 Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name? /refrain

For you alone are the Holy One.
 All nations will draw near and worship before you,
 For your just and holy works have been revealed. /refrain

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

¹ David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ² David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³ They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴ with the ark of God, and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵ David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

¹² It was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³ and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴ David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷ They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. ¹⁸ When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, ¹⁹ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Reader: **Word of God, Word of life**

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely

bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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Please join in singing our Gospel Alleluia

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures.

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to the Gospel of **Mark 6:14-29. Glory to you, O Lord**

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly

perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

MEDITATION

Summer Series, Rev. Adam Snook, Assistant to the Bishop, Eastern Synod

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Confession –God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GOD'S RESPONSE TO US

Hear then God's response: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us join hearts and voices together in prayer. Each short prayer will end with the words, “Lord, in your mercy” and you can make the prayer your own by responding “Hear our prayer”. Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy . . . **Hear our Prayer.**

Awesome Creator, your steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy . . . **Hear our Prayer.**

God of healing, restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day especially the family and friends of Louise Goos, Alan, Edith, Earl, Audrey, Orville and Carol, Bruce, Gloria, Marcus, Brodie, Karin, Anthony, Robert, Curtis, Linda, Gayle, Evelyn, Lisa, Danielle, Shelby, Alice, Deanna, Minnie, Lyssa, Karen, and all those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts*(a pause to offer time to name others)*. Encircle them in your care. Lord, in your mercy . . . **Hear our Prayer.**

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy . . . **Hear our Prayer.**

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refuge and immigrant and especially the Iqbal and Wahid-Alhamad family. Protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. We pray especially for all those wounded by residential schools and those who mourn the loss of the children who died and were buried unnamed away from family and community. Give them comfort, courage to speak their truth, and – when the time is right – give them peace. Give us who have been bystanders the courage to hear the truth and respond with integrity. Lord, in your mercy . . . **Hear our Prayer.**

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed: custodian Tammi, administrative assistant Lorene, choir director Deborah and parish nurse Carol. And for the many volunteers who help our congregation to flourish. Lord, in your mercy . . . **Hear our Prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith (*especially Benedict of Nursia*). We remember those in this community who have recently died. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are your's forever. Lord, in your mercy . . . **Hear our Prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

Pastor Marilyn: Knowing how God loves us as a Mother and Father we pray in the words Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The blessing of God,

Who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

+ be upon you now and forever. **AMEN**

[forwarded to me by Pastor Val From, a former member of Augustana]

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

SENDING HYMN: **To Be Your Presence**, #546, v. 1-4

To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be Your heart of mercy ever near,
Alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,
Alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,
Alleluia!

We are your heart, O Christ, Your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
Alleluia!

THANK YOU'S

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