

# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BAS: *Service of the Word 1*

10:30 AM July 16, 2023

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE & WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: *“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”* #977 ACS

### GREETING

*Leader:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

### CONFESSION

*Leader:* Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

**All:** Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Leader:* Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All:** Amen.

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Leader:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:** And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *“For the Fruit of All Creation”* #679 ELW

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

## THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 25:19-34

PSALM: Psalm 119:105-112

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path.

**All:** <sup>106</sup>I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup>I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

**All:** <sup>108</sup>Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup>My life is always in danger, yet I do not forget your teaching.

**All:** <sup>110</sup>The wicked have set a trap for me, but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup>Your decrees are my inheritance forever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

**All:** <sup>112</sup>I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *“Alleluia”*, ELW p. 142

### GOSPEL

*Leader:* The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 13.

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

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Gift from Creator Tells the Good Story*

*Leader:* The gospel of the Lord.

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

### SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED, ELW p. 105

### INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

“Hear us, O God – your mercy is great”

OFFERTORY HYMN: *“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”* #512 ELW

*(offering collection at this time)*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Leader:* Yours, Lord,

**All:** is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

### PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOTOM

LORD’S PRAYER, ELW p. 145

## SENDING

### BLESSING

SENDING SONG: *“On What Has Now Be Sown”* #550 ELW

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

### POSTLUDE

Thank you to our lector Wayne Carlson, ushers Edith and Lorne Carlson, musician Mik Bickis, and technical support Karen Wallace for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to Rev. Deacon Wallace for leading the service.

Last Sunday’s in-person attendance: 82



**Offering & Income for July to Date: \$6,583**

Rent: \$1,855

**July expenses to date: \$15,328**

Monthly budget need: \$21,775

Congratulations to Carol Kostiuk on the birth of her latest grandchild (#8) Winston Robert to daughter Karyn.

Pastor Kirk is on holidays until July 24th

At 7pm each Wednesday this summer, we’ll be celebrating creation and community with Evening or Night Prayer and some music on the front lawn of the church. Bring a chair – or grab one from the basement – a willingness to try something new, and maybe even a friend (or a few) for a 20-minute service followed by some refreshments and an opportunity to visit. If you are interested in helping lead the services and responses, please let Rev. Alexa know after a service or email her at [Rev.AlexaWallace@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.AlexaWallace@gmail.com).

Lutheran Campus Ministry is seeking a couple of local people who might be willing to be a resource and/or respond when maintenance issues arise at the Campus Center (corner of College & Wiggins). It is a 5 room student residence and sometimes we need hands to help with minor repairs & maintenance. If you would like to learn more please call or text Mark Hedlin (306-715-0452) or Darrel Utley (306-514-8646).

Nest Saskatoon is sponsoring a Garden Tour on Sunday, July 23, from 1 to 5 PM. Tickets are available from Dutch Growers and Early Seed and Feed. And Nest is also sponsoring a quilt raffle. This is your chance to win one of three beautiful quilts made by Saskatoon fabric artists and support refugee settlement at the same time! For further information about these quilts, go to <https://nestsaskatoon.net/2023/06/08/the-nest-quilt-affle/>. Tickets are \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. You may purchase tickets from Margareth Peterson.

Thank you for your support of CLWR’s emergency appeal for the crisis in East Africa. Together, we have raised over \$100,000! Your gifts – along with the matched funding from the Canadian government – are helping CLWR partners deliver food, water, shelter, and sanitation and hygiene support to those in need. Please continue to join us in praying for all those affected by this ongoing crisis.

The 2023 ELCIC Special Convention / Assembly 2023 had **livestream coverage** of its proceedings **from June 28 to July 2** at the the University of Calgary campus. To view the proceedings please visit our YouTube Channel [here](#). A **video archive** consisting of all the **business sessions at the Special Convention, worship and the State of the Union Address** can be found when you [click here](#). For all **other resources and the latest news** on the ELCIC and the [Anglican Church of Canada](#) (ACC) both jointly and separately, please [click here](#) and scroll down the page to view the full list.

To find the **list of motions** presented before the delegates of our Special Convention and to view **daily highlights** from the gathering, please [click here](#).

*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,  
a source of strength and hope.*

**First Reading – Genesis 25:19-34**

**<sup>19</sup>THESE ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC, ABRAHAM'S SON:** Abraham was the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup>and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. <sup>21</sup>Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. <sup>22</sup>The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

<sup>23</sup>And the LORD said to her,  
"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger."

<sup>24</sup>When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup>The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup>Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

<sup>27</sup>When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup>Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup>Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. <sup>30</sup>Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" <sup>31</sup>Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." <sup>32</sup>Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup>Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

**Gospel – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

**<sup>1</sup>THAT SAME DAY JESUS WENT OUT OF THE HOUSE AND SAT BESIDE THE SEA.**

<sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

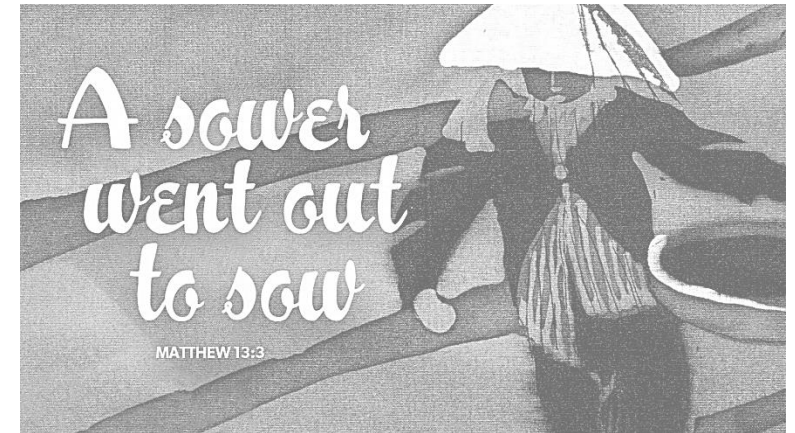
<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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**Our Parish Calendar**

Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Evening Worship
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship & Holy Communion

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**July 16, 10:30 AM**



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