

# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

ELW - *Setting 3, Holy Communion*

10:30 AM July 23, 2023

## GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS, p. 94

GATHERING SONG: "*Oh, Worship the King*" #842 ELW

GREETING, p. 138

*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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "*This is the Feast*", p. 140

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 28:10-19a

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

*Leader:* <sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out;  
O LORD, you have known me.

**All: <sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

*Leader:* <sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**All: <sup>4</sup>Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

*Leader:* <sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**All: <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

*Leader:* <sup>7</sup>Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

**All: <sup>8</sup>If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

*Leader:* <sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**All: <sup>10</sup>even there your hand will lead me  
and your right hand hold me fast.**

*Leader:* <sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,  
and the light around me turn to night,"

**All: <sup>12</sup>darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the  
day; darkness and light to you are both alike.**

*Leader:* <sup>23</sup>Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and know my restless thoughts.

**All: <sup>24</sup>Look well whether there be any wickedness in me  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "*Alleluia*", p. 142

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

*Leader:* The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Almighty God, Your Word is Cast*" #516 ELW

APOSTLES' CREED, p. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: "Hear us, O God – **your mercy is great**"

SHARING THE PEACE, p. 143

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

**All: And also with you.**

OFFERING HYMN: "*Father, We Thank You*" #478 ELW  
(offering collection at this time)

OFFERING PRAYER

## THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 144

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, p. 144

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*Leader:* For often as we eat of this bread . . . we proclaim the  
Lord's death until he comes.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Leader:* To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit . . . now and  
forever.

**All: Amen, amen, amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 145

LAMB OF GOD, p. 146

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

"*Here is Bread*"

#483 ELW

"*Let Us Break Bread Together*"

#471 ELW

"*Come to the Table*"

#481 ELW

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: "*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*" #631 ELW

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.

White 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 Chris Martin, ushers  
Dawn & Rose Ingram, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, and technical support  
Karen Wallace for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to the altar guild  
for the communion preparations and Michael Diegel for leading the service.*

*Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 30*



**Offering & Income for July to Date: \$11,738**

Par: \$4762; Rent: \$1,855

**July expenses to date: \$18,305**

Monthly budget need: \$21,775

At 7pm each Wednesday we celebrate creation and community with  
Evening/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  
[Revalexawallace@gmail.com](mailto:Revalexawallace@gmail.com).

Nest is sponsoring a quilt raffle with a 1 in 3 chance to win a beautiful  
quilt made by Saskatoon fabric artists and to support refugee settlement  
at the same time! Tickets are \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and available  
from Margareth Peterson. For further information about these quilts, go  
to <https://nestsaskatoon.net/2023/06/08/the-nest-quilt-affle/>.

**First Reading – Genesis 28:10-19a**

<sup>10</sup>**JACOB LEFT BEER-SHEBA AND WENT TOWARD HARAN.** <sup>11</sup>He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup>and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup>Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." <sup>18</sup>So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19a</sup>He called that place Bethel.

**Second Reading – Romans 8:12-25**

<sup>12</sup>**SO THEN, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE ARE DEBTORS,** not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Gospel – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

<sup>24</sup>**[JESUS] PUT BEFORE [THE CROWDS] ANOTHER PARABLE:** "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" <sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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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	Celebrating Community
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship

*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.*

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*Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together*  
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**Worship at 10:30 am**  
**YouTube Channel:**

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