

# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

ELW *Setting 3*

10:30 AM July 30, 2023

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE & WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER

Little mustard seeds. Yeast in the bread. Treasure in the field. Searching for the pearl. A large catch of fish in the net.

Let us draw ourselves into the goodness of the presence of God. Let us open ourselves to images of the way of the Kingdom of God. Let's pray.

From the corners of our different lives we come, and let us Lord rest a while here with you, that we might once more hear your word, and be encouraged in our discipleship, our searching, our hope along the way.

**All: Open to our hearts once more the seeds and yeast of life, the goodness and wonder found and the abundance of your love. Lord, open our ears to hear your word and our hearts to proclaim our praise. Amen.**

*(Rev. Mark Faulkner – Saltbush Community)*

**GATHERING SONG: "Gather Us In" #532 ELW**

### GREETING & SHARING OF THE PEACE

*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.**

### PSALM 105:1-5

*Leader:* <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

**All: <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

*Leader:* <sup>3</sup>Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**All: <sup>4</sup>Search for the strength of the LORD; continually seek God's face.**

*Leader:* <sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth.

**All: Make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples. Hallelujah!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God in the Highest", p. 139**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

## THE WORD

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:26-39

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

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

**GOSPEL**

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

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

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*Leader:* The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "What is the World Like" #1047 ACS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**"Hear us, O God – your mercy is great"**

**OFFERING** (*collection taken at this time*)

**OFFERTORY HYMN: "Create In Me a Clean Heart" #186 ELW**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER,** ELW p. 145

## SENDING

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #547 ELW**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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*Thank you to our lector Paul Weatherington, ushers Melissa Gunn & Gloria Rowan, musician Deborah Buck, and technical support Bryan Tastad for assisting in worship today.*

*Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 38*



**Offering & Income for July to Date: \$13,673**

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

**July expenses to date: \$17,949**

*Augustana is currently running a shortfall of over \$30,000 in relation to income vs. expenses. Thank you for recognizing our financial needs and for your continued support in sustaining our church family.*

At 7pm each Wednesday we are celebrating creation and community with Evening 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).

**Piano players needed at Luther Tower**, 1223 Temperance Street, for their Sunday evening Hymn Sing time, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm. Players are needed **starting the first Sunday in August**. If someone can't play every Sunday evening, arrangements can be made to play with other piano players on a rotation base. For more information please call Lorraine at 306 730 7260.

**Nest Saskatoon** is 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! 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/>.

### Weekday Worship Volunteers for Saskatoon Hospitals

The interdenominational worship committee for Saskatoon hospitals is looking for volunteers to assist with weekday worship services. Since the pausing of denominational volunteers in 2020, our list of contacts has become very short! Would you prayerfully consider volunteering? There are immediate opportunities for musicians to provide worship music, leaders to plan and lead worship, patient porters (to wheel patients to and from service), and communion assistants (when holy communion is celebrated). Training and support to navigate in the hospital worship environment will be provided. For more information, please contact Pastor Richard Engel, interdenominational worship coordinator, at 306-229-1663 (call or text) or, email at [chaplain@luminhos.org](mailto:chaplain@luminhos.org).

### **Broadway Street Fair - Saturday, September 9th**

Augustana will again have a craft table and we ask all of you creative craftspeople to get a head start on the lovely and novel items you enjoy making. This is a great opportunity for us to be out in the community and raise funds for our church and the building improvement fund. If you have hand-crafted items that you would like to donate, or would like to volunteer, please contact Sandra Cey for more information. All craft items must be delivered to the church by **Thursday, August 31st**.

**First Reading** – Genesis 29:15-28

<sup>15</sup>**LABAN SAID TO JACOB, “BECAUSE YOU ARE MY KINSMAN,** should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?”  
<sup>16</sup>Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup>Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. <sup>18</sup>Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” <sup>19</sup>Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” <sup>20</sup>So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

<sup>21</sup>Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” <sup>22</sup>So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. <sup>23</sup>But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went into her. <sup>24</sup>(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) <sup>25</sup>When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” <sup>26</sup>Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup>Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” <sup>28</sup>Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

**Second Reading** – Romans 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup>**THE SPIRIT HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESS;** for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who

loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gospel** – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

<sup>31</sup>**[JESUS] PUT BEFORE [THE CROWDS] ANOTHER PARABLE:** “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” <sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 30, 10:30 AM



**AUGUSTANA**  
*Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together*  
(A congregation of the ELCIC,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada)



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**Worship at 10:30 am**  
**YouTube Channel:**  
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### Our Parish Calendar

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| 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 | Worship & Holy Communion |

*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.*