

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ELW - *Setting 6, Holy Communion*
10:30 AM May 14, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: *"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"* #618

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT, p. 59 ACS

We gather at this font, O God,

creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow.

We praise you for the South Saskatchewan River

that flows through our city,

and for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font.

We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth,

this flood of endless mercy,

and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

All the waters are yours, O God,

even stagnant rivers, and wells nearly dry,

and lakes that are merely puddles.

We beg you to heed the cries

of everyone suffering from drought and dryness,

of everyone who is displaced because of wildfires especially in Alberta & BC.

As you saved Hagar and Ishmael in the desert,

so now save all those creatures dying of thirst.

Pour down rain and fill up the wells, keep homes and farms safe, that the people may live.

We ask you, almighty Provider,

to give us the water we need,

and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font.

By the water of our baptism empower us

to pour out ourselves for others

and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

To you O God, who is both Mother and Father to us,

And to the Son and Holy Spirit be all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"*

PRAYER OF THE DAY, p. 165

Leader: Let us pray. Holy One,

All: you know us already.

Help us to know you better.

Let us see you at work all around us.

Fill our time of worship with your Spirit,

so that we may learn to recognize your presence

in all places. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3: 13-22

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *"Alleluia"*, p. 171

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Come Down, O Love Divine"* #804

(offering is taken)

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *"God of Grace – hear our prayer"*

SHARING THE PEACE, p. 172

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 172

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. 172

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 173

LAMB OF GOD, p. 174

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

"As A Mother Comforts Her Child" #1015, ACS

"One Bread, One Body" #496

"Be Not Afraid" #388

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

Leader: God's gifts and mercies have been lavished upon us with abundance.

These gifts and mercies have been taken up by many faithful people,

and on this Mother's Day we celebrate all of the faithful women who have used their gifts and shared God's mercies with us.

May we, inspired by God's grace and the faithful & fierce women in our lives;

Go forth from this place,

ready to serve,

ready to listen,

ready to answer God's call.

All: Amen

SENDING SONG: *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"* #392

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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.

Grape-apple 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 Heather Ward, musician Mik Bickis, ushers Alice & Wilmer Hamp, and technical support Katie Ottley for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to the altar guild for the communion preparations and Augustana-St. Timothy's Choir for the special music.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 30



Offering & Income for May to date: \$4,860

Rent: \$1,855

May expenses to date: \$7,366

Monthly budget need: \$21,063

First Reading – Acts 17:22-31

²²**PAUL STOOD IN FRONT OF THE AREOPAGUS AND SAID,** “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Second Reading – 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³**WHO WILL HARM YOU IF YOU ARE EAGER TO DO WHAT IS GOOD?** ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel – John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵**“IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.** ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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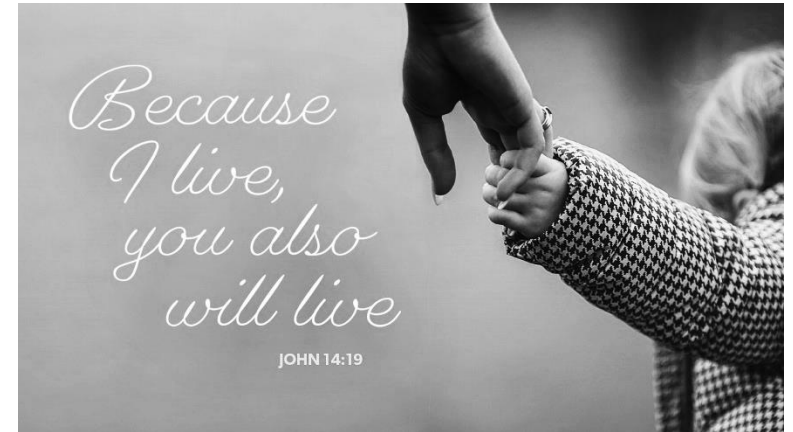
Our Parish Calendar

Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	6:00 pm	CPR CLASS
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men’s Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
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.*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 14, 10:30 AM**



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