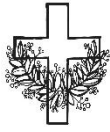


AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Prayers for Peace
& *The Healing of The Nations*
10:30 AM Nov. 12, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN REMEMBRANCE

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. In a world filled with violence and war,

All: we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

Leader: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

All: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

Leader: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

All: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

Leader: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

All: the Creator, Redeemer, and

Sustainer of heaven and earth. Amen.

~ from *On Earth as in Heaven: Praying for Peace*,
MCC Peace Sunday Packet 2008.

GATHERING SONG: "Come to the Water of Life" #955 ACS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for making one human family of all the peoples of the earth and for creating all the wonderful diversity of cultures.

All: Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

Forgive us when we knowingly or unknowingly participate in the inherent systems of oppression that exist in our world. Teach us to be bold and forge a new path in the way of peace and love for all.

Break down the walls that separate us.

And help us to find that unity that is the fruit of righteousness and will enable us to become your beloved community.

Leader: Empower us to speak boldly for justice and truth and help us to deal with one another without hatred or bitterness, working together with mutual forbearance and respect.

All: And work through our struggles and confusion to accomplish your purposes.

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

Adapted from the United Church of Christ's "*Prayers for Racial Justice Sunday*" (www.ucc.org/worship/ways) and from the United Church of Canada (www.united-church.ca/bfw/resources.shtm)

SONG: "Kyrie Eleison" #21 HOLDEN

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

SONG OF OFFERING: "When It Seems the Day Will End" #1034 ACS
(offering will be collected during song)

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Loving God,

All: Bless now these offerings given with generosity and grace that they might be used in the service of your kingdom here and in the wider world. Amen.

LITANY FOR THE NATIONS

SONG OF HEALING: "For the Healing of the Nations" #12 HOLDEN

PRAYER OF HEALING AND PEACE

Leader: Come, you who hunger for justice.

All: Come feast on God's promise to feed the hungry, lift up the lowly, and set the captive free.

Leader: Come, you who thirst for mercy.

All: Come drink from the water of life, God's power to pardon, strengthen, and heal.

Leader: Come, you who long for peace.

All: Peace among nations and between peoples, peace in our homes and in our hearts.

Leader: Come, all who are weary and heavy laden.

All: Come to the river of life, lay down your burdens, and pour out your prayers before God.

adapted from Susan R. Briehl & Tom Witt, "*For the Healing of Nations*," in Holden: Prayer Around the Cross: Handbook to the Liturgy, © Augsburg Fortress, 2009.

SINGING OUR PRAYERS

"Deep Peace" #7 HOLDEN

"Pacem in terris" #33 HOLDEN

"Stir Up Your Power" #39 HOLDEN

"Christ Our Peace" #5 HOLDEN

"Though the Earth Shall Change" #42 HOLDEN

SENDING

CLOSING PRAYER:

Gathering our many prayers into one, let us pray . . . Holding those in our community up to God . . . and any others we care for.

All: Hear our cries, receive our prayers, and fill the whole world with your blessing, until needy no longer, Your whole creation sings your praise, Through your Son Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The grace and peace 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.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us leave this place with God's peace in our hearts and on our lips.

All: Amen. Let it be so.

POSTLUDE

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First Reading – Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸ALAS FOR YOU WHO DESIRE THE DAY OF THE LORD!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“**THEN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WILL BE LIKE THIS.** Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Thank you to our lector Ruth Zuk, ushers Monica Lundgren-Johnson & Wes Ulmer, musician Cherie Jarock, and technical support Katie Otley for assisting in worship today. Thanks also to Rene & Leverne Baxter for Coffee Set-up and Clean-up. Special thanks to choir director Deb Buck & the Augustana-St. Timothy's choir for the special music and leading the singing.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 48



Offering & Income for Nov. to date: \$4,589

Nov. expenses to date: \$5,081

Monthly budget need: \$21,775

Current Shortfall is \$45,000

We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to augustana@sasktel.net (full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate with credit card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR. Please ensure envelopes put in the offering plates have an envelope no. or address.

Our Parish Calendar

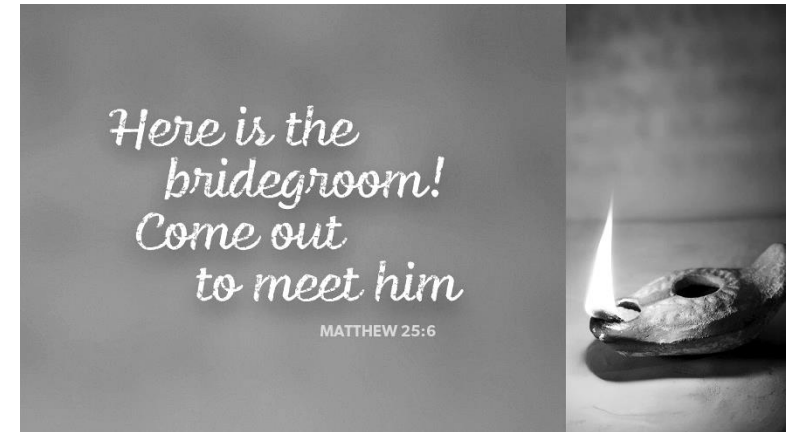
Sunday	7:00 pm	Al Anon Open Meeting
Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AA grp)
Tuesday	8:00 am	Spiritual Growth Group (808 Main Str.)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Concordia Alpenrose Jr. Dancers
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men's Book & Breakfast Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	2:00 pm	JOY Group "Amazon Presentation"
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	12:30 pm	Music Recital
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Saturday	6:00 pm	Augustana Social Supper
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship & Holy Communion & Sunday School

The Health Cabinet **Christmas Hamper Appeal** will run through the month of November until Sunday, Dec. 3rd. If you would like to contribute to *Christmas Hampers*, please indicate so on your offering envelope, cheque or e-transfer. The **goal is to raise \$1400** in support of 20 families in need. We have about \$1100 to go.

If you would like to share any extra Christmas Cookies for our Christmas Hampers there is a sign up sheet on the Health Cabinet board. Cookies to be brought to Church Dec. 10 or before OR contact Linda Catton if you need to make other arrangements. Cookies should be sturdy for packing and nut free. And if you have any extra Christian themed Christmas Cards or large Christmas gift bags you would like to donate for our Christmas Hampers there is a box by the Health Cabinet Board you can place them in. Packing day of Christmas Hampers will be on Dec. 10 after church.



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Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

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