

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
Last Sunday of Liturgical Year
10:30 AM Nov. 26, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Leader: People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

All: You, O God, wash us clean.

Leader: Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair - ALL are washed away by grace.

All: You, O God, wash us clean.

Leader: Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

All: You, O God, give us new life.

Leader: The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

All: You, O God, give us new life.

Leader: Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

All: You, O God, give us new life.

Leader: And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power. We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We so we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. For to you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

(Rev. Jessica A. Harren – pastorjess.com)

GATHERING SONG: "God is Here!"

#526 ELW

GATHERING PRAYER

All: Gracious God, as seasons change, your love and mercy are the one constant we can rely on. As we reflect on the life of your church and look towards our shared future, speak to us, and grant us the courage we need to follow alongside Jesus wherever he leads. Amen.

THE WORD

ADVENT READING: Isaiah 11:1-2

REFLECTION

ADVENT HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (#257 ELW, vv. 1 & 2)

CHRISTMAS READING: John 1:1-5, 14

REFLECTION

CHRISTMAS HYMN: "In a Far-Off Place, Jesus Comes" (#908 ACS)

EPIPHANY READING: Matthew 2:9-12

REFLECTION

EPIPHANY HYMN: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (#310 ELW, vv. 1 & 4)

LENTEN READING: Micah 6:8

LENTEN HYMN: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" (#319 ELW, vv. 1 & 4)

REFLECTION

HOLY WEEK HYMNS:

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (#344 ELW, refrain only)

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" (#708 ELW, v. 1 & refrain)

"Were You There" (#353 ELW, v. 1)

- 1) Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

EASTER READING: Luke 24:21-23

REFLECTION

EASTER HYMN: "Christ has Arisen, Alleluia" (#364 ELW, v. 1 & refrain)

REFLECTION

PENTECOST HYMN: "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" (#400 ELW, v. 1)

ORDINARY TIME READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1

REFLECTION

ORDINARY TIME HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (#879 ELW, vv. 1 & 2 with refrain)

CHRIST THE KING READING: Matthew 25:34-40

REFLECTION

CHOIR ANTHEM: "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: "Lord of life – hear our prayer"

(adapted from prayers by Gill Le Fevre, <https://gill-lefevre.medium.com/>)

SENDING

BLESSING

(by Gill Le Fevre, <https://gill-lefevre.medium.com/>)

CHRISTMAS HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (#858 ELW)

POSTLUDE

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Thank you to our lectors Larry Trenouth, Mik Bickis, Margareth Peterson & J. Lindenbach, ushers Linda & Cherie Jarock, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, Choir Director Deb Buck, and technical support Karen Wallace for assisting in worship today. Thanks also to Linda Catton for Coffee Set-up and Clean-up. Special thanks the Augustana-St. Timothy's choir for the special music and to the Sunday School and Altar Guild for helping with the service.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 52



Offering & Income for Nov. to date: \$24,542

Church Usage: \$510; Christmas Hampers: \$1,200; PAR: \$5,480; Social Supper & Silent Auction: \$6,170.

Nov. expenses to date: \$18,112

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.

Augustana & St. Timothy's Choir is sharing a very special anthem today: "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" by Daniel Kallman. The text, a paraphrase of Psalm 84, is set to a lilting Irish folk tune. Thanks to this gift from Wayne Carlson in memory and celebration of Eileen Carlson.

Christ the King Reading – Matthew 25:34-40

³⁴THEN THE KING WILL SAY TO THOSE AT HIS RIGHT HAND, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Our Parish Calendar

Monday	2:00 pm	ELW Bible Study & Meeting
Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AA grp)
Tuesday	8:00 am	Spiritual Growth Group (Zoom)
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	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship & Holy Communion & Sunday School
Sunday	12:00 pm	Vision Session 3
Sunday	2:00 pm	NEST Meeting

The Health Cabinet **Christmas Hamper Appeal** will continue 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.

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 packaging 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 the Christmas Hampers will be Sunday, Dec. 10 after church.

Augustana's **3rd Vision Session** will be next Sunday, Dec. 3rd after church. Our hope is that by the end of these sessions, we will have a much clearer understanding of what we are about and how that is going to shape our shared life and ministry together going forward. Please plan to attend and bring a bag lunch.

Augustana ELW will again be sending a **financial Christmas & Birthday gift** to their adopted child, Amsa. If you are interested in contributing to this gift, you may place your donation in the offering plate, marked accordingly. All your donations are very much appreciated.

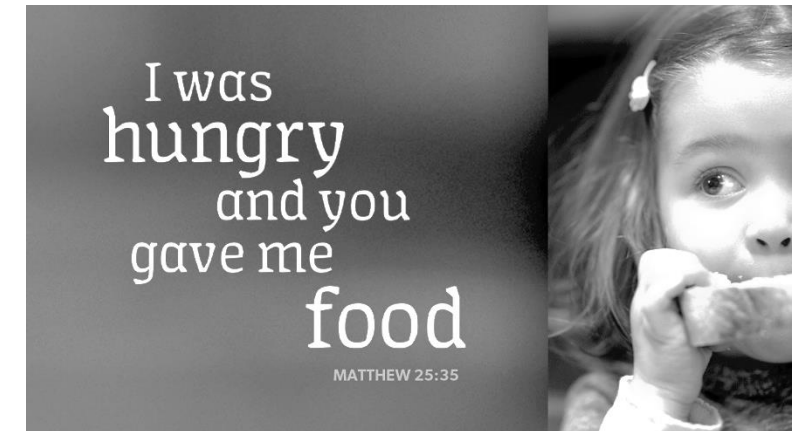
In keeping with the spirit of the Advent season, the **ELW will be setting up the Mitten Tree in the narthex for the first Sunday in Advent, December 3rd**, to be decorated with mittens, toques, scarves, etc. Yarn will be placed under the tree for anyone wishing to knit/crochet articles to be donated to Haven Kids' House, Interval House and the Salvation House.

Blue Christmas Service. You, your family and friends are invited to a **Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Healing on Thursday, December 14 at 7:30 PM, Zion Lutheran Church.** Christmas without a loved one can be a difficult time for those left behind. Other losses, such as the loss of a relationship, health or job can be the cause of loneliness in the midst of Christmas celebrations. Please join us in a service of prayer, scripture, communion and music knowing that God is present. May we find hope and comfort in knowing that we are not alone at this time. Refreshments to follow hosted by Saskatoon Lutheran Stephen Ministers.

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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