

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ELW – *Setting 2, Holy Communion*
10:30 AM Nov. 19, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

All: Amen.

Leader: Holy One,

All: we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand" #1024 ACS

GREETING, p. 120

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. 122

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD

PSALM: PSALM 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

All: ²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God,
until you show us your mercy.

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

All: ⁴too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia", p.124

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "God of the Fertile Fields" #1063 ACS

APOSTLES' CREED, p. 127

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE, p. 128

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN: "Praise and Thanksgiving" #689 ELW

(offering will be collected during the song)

OFFERING PRAYER

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 129

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. 130

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE, p. 130

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 134

LAMB OF GOD, p. 135

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meals" #464 ELW

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #815 ELW

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #674 ELW

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: "Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us" #707 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. 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 & communion assistant Katie Ottley, ushers Echo Fettes & Tyrel Rink, musician Deborah Buck, and technical support Greg Fowlie-Neufeld for assisting in worship today. Thanks also to our altar guild for communion preparations, the coffee crew (Kirk & Chris), and to those who taught Sunday School.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 48

Offering & Income for Nov. to date: \$10,135

Christmas Hampers \$920

Nov. expenses to date: \$7,852

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

Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AA grp)
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
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
Sunday	6:00 pm	Confirmation

Thanks to all who contributed to make the Nov. 18th Social Supper a success!

First Reading – Judges 4:1-7

¹**THE ISRAELITES AGAIN DID WHAT WAS EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD**, after Ehud died. ²So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹**NOW CONCERNING THE TIMES AND THE SEASONS**, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴**FOR IT IS AS IF A MAN, GOING ON A JOURNEY**, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s

money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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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.

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 are to be brought to the 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.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP.

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Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

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