

# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ELW – *Setting 2, Holy Communion*  
10:30 AM Oct. 15, 2023

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE & WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. Steadfast and faithful God,

All: you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation,  
forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor,  
forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Leader: Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "God Extends an Invitation" #486 ELW

### 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

Leader: Let us pray. Gracious God, you long to be at the centre of our lives, but we often push you to the margins.

All: Remind us this day

of the blessing of being made in your image,  
redeemed by your love, and set apart for service  
in your kingdom.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## THE WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:1-14

PSALM: PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

All: <sup>2</sup>Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD  
or proclaim in full God's praise?

<sup>3</sup>Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right.

All: <sup>4</sup>Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have  
for your people and visit me with your salvation;

<sup>5</sup>that I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad  
with the gladness of your people, that I may glory  
with your inheritance.

All: <sup>6</sup>We have sinned as our forebears did;  
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

<sup>19</sup>They made a bull-calf at Horeb and worshiped a molten image;

All: <sup>20</sup>thus they exchanged their glory  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

<sup>21</sup>They forgot God their Savior, who had done great things in  
Egypt,

All: <sup>22</sup>wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

<sup>23</sup>So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your chosen  
stood in the breach, to turn away your wrath from consuming  
them.

All: Remember, O LORD, the favor you have for your people.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia", p.124

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Now We Join in Celebration" #462 ELW

APOSTLES' CREED, p. 127

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE, p. 128

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

## OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #184 ELW

## 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

Leader: You are indeed holy . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until  
he comes.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 134

LAMB OF GOD, p. 135

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

"Arise, My Soul, Arise" #827 ELW

"Come to the Table" #481 ELW

"Come, Let us Eat" #491 ELW

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

### BLESSING

SENDING SONG: "Thine the Amen" #826 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.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 44

**First Reading – Exodus 32:1-4**

**<sup>1</sup>WHEN THE PEOPLE SAW THAT MOSES DELAYED TO COME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN**, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” <sup>2</sup>Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” <sup>3</sup>So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup>He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” <sup>5</sup>When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” <sup>6</sup>They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

**Second Reading – Philippians 4:1-9**

**<sup>1</sup>MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHOM I LOVE AND LONG FOR**, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel – Matthew 22:1-14**

**<sup>1</sup>ONCE MORE JESUS SPOKE TO THEM IN PARABLES, SAYING:** <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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