

Psalm 26

Your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
(Psalm 26:3)

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.
- 3 For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.
- 4 I have not sat | with the worthless,
nor do I consort with | the deceitful. R
- 5 I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession | round your altar,
- 7 singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glo- | ry abides. R
- 9 Do not sweep me a- | way with sinners,
nor my life with those who | thirst for blood,
- 10 whose hands are full of | evil plots,
and their right hands | full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live | with integrity;
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.
- 12 I take my stand on | level ground;
in the full assembly I will | bless the LORD. R

First Reading

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

THERE WAS once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

First Reading *Continued*

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

LONG AGO God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings
that you are mindful of them,
or mortals,
that you care for them?
You have made them for a little
while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them
with glory and honour,
subjecting all things
under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their

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Hebrews 1:3
he sustains all things
by his powerful word

Second Reading *Continued*

control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name
to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation
I will praise you."

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Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

SOME PHARISEES came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 19, Lectionary 27

Season of Creation

10:30 AM Oct. 3, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn: "Let the Whole Creation Cry" #876

Prayer of the Day

Children's Time

Thanksgiving for Creation & Blessing of the Animals

THE WORD

First Reading: Psalm 26

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Alleluia: *Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Gospel: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 10:2-16*

Glory to you, O Lord

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Meditation

Hymn of the Day: "Day by Day" #790

Profession of Faith

Prayer of Confession

Prayers of the People: "Lord, in your mercy . . . **Hear our prayer**"

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn: "Light Dawns" #726

Dismissal

Thank you to all those who assist with the technical: Michael Diegel, Greg Fowlie-Neufeld, D.-Jay Krozser, Gord Morley, Katie Otley, Karen Wallace and today Bryan Tastad.

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Season of Creation liturgy

WELCOME TO AUGUSTANA

Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

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.

Our Parish Calendar

Sunday	12:00 pm	Baptism of Enzo Steiestol, son of Alicia & Lane Steiestol; Godparents: Leif Steiestol and Darrelle Downs
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men's Book and Breakfast Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	3:30 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Worship, ELW



PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS FOR TODAY IN THE PLATES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN-IN AT FRONT ENTRANCE FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP.

THANKSGIVING FOR CREATION & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Leader: In the call of the loon and the meadowlark's song:

ALL: God's joy at the heart of all things

In the gap-toothed grin of a mischievous child:

God's joy at the heart of all things

In the tantalising smell of freshly baked bread:

God's joy at the heart of all things

In the starlit splendour of the winter sky:

God's joy at the heart of all things

In the satisfying squelch of a muddy walk:

God's joy at the heart of all things

In the ladybug's flight and the duck's waddle:

God's joy at the heart of all things

In the sharing of stories and a cup of coffee:

God's joy at the heart of all things

God our Creator, we thank you for the gift of animals in our world. We thank you for the many ways animals are part of our lives: as companions, in fertilizing the soil, in pollinating the plants and in providing food and drink for us. Bless the animals shown today and all creatures of the earth. May our relationships with these animals mirror your love, and teach us how to love. **AMEN.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: As one we belong to the Creator in whose image we are all made.

All: In God we are breathing, in God we are living, in God we share the life of all creation.

We belong to Jesus Christ, the true icon of God and of humanity.

In him God is breathing, in him God is living, through him we are reconciled.

We belong to the Holy Spirit, who gives us new life and strengthens our faith.

In the Spirit love is breathing, in the Spirit truth is living, the breath of God always moves us.

We belong to the Holy Trinity, who is one in all and Three-in-One.

In God we are all made, in Christ we are all saved, in the Spirit we are all united. (Per Harling)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: This we know, the earth does not belong to us:

All: we belong to the earth.

This we know, all things are connected:

like the blood which unites one family.

For we did not weave the web of life:

we are merely a strand of it.

Whatever we do to the web,

we do to ourselves.

In the light of your word

(a moment of quiet)

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

DISMISSAL

Go now and revel in God's world

Go now to be creative and work for justice

Go now to love your neighbour

Go now to love and serve the Lord

Thanks be to God. AMEN.