

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ELW – *Setting 2, Holy Communion*
10:30 AM Sept. 3, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105:1-5

Leader: ¹Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

All: ²Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Leader: ³Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

All: ⁴Search for the strength of the LORD;
continually seek God's face.

Leader: ⁵Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

All: Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name.

GATHERING SONG: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #879 ELW

CONFESSION AND 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.

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia", p. 124

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"

#1044 ACS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

All: We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,

who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

~ Gurukul Lutheran Theological College (South India) adapted by Keld B. Hansen, 2009

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: "Merciful God – receive our prayer"

SHARING 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

Leader: Holy One,

All: You gave us the gift of life and of Creation.

You made us stewards of your precious world.

We respond to your generosity with gratitude.

Use these gifts to bless the world, we pray. Amen.

Adapted from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING,

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them in gratitude to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our Creator.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, p. 130

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 134

LAMB OF GOD, p. 135

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

"We Come to the Hungry Feast" #479 ELW

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" #808 ELW

"In the Singing" #466 ELW

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING, p. 136

SENDING SONG: "God's Work, Our Hands" #1000 ACS

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 and communion assistant Bonnie Moser, ushers Gloria Rowan & Melissa Gunn, musician Anna-Marie Jarock, and technical support Katie Ottley for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to the altar guild for the communion preparations.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 48

First Reading – Exodus 3:1-15

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Gospel – Matthew 16: 21-28

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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Our Parish Calendar

Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Concordia Jr. Alpenrose Dancers
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Saturday	9:00 am	Broadway Street Fair
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Sunday	7:00 pm	LuMinHoS AGM @ Good Shepherd

Offering & Income for August: \$18,037

Par: \$4,811; Rent: 1,855

August Expenses: \$27,203 (includes \$8,678 insurance)

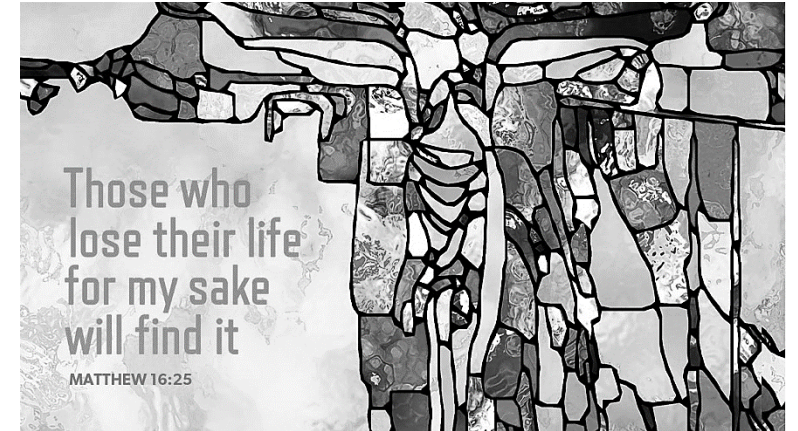
Monthly budget need: \$21,775

Current Shortfall just over \$30,000 (\$20,00 has been drawn from reserves).

We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to augustana@sasktel.net (full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate through credit card with Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR:

Food donations to our Blue Bin are also appreciated.

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