

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ELW – *Setting 3*
10:30 AM Sept. 10, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: For our unwillingness to feel the suffering of others,
and our readiness to live comfortably with injustice.

All: Forgive us, O God.

Leader: For our self-righteousness that denies guilt,
and our self-interest that strangles compassion.

All: Forgive us, O God.

Leader: For our abuse of this planet
and our exploitation of its resources.

All: Forgive us, O God.

Leader: For our failings in community
and our reticence to become involved.

All: Forgive us, O God.

Leader: For the times we were too eager to be better than others,
when we were too rushed to care,
when we were too tired to bother,
when we were too preoccupied to listen,
when we were too quick to act out of motives other than love.

All: Forgive us, O God.

Leader: May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

All: Amen.

(adapted from a resource @ churchofengland.org)

GATHERING SONG: "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The grace and peace 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: "Glory to God", p. 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(by Joanna Harader, Spacious Faith blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>)

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

PSALM: Psalm 149

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

All: ²Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

All: ⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

All: ⁶Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

All: ⁸to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron,

⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones.

All: Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S TIME

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia", p. 124

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY: "Making Their Way"

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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"

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" #185 ELW

OFFERING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 134

SENDING

BLESSING, p. 136

SENDING SONG: "Go My Children with My Blessing" #543 ELW

DISMISSAL: **All:** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Thank you to our lector Tannis Sharp, ushers Larry Trenouth & Wes Ulmer, musician Mik Bickis, and technical support Karen Wallace for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to the Coffee Set-up & Clean-up crews.

September 3 in-person attendance: 41



Offering & Income for Sept. to date: \$3,398

Sept. expenses to date: \$5,287

Monthly budget need: \$21,775

Current Shortfall is just over \$30,000

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

Food donations to our Blue Bin are also appreciated.

First Reading – Exodus 12:1-14

¹**THE LORD SAID TO MOSES AND AARON IN THE LAND OF EGYPT:** ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Second Reading – Romans 13:8-14

⁸**OWE NO ONE ANYTHING, EXCEPT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER;** for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵**“IF ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE CHURCH SINS AGAINST YOU,** go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Our Parish Calendar

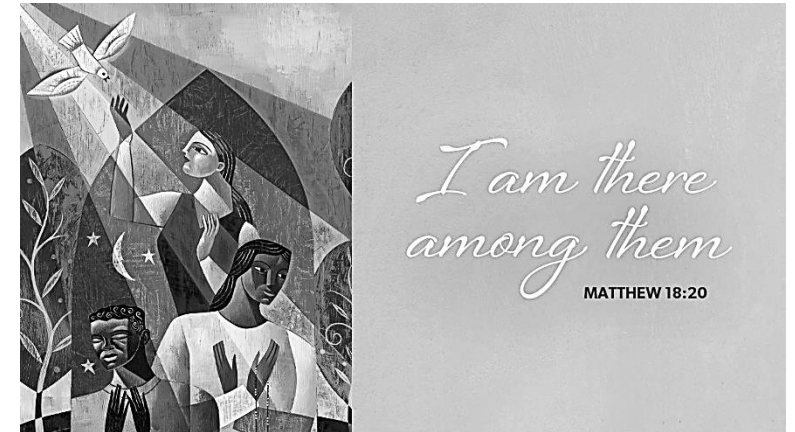
Tuesday	8:00 am	Spiritual Growth Group (H.W. home)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Concordia Jr. Alpenrose Dancers
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men’s Book & Breakfast Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	12:00 pm	Health Cabinet
Saturday	10:00 am	LuMinHoS Walk-a-thon (Zion)
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship & Holy Communion; Potluck after Worship

SEASON OF CREATION, SEPT. 1 – OCT. 4TH

The theme for **Season of Creation 2023** is *Let Justice and Peace Flow*. The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. The season starts with the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

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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