

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ELW – *Setting 2*
10:30 AM Sept. 24, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105:1-5)

Leader: ¹O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,

All: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Leader: ²Sing to God, sing praises to God;

All: Tell of all God's wonderful works.

Leader: ³Glory in God's holy name;

All: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Leader: ⁴Seek the LORD and God's strength;

All: Seek God's presence continually.

Leader: ⁵Remember the wonderful works God has done,

All: God's miracles, and the judgments God uttered.

Leader: Give thanks to God as we enter this time of worship,

All: Remembering all God has done for us.

GATHERING HYMN: "*Gracious Spirit, Hear Our Pleading*" #401 ELW

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: God of justice and mercy,

All: we confess that it is easier for us to argue with one another than to address systemic injustice.

Leader: It is easier for us to be jealous and angry about unfairness we experience than to be concerned that our neighbors have their needs met.

All: Forgive us for our short-sightedness.

Call us into the work of justice with compassion,

to love our neighbors and to seek justice for those around us.

Leader: We remember that when we care for the needs of others, our own needs will be met. When we speak against injustice for others, we work for justice for ourselves.

All: Remind us that we are interconnected with one another, that none of us are truly alone.

Call us into Your beloved community

to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. Amen.

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever. God is full of compassion and mercy for all of us, even all of creation. God desires repentance and restoration, not judgment and punishment. Don't believe the hype of a judgmental, wrathful God. Instead, believe in the power of an all-loving, merciful and forgiving God who desires justice, and know that mercy and forgiveness are gifts to you when you work for justice and restoration in the world. Go and share the good news.

All: Amen.

(by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

HYMN OF PRAISE: "*Glory to God*", p. 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY (by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-15

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "*Alleluia*", p. 124

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Lord of All Hopefulness*" #765 ELW

APOSTLES' CREED, p. 126

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: "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*" #186 ELW

OFFERING PRAYER, p. 129

THE LORD'S PRAYER, p. 134

SENDING

BLESSING, p. 136

SENDING HYMN: "*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*" #538 ELW

DISMISSAL:

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you to our lector Gordon Morley, ushers Chris Martin & Heather Ward, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, and technical support Katie Ottley for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to those on coffee set-up and clean-up.

Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 66



Offering & Income for Sept. to date: \$13,190

Sept. expenses to date: \$19,211

Monthly budget need: \$21,775

Current Shortfall is \$40,000

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 placed in the offering plates have your envelope no. or address.

Thank you!

Starting this Sunday and continuing every 3rd Sunday of every 2nd month, after the offering plates are sent around, baskets with slips of paper with needed food items for the Food Bank and/or People in Need will follow. The large blue bin in the Narthex is available for you to drop off your food items at any time. Thank you for supporting those who need our help.

Our Parish Calendar

Monday	2:00 pm	ELW Meeting & Bible Study
Tuesday	8:00 am	Spiritual Growth Group (A.W. home)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
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
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship & Holy Communion; Sunday School
Sunday	11:50 am	Visioning Session 1 (2 hrs)

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.

