### AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



17TTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ELW - Setting 2 10:30 AM Sept. 24, 2023

#### **GATHERING**

PRELUDE & WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING, p. 120

<u>Leader</u>: 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: 10 give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,

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

<u>Leader</u>: <sup>2</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to God;

All: Tell of all God's wonderful works.

*Leader*: <sup>3</sup>Glory in God's holy name;

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

Leader: <sup>4</sup>Seek the LORD and God's strength;

**All**: Seek God's presence continually.

*Leader*: <sup>5</sup>Remember the wonderful works God has done,

<u>All</u>: God's miracles, and the judgments God uttered.

<u>Leader</u>: Give thanks to God as we enter this time of worship,

<u>All</u>: 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,

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

<u>Leader</u>: 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.

<u>Leader</u>: 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.

<u>All</u>: 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.

<u>Leader</u>: 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

<u>All</u>: Glory to you, O Lord.

<u>Leader</u>: 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

<u>Leader</u>: 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: <u>All</u>: 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 cleanup.

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 <a href="mailto:augustana@sasktel.net">augustana@sasktel.net</a> (full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate with credit card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website <a href="http://augustanasaskatoon.net/">http://augustanasaskatoon.net/</a>). 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### First Reading - Exodus 16:2-15

<sup>2</sup>THE WHOLE CONGREGATION OF THE ISRAELITES COMPLAINED AGAINST MOSES AND AARON in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

## **Second Reading –** Philippians 1:21-30

<sup>21</sup>FOR TO ME, LIVING IS CHRIST AND DYING IS GAIN. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so

that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

#### Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1"THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A LANDOWNER WHO WENT OUT EARLY IN THE MORNING to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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Thank you for sharing in worship here today.

May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you,



a source of strength and of hope.

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Lutherans and Anglicans worshiping together
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