

# AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025 10:30 AM

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*"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."*

AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord's Table!

## PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LEFT COLUMN, ACS p. 29

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who looks upon us in compassion,  
forgives our sin,  
and heals our lives.

**Amen.**

*One of the following or another confession is prayed.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy, O God,  
**against you, you alone,**  
**we have sinned.**

**In your compassion,**  
**cleanse us from our sin**  
**and take away our guilt.**

**Create in us a new heart**  
**and give us a steadfast spirit.**

**Do not cast us away,**  
**but fill us with your Holy Spirit**  
**and restore your joy within us.**

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

As tender as parent to child,  
so deep is God's compassion for you.  
As high as heaven is above earth,  
so vast is God's love for you.  
As far as east is from west,  
so far God removes your sin from you,  
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

*The assembly stands.*

**GATHERING SONG**

***"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"***

**ELW #733**

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

## GREETING

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*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66:10-14

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— <sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. <sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord: I

will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.    **C: Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 66:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> **All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

<sup>5</sup> Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup> **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

<sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup> **Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

### **SECOND READING: GALATIANS 6:1-16**

[<sup>1</sup> My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup> For all must carry their own loads. <sup>6</sup> Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup> If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. <sup>11</sup> See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup> It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup> As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.    **C: Thanks be to God.**

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought by day and by night,  
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' " <sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." <sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the

power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### *“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

ELW #659

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION**

**L:** Lord in your mercy . . .

**C:** Hear our Prayer . . .

## **SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

## **OFFERING**

**Offertory Hymn**

***"Give Thanks"***

# Give Thanks

Words and Music by  
Henry Smith

$\text{♩} = 80$   $\text{3/4}$  **CHORUS**

Am/C F C/E Dm

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, - give thanks to the

4 Am B $\flat$  F/A F E $\flat$

Ho - ly One; - Give thanks - be-cause He's giv - en Je - sus Christ, - His

8 **VERSE**

1. Gm $^7$ /C C $^7$  Am/C 2, 3. Gm $^7$ /C C $^7$  C/B $\flat$  Am $^7$  Dm $^7$  C/D Dm $^7$

Son. - Give Son. - And now let the weak say, "I am

12 Gm $^7$  B $\flat$ /C C B $\flat$ /D C/E Fmaj $^7$  Am/E Dm $^7$  C/D Dm $^7$

strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has

16 Last time to Coda  $\text{Coda}$  1. Gm $^7$ /C C $^7$  C/B $\flat$  2. Gm $^7$ /C C $^7$  Am/C D.S. al Coda

done for - us; - And us. - Give

19  $\text{Coda}$  **ENDING**

Gm $^7$ /C C $^7$  B $\flat$ /C F Fmaj $^7$  Gm $^7$ /F F

us. Give thanks.

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L: Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**C: Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Here at Augustana we are committed to the inclusion of all God's people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and communion will be brought to you.*

### **Words of Institution**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Invitation to the table**

**Distribution**

**Post Communion Prayer**

## **BLESSING**

### **SENDING SONG**

***"Blessed Assurance"***

**ELW #638**



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.



**DISMISSAL** P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God.

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**Prayer Concerns:** Tyrell Sizer, Lawrence Haler, Judy Anderson, Deb Molitor, Andrea Sandberg, Terry “Cub” Watson, Cleo Olson, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Wynette Haler, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Suzann Olson, Tim Knaak, Tim Anderson, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Offering: \$1,755.25</b> <b>Vanco/Online Offering: \$ 346.02</b> <b>Total Offering for June 29<sup>th</sup>: \$2,101.27</b> <b>Amount needed each week is \$3,572.94 to make budget.</b></p>
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**Activities this week: July 7 – July 13**

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group  
6:00 pm – VBS Helper Meeting @ Augustana  
Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv  
Wednesday 6:00 pm – (A) Committee Meetings  
7:00 pm – (A) Council  
Thursday 7:00 pm – (E) Council  
Sunday 9:00 am – (E) Communion Worship  
9:30 am – (A) Coffee Hour  
10:00 am – (A) Communion Worship  
11:30 am – Radio Broadcast on 1370AM

**Church Announcements**

- ✚ **VBS Helper meeting Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** at Augustana.
- ✚ I am still processing what took place last Sunday. I can't begin to put into words how much all of you mean to me. In fact, I haven't read all the cards yet because I get “teary eyed” so I can't read. **Thanks for last Sunday.** Hopefully, by Newsletter time, I will have my act together. Thanks for all your love! Lyla
- ✚ **Thank you to the Miest Family** for re-doing the landscaping outside by the sign. Thank you for your time and dedication to making the outside of our church look so good!
- ✚ **We would like to thank AES Ministries and all who contributed** to the Bless a Camper Campaign. Your donations, prayers, and well wishes allowed nine youth from AES to attend Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp from June 29 - July 1. Thank you for giving them the gift of ministry through summer bible camp.
- ✚ **Tickets for the Mankato Moondogs Game for Faith Night are still available for purchase!** Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 pm. Cost is \$5 per ticket for a seat, hotdog meal, and lots of fun! Contact Pr. Mandy, Katie, or Emily for a ticket!
- ✚ **WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT**, Hosted by Martha Circle, JULY 30<sup>th</sup>. Save the date!  
Women of Augustana & East Sveadahl (all ages) are invited to a women's noon luncheon on July 30<sup>th</sup> at River's Edge Grill at 12:00 pm.
- ✚ We are **looking for volunteers** to help water flowers! If you are interested in helping, contact Jeanne Miest at 507-380-0350 or Nancy Kunkel at 507-317-0795.
- ✚ **Month of June is WELCA** to fill our Food Pantry.