

AES MINISTRIES
EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH -- AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Mission Statement of AES Ministries

Welcome to all who worship with us today!

WORSHIP SERVICE 8

PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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THE GREETING and KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray . . .

C: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING I Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in upright-ness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

PSALM 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be con- formed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or naked- ness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW #715

APOSTLES' CREED

back of hymnal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Thank You, Lord"

ACS #1092

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Insert

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

ACS #984

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

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Lector: Tom Anderson

August 2: Dale Anderson

Usher: Mariah Grunewald

Thank you, **Deacon Lyla**, for being with us this morning!

Today's radio broadcast from Augustana was given by the Augustana WELCA.

Prayer Concerns: Jaymi Dader (granddaughter of Vernon & Evelyn Johnson), Dee Kleinow, Mike Menssen, Francey Anderson, Lindsey Kulseth, Nolan O'Connor, Brenda Watson, Darrell Ask, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, and Emma Overson.

Praises: Roslin Ava Torkelson, daughter of Britta and Andrew, who was born July 14th!

Today's **Noisy Offering** is to be determined.

Come and enjoy "**The Little Mermaid**" put on by St. James Community Theater! You will see local talent of a variety of ages bring this story of love and belonging to life. The production can be seen at the St. James High School's Little Theater on Thur., July 30 at 7 p.m., Fri., July 31 at 7 p.m., and Sat., Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$3 for 12 & under.

Help fill the box for **Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse!** Sunday the 26th is the DEADLINE!

Attention Ladies of AES Ministries! Please join us on Wednesday August 5th for a "**Ladies Night Out**" at 5:30 pm in the "Porch" at Rivers Edge Grill (Golf Course). We will order off the menu. RSVP's are appreciated to the Augustana Church Office (507-375-4792) please leave a message if Lauren is unavailable. Hosted by Rebecca Circle - We look forward to seeing you there!

There will be a **Relay for Life Donation Lunch**, TODAY 11 am -12 pm at the St. James American Legion. Silent Auction, Gift Certificate Wall, Bake Sale, and Luminaria Sale.

AUGUST HAPPENINGS:

August 4: 7-9 pm ROAR Youth Pool Party, St. James outdoor pool Youth 10 and under need an adult to accompany them.

August 5: 5:30 pm AES "Ladies" Night Out", Rivers Edge Grill

August 9: 10:00 am Joint Worship, Annual Picnic, East

August 16: No Worship at East – Threshing Bee

10:30 am Worship, Augustana

August 23: No Worship at East

10:30 am Join Augustana for worship at the Bandstand, Memorial Park

August 30: Joint Worship – 5th Sunday

10:00 am Worship at Augustana

Activities this week: July 27 – August 2

Tuesday 10:30 am Devotions Brandt Ridge

11:00 am Devotions, Pleasant View

2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv

Sunday 9:00 pm Communion Worship, East

10:30 am Communion Worship, Augustana

