

AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025 10:30 AM

"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

"God, We Gather as Your People"

vs. 1-3 ACS #1038



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o-pened, fling the church doors o-pen
 wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.
 For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -
 long. May that wel - come be our song.

GREETING

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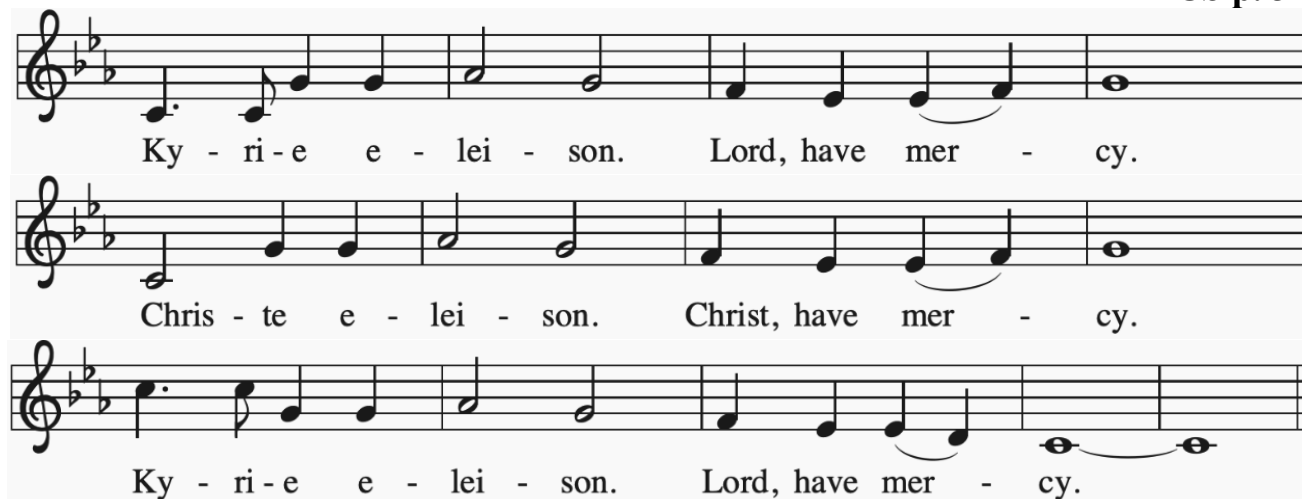
During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

KYRIE

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Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: Today we rejoice to receive these persons into our fellowship as members of Augustana Lutheran Church.

Dear friends in Christ: It is our joy and privilege today to welcome you as fellow-members of our congregation – to join with us in worship, in the hearing of God’s Word and communing at the Lord’s table, in the sharing of the Gospel through word and deed, in our service to God’s people, and into our fellowship as sisters and brothers in Christ.

As members with us, we will covet the sharing of your time and energies for the work of God’s kingdom, your talents and abilities, as well as your financial support of our mission and ministries.

We ask you, therefore: Do you wish to unite with us as partners in faith and fellowship, as members with us of the Body of Christ in this place, and as servants of his kingdom? If so, answer, “YES, WITH THE HELP OF GOD.”

RESP: “YES, WITH THE HELP OF GOD.”

Pastor: The congregation will please stand, and I invite our new members to face the congregation.....

Will you receive these new members as your fellow servants in Christ Jesus? Will you support and care for them as you would for Christ himself? Will you join with them in the tasks of ministry as we serve the Lord? If so, answer, “YES, WITH THE HELP OF GOD.”

RESP: “YES, WITH THE HELP OF GOD.”

Pastor: Let us pray. We thank you, heavenly Father, for sending to us these new members of our congregation. By your life-giving Spirit, bind us to one another in faith and service; support us in all we do and say for the sake of the Gospel; and bring us at length to the joy of your eternal kingdom; we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Pastor: I now declare these persons to be received into the fellowship of Augustana Lutheran Church, in the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

CONG: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

(The Peace is exchanged)

- WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD for the blessing of New Members!

David & Debbie McGuire

– transferred from St. James Catholic Church

Katie Vogt

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

PSALM 49:1-12

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
² **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**
⁷ One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**
⁹ in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.
¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.
¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in

knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

ACS #1004

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,

tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
 so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
 shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;

pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

BLESSING OF SERVICE – LUCI KULSETH

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

"Thank You, Lord"

vs. 1 & 4 ACS #1092

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has four staves of vocal parts and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics for the four voices are: 1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, 2 Been so good, been so good, been so, 3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my, 4 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you. The second system also has four staves of vocal parts and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics for the four voices are: Lord, good, friend, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord.

Offertory Prayer

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.**

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Build a Longer Table”

ACS #1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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

Prayer Concerns: *The Family and Friends of Andrea Sandberg, Rich Andrews, Judy Berg, Jimmy Anderson, Tyrell Sizer, Lawrence Halder, Deb Molitor, Andrea Sandberg, Terry "Cub" Watson, Cleo Olson, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Wynette Halder, 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.*

New Member Praises:

From Augustana:

Katie Vogt

David McGuire and Debbie McGuire, Transferred from St. James Catholic Church

From East:

Morgan Bohlin, Transferred from Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bird Island.

Edward Knickrehm

<p>General Offering: \$1,265.00 Vanco/Online Offering: \$ <u>246.55</u> Total Offering for July 27th: \$1,511.55 Amount needed each week is \$3,572.94 to make budget.</p>

Activities this week: August 4 - 10

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group
Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
Thursday 7:00 pm – **ROAR Family Pool Party**
Saturday **Youth Campout**
Sunday AES Joint Worship Service and Picnic
10:00 am – (E) Communion Worship
11:30 am – Radio Broadcast on 1370AM

Church Announcements

- † **Lauren will be gone Mon, August 4th through Tues, August 12th.** Sue Melheim will sit at church from 9:30 – 11:30 am Tuesday Aug 5, Wednesday Aug 6, and Thursday Aug 7. Any urgent emails can be sent to Susan Anderson at seanderson0103@gmail.com or reached at 507-317-5293.
- † **Sunday, August 10th is a joint communion worship at 10 am at East Sveadahl** following worship is the AES Picnic.
- † **Month of August is Sewing Circle** to fill our Food Pantry.
- † **Open House – Bridal Shower** for Olivia Fredin, Fiancé of Dustin Hjelmer and Daughter of Melanie and Doug Fredin. Saturday, August 9th from 10 am to 12 pm at the St. James VFW.
- † **All are welcome to attend the ordination of Kari Shumaker** (daughter of Jim and Shirley Moody), a former member of Augustana Lutheran Church. The ordination will take place at Paynesville Lutheran Church on August 9th, at 10:30 am. This worship celebration is the culmination of 5 years of study at Luther Seminary. Kari has been called to serve as Pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Bird Island, MN. The faith community of Augustana has always held a special place in my heart as the place where my faith foundation was laid. If you are not able to attend in person, I thank you for keeping me in your prayers. Blessings, Kari