

AES MINISTRIES
EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH -- AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Eighth 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: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE CAMPERS

FIRST READING Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; I have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

PSALM 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the house- holder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “God, We Gather as Your People”

ACS #1038

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

“Blest Are They”

ELW #728

DISMISSAL

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

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Lector: Mariah Grunewald

July 26: Tom Anderson

Usher: Mariah Grunewald

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, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, and Emma Overson.

Praises: East campers - Dacen and Emery Anderson, Miriam France, Penny Schmidt, Marshall Smith; Augustana campers – Johnathan and Thomas Berg, Aryn Korst, Abigail and Rebecca Meyer, Jaydyn and Bailey Moll

The Odin Community Club's **Burger Fry & Ice Cream Benefit** is Monday the 20th from 5 – 7:30 pm at the Odin City Hall. Free will donation.

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 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**, Sunday the 26th, 11-12 at the St. James American Legion. Silent Auction, Gift Certificate Wall, Bake Sale, and Luminaria Sale.

COMING UP IN AUGUST

August 4: 7-9 pm, AES Youth Pool Party at St. James outdoor pool

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

August 9: 10:00 am, Joint Worship, Annual Picnic at 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 Bandstand in Memorial Park

August 30: No Worship at East

10:00 am Joint Worship at Augustana (5th Sunday worship)

Activities this week: July 20 – July 26

Sunday-Friday Youth at Shetek Bible Camp

Monday August Newsletter Deadline

3:00 pm Study Group, East

Tuesday 2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv

Sunday 9:00 pm Worship, East with Deacon Lyla

9:00 am Worship, Augustana

11:30 am Radio Broadcast 1370AM

6:00 pm Walking Club

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