

AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025 9:00 AM

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

AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today!

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"

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries.
 Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for
 all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that

you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

PSALM 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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 18:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke, the 18th Chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my

accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Ask the Complicated Questions”

ACS #1005



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,

strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

APOSTLE'S CREED

ACS p. 17

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"

ACS #1092

The musical score is for the offertory hymn "Thank You, Lord" (ACS #1092). It is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. The lyrics are as follows:

1	2	3	4
Thank you,	Lord,	thank you,	Lord,
Been so good,	been so good,	been so good,	been so good,
Been my friend,	been my friend,	been my friend,	been my friend,
Love you, Lord,	love you, Lord,	love you, Lord,	love you, Lord,

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.

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.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"For the Troubles and the Sufferings"

ACS #1051

Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - nhor,
For the trou - bles and the suf - f'rings of the world,



im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de.
God, we call up - on your mer - cy:

A
the



um só tem - po ge - me a cri - a - ção.
whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain!

Teus ou -
Lend an



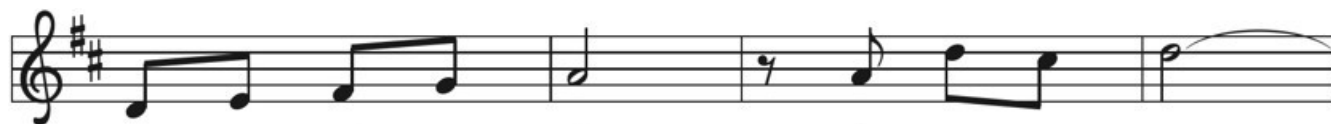
vi - dos se in - cli - nem ao cla - mor
ear . . . to the ris - ing cry for help

des - sa
from op -



gen - te o - pri - mi - da.
pressed and hope - less peo - ple:

A - pres - sa - te com
Come! Has - ten your sal -



tu - a sal - va - ção.
va - tion, heal - ing love!

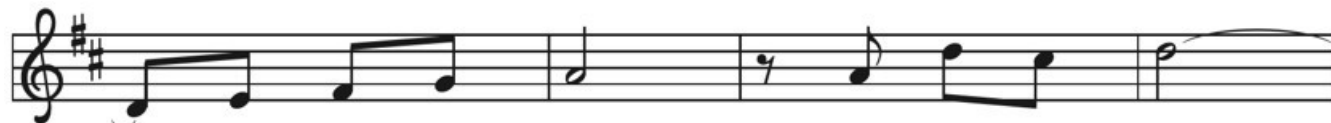
A tu - a paz,
We pray for peace,



ben - di - ta e ir - ma - na - da co'a jus -
the bless - ed peace that comes from mak - ing



ti - ça a - bra - ce o mun - do in - tei - ro.
jus - tice, to cov - er and em - brace us.



Tem com - pai - xão!
Have mer - cy, Lord!

O teu po - der
We pray for pow'r,

sus - ten - te_o tes - te - mu - nho do teu po - vo.
the pow'r that will sus - tain your peo - ple's wit - ness:

Teu rei - no ve - nha_a nos! Ky - ri - e_e - le - i - son!
un - til your king - dom comes. Ky - ri - e_e - le - i - son!

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

Prayer Concerns: *Lisa Carlson, Tyrell Sizer, Brianna Kleinow, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Judy Berg, Jimmy Anderson, Deb Molitor, Terry "Cub" Watson, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Suzann Olson, Tim Knaak, 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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General Offering: \$1,026.00
Vanco/Online Offering: \$1,100.05
Total Offering for October 12th: \$2,126.05
Amount needed each week is \$3,572.94 to make budget.

Activities this week: October 20 – October 27

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group
 Tuesday 9:00am – Sewing Circle
 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
 Wednesday 2:00 pm – Augustana WELCA – Brandt Ridge Dice Game
 6:00 pm – (A) ROAR / Confirmation Banquet
 Sunday Reformation / Confirmation Sunday
 9:00 am – (A) Communion Worship
 10:00 am – (A) Coffee Hour
 10:30 am – (E) Communion Worship
 11:30 am – Radio Broadcast 1370AM

Church Announcements

- † **St James Lions Fish Fry** - proceeds go to eye care scholarships for students of St. James schools - **Monday, October 20th at the Eagles Club - 5 to 7:15 PM**
- † **Noisy offering is Next Sunday! Donations go to Operation Concern.**
- † **Wednesday, October 22nd Youth are invited to Brandt Ridge to help the Augustana WELCA with the Gift Exchange Game from 2:00 – 3:00 pm**
- † **Turkey tickets are now available! Find youth in grades 6-12, the church office, or Sandy Berg to purchase tickets for \$10 Each. The Turkey Supper is Wednesday, November 19th from 5:30 -7:00 pm. Deadline to purchase tickets is November 2nd. Take-out available.**
- † **Youth Halloween Night** October 31st from 7-11 pm at East has been **CANCELLED** due to low attendance.
- † The **Churchmen's Annual Pancake Supper** is Tuesday, November 4th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Free will donation, take out available.
- † **Augustana is looking for 2-3 more people to assist with the technology on Sunday mornings.** This would include running the screens, cameras, and Facebook streaming. This is an important part of our Sunday worship and we need more volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping, please let Pastor Mandy know and training can be arranged. Youth are welcome too!
- † **Month of October is Rebecca Circle** to fill our Food Pantry.