

AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 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!

PRELUDE

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

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Refrain



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
wor-ship his ho - ly name, Sing like nev - er be-fore,
O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
name... is ... great, and your heart is kind. For all ... your
end ... draws near, and my time has come; ... still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand
soul will sing your praise un - end - ing— ten thou-sand

Refrain

sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
rea - sons for my heart to find.
years and then for - ev - er - more!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The sun shines, the water moves and creation sings all around us.

This is the day the Lord has made!

God meets us here – in the beauty of the earth and in the gathering of God’s people.

We come with thankful hearts, ready to worship God.

So come as you are, breathe in the fresh air, and know that God is here.

Let us rejoice and worship God together!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Gathered beneath the open sky and surrounded by God’s beautiful creation, let us come before God with open hearts.

All: Gracious God, we confess that we have not always loved you, one another, or the world you have entrusted to our care. We have been impatient, distracted, and slow to forgive. Forgive us and renew us. Amen.

P: Hear the Good News: God’s mercy is wider than the sky and deeper than the sea. In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“My Lighthouse”

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INTRO **VERSE**

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1. In my wres - tling, and in my doubts,
2. In the si - lence, You won't let go.
3. I won't fear what to - mor - row brings.

5 F2 C Gsus C F2 C

in my fail - ures, You won't walk out. Your great love will lead me through;
In the ques - tions, Your truth will hold. Your great love will lead me through;
With each morn - ing, I'll rise and sing. My God's love will lead me through;

9 F2 C/E Gsus C F2 C/E Gsus

You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou - bled
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CHORUS

13 C 1 2, 3 F2 C Am7 Gsus
 sea. My Light - house, my Light - house
 sea.
 sea.

18 F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C
 shin - ing in the dark - ness, I will fol - low You! Oh, my Light - house,
 Am7 Gsus F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C

21 my Light - house, I will trust the prom - ise: You will car - ry me safe to shore,
 G F2 C G F2 C G

25 safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to
 safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to

BRIDGE

30 C 1 2 D.S. F2 C Am7 G
 shore. Fire be - fore us, You're the bright - est.

35 F2 C Am7 G Am7 G Am7 G
 You will lead us through the storms. through the storms. Hey! through the storms.

39 F2 C Am7 G F2 C Am7 G
 Fire be - fore us, You're the bright - est. You will lead us through the storms.

CHORUS

F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C
 My Light - house, my Light - house shin - ing in the dark - ness,

46 Am7 Gsus F2 C Am7 Gsus
 I will fol - low You! Oh, my Light - house, my Light - house,
 F2 C Am7 Gsus F2 C

49
 I will trust the prom - ise: You will car - ry me safe to shore,
 G F2 C G F2 C G

52
 safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to
 C

57
 shore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.... O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. P: Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

“Rescue Me”

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Sheet music for the song "Rescue Me" in B-flat major, 4/4 time. The music is arranged for voice and piano.

Chorus:

I did-n't know it would be this hard. I did-n't think I could fall so far.

Verse:

But here I am.

Bridge:

How did I stray so far off course? How can I get back to the shore?

The sheet music includes piano accompaniment and vocal lines. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The vocal line is written in a single staff with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols (Bb, Dm, Gm, Eb) are provided above the vocal line to indicate the harmonic structure.

17 Gm Eb

Lord, here I am. And the

21 Cm Gm Eb F sus F

waves are crash - ing all a - round. I

24 Cm Gm Bb/D Eb F

need you, God, and I need you now. Res - cue

28 Bb/D Eb F

me. I can feel the wa - ter ris - ing. Res - cue

32 B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$ F F/E $\flat$

me, Je - sus. Res - cue

36 B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$ B $\flat$ /D

me. Lord, I'm in so deep and I feel pow - er - less to save

40 E $\flat$ B $\flat$ /F E $\flat$ 2/G B $\flat$ /F

— my - self. On - ly you can be the help I need.

44 F B $\flat$ B $\flat$

Res - cue me. I did - n't know it would

48 Dm/F Gm

48 be this hard. I did-n't think I could fall so far.

52 Eb Bb

52 But here I am. How did I stray so

56 Dm/F Gm

56 far off course? How can I get back to the shore?

60 Eb Cm Gm Eb

60 Lord, here I am. And the waves are crash-ing all a -

64 F_{sus} F Cm Gm $B\flat/D$ $E\flat$

round. I need you, God, and I need you now.

68 F $B\flat/D$ $E\flat$

Res - cue me. I can feel the wa -

72 F $F/E\flat$ $B\flat/D$ $E\flat$

- ter ris - ing. Res - cue me, Je - sus.

76 F $B\flat/D$ $E\flat$

Res - cue me. Lord, I'm in so deep

80 B♭/D E♭ B♭/D

— and I — feel pow - er - less to save — my - self. On - ly you can be

84 E♭ F sus F B♭

— the help I need. — Res - cue me. —

88 Dm/F Gm

Res - cue me. —

92 E♭ F sus B♭

Je - sus, — res - cue me. —

PRAYERS

“O Come Holy Spirit”

Augustana Choir

During the prayers, everyone will receive a small prayer stone.

You are invited to silently place a worry, person or situation into God’s care while holding it.

When you are done praying, come forward to place your stone in the basket.

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 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

“Every Move I Make”

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Every move I make
I make in You

You make me move, Jesus
Every breath I take
I breathe in You

every step I take
I take in You
You are my way, Jesus
Every breath I take
I breathe in You

B) Waves of mercy
Waves of grace
Everywhere I look
I see Your face
Your love has captured me
O my God, this love
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(Nah, Nah, etc)
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DISMISSAL P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God.**

Activities this week: August 24 – August 30

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group
Tuesday 10:30 am – Devotions at Brandt Ridge
11:00 am – Devotions at Pleasant View
2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
Thursday – Friday – Pr. Mandy Out of Office.
Sunday **Blessing of the Backpacks**
9:00 am – (A) Coffee Hour
10:00 am – (A) Joint Worship
11:30 am – Radio Broadcast on 1370AM
6:00 pm – (A) Walking Club

Church Announcements

- ✚ **Following Worship, enjoy hotdogs, burgers and chips!**
- ✚ **Sunday, August 30th is a Joint Worship at Augustana at 10:00 am. It is also blessing of the backpacks so teachers and students are encouraged to bring their backpack to worship!**
- ✚ **Noisy offering is Sunday, August 30th.** Bring in your loose change! Donations go to Watonwan County Backpack Food Program.
- ✚ **Walking Club** is Sunday, August 30th at 6 pm, meet at Augustana.
- ✚ The **church** will be **closed Monday, September 7th** in observance of Labor Day!
- ✚ **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!** Monday, September 21st from 5 – 8 pm @ The Eagle's.
Pre-Sale Tickets are now available! Cost is \$12 - Adults, \$8 - children 6-12, Free - 5 and under. Tickets are available by calling a council member, Augustana office or Susan at East Sveadahl. Tickets available at the door: \$14 - Adults, \$10 - children 6-12, free - children under 5. Take-out and in-town delivery available.
*** Make checks payable to Augustana Church OR East Sveadahl Church.**
- ✚ **Rebecca Circle** is meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, starting Tuesday, September 1st at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room.
- ✚ **Martha Circle** is meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. Kristi Zellmann is the hostess and is doing bible study. All are welcome to join!
- ✚ **Join Augustana choir!** No age requirement and all people are welcome. Contact Maya Kulseth if you are interested. 507-621-3905
- ✚ **Mayo Clinic Health System in St. James is looking for volunteers** to help work the Mayo Clinic Information Desk. Duties include helping patients and guests as they arrive to Mayo. Hours are Monday – Friday 8 am – 12 pm or 12 pm – 4 pm. Applications can be found online at volunteer.mayoclinic.org.