

AES MINISTRIES
EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH -- AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Eleventh 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! All are welcome at the Lord's Table!

PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: People of God, open your hearts and minds!

C: Listen carefully to what God is saying, for he comes to us today speaking peace, and offering life to all who love him, and honor him with their hearts and lives.

P: Let's worship God together.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us gather together and confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

C: Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have not loved you as you have loved us. Forgive us and renew us.

P: Hear the Good News: God is rich in mercy! In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"I've Got Peace like a River"

FIRST READING I Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG

"Allelu, Allelu, Praise Ye the Lord"

PSALM 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to

those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SONG

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

SECOND READING **Romans 10:5-15**

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SONGS

“Do Lord”

“Oh, When the Saints”

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

“This Train is Bound for Glory”

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 14:22-33**

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SONG OF REFLECTION

“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”

Lisa and Kaitlyn

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *"I Have so Much to be Thankful For"*
OFFERTORY PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

Here at AES Ministries and East Sveadahl 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

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING

TABLE PRAYER

SENDING SONG *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

ELW #857

DISMISSAL

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

Lector: Marshall Smith

August 16: No Service

Usher:

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.

Thank you, **Lisa and Kaitlyn**, for the special music this morning.

Today's radio broadcast is given by Racheal Menssen.

Everyone is invited to stay for the picnic lunch! Menu: Pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, sides, and root beer floats!

AES Youth will play **bingo at Pleasant View**, TODAY at 2:00 pm.

Tickets for the Spaghetti Supper are now on sale. Contact any AES Joint Council member, the Augustana office, or Susan. Adults - \$12; Children under 10 - \$8; Under 5 – free.

Menu: Spaghetti, garlic toast, and fresh lettuce salad. Desserts available for a freewill donation. Checks should be made out to either church – East Sveadahl or Augustana.

The Supper is Monday, September 21st, 5:30-8 pm at the Eagles Club.

There is a need for **volunteers** at the Mayo Clinic Information Desk in St. James. Duties include helping patients and guests as they arrive to our facility. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm or 12pm-4pm. Applications can be found online at volunteer.mayoclinic.org

Thank you to those who shared your kindness and generosity to the AES Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. You have brought a smile and a brighter future to a child as we introduce Jesus. Thank you for your support.

To those who missed the opportunity to donate, you can still donate; **the project** isn't done yet. We will have a packing day in November and a blessing of the shoeboxes, Sunday (November 22nd). Watch for more information.

Put on your **walking shoes** and join Pr. Mandy TONIGHT at 6:00 pm for a walk around the block!

Pr. Mandy will be taking part in the Threshing Bee worship service next Sunday.

AUGUST HAPPENINGS:

August 16: No Worship at East – Threshing Bee
10:30 am Worship, Augustana
August 22: 10:00 am Bridal Shower for Kinzee Miest, Augustana
August 23: No Worship at East
10:30 am Join Augustana for worship at the Bandstand, Memorial Park
7:00 pm Youth Event, First Presbyterian
August 30: Joint Worship – 5th Sunday
Blessing of the Backpacks
10:00 am Worship at Augustana

Activities this week: August 10 – August 16

Monday Pr. Mandy out of the office
6:00 pm Education Committee, Augustana
Tuesday 2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv
Wednesday 6:00 pm Committee Meetings, Augustana
7:00 pm Augustana Council
Thursday 7:00 pm East Council
Sunday Pr. Mandy at the Threshing Bee
8:30 am Worship at the Threshing Bee
No Service at East
9:30 am Coffee Hour, Augustana
10:30 am Worship, Augustana
11:30 am Radio Broadcast on 1370AM