

# AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026 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

### CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

LEFT COLUMN, ELW p. 94

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the <sup>†</sup> Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.*

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**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.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess**  
**that we are captive to sin**  
**and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you**  
**with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved**  
**our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake  
of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **☩** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**GATHERING SONG**

***“Ten Thousand Reasons”***

**ACS #1097**

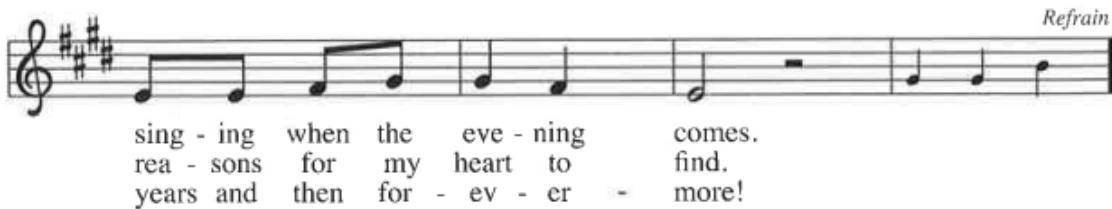
*Refrain*

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 - soul will sing your praise un - end - ing - ten thou-sand ten thou-sand



## GREETING

ELW p. 138

*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: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” <sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

## PSALM 32

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;

my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, “I will confess my

transgressions to the Lord.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**<sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

**<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**<sup>8</sup>“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**

**<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”**

**<sup>10</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in  
the Lord.**

**<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-19

**<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned** <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”***

**ELW #857**

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,  
 from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## MESSAGE

### SONG OF THE DAY

**“Oceans”**

**VERSE**

$\text{♩} = 60$       Bm      A/C♯      D      A

1. You call me out up - on the wa - ters, the great un - known where feet may  
 2. Your grace a - bounds in deep - est wa - ters, Your sov - 'reign hand will be my

G      Bm      A/C♯      D

fail.      And there I find You in the mys - tery, in o - ceans  
 guide.      Where feet may fail and fear sur - rounds me, You've nev - er

A

G

G

D

A

**CHORUS 1**

deep, my faith will stand.  
failed and You won't start now.

And I will call up - on Your name

and keep my eyes a - bove the waves. When o - ceans rise, my soul will rest in Your em-

**1**

A

G

A

Bm

A/C♯ D

D/F♯ A

A/C♯ G6

G6/A

**INSTRUMENTAL 1**

brace for I am Yours and You are mine.

**2**

G

A

Bm

A/C♯ D

D

D/F♯ A

G6

G6/A

Bm

A/C♯

**INTERLUDE 1**

Yours and You are mine. Oh.

And You are mine. Oh.

D

D/F♯ A

G6

Bm

G

D

A

**INSTRUMENTAL 2**

Bm

G

D

**BRIDGE 1a**

Spir - it lead me where my trust is with - out bor - ders, let me walk up - on the wa - ters wher-

A

Bm

G

ev - er You would call me.

Take me deep - er than my feet could ev - er wan - der and my faith

**1, 2**

D

A

A

will be made strong - er in the pres - ence of my Sav - iour.

ence of my Sav - iour.

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G

D

A

**BRIDGE 1b**

Spir - it lead me where my trust is with - out bor - ders, let me walk up - on the wa - ters wher - ev - er You would call me.

Em

G

D



A

Em

Bm

A

**BRIDGE 1c**

will be made strong - er in the pres - ence of my Sav - iour. Spir - it lead me where my trust is with - out bor - ders, let me walk up - on the wa -ters wher - ev - er You would call me.

D

A

Em



is with - out bor - ders, let me walk up - on the wa -ters wher - ev - er You would call me.



Take me deep - er than my feet could ev - er wan - der and my faith

A

Em

Em

Bm

A

**INTERLUDE 2**

will be made strong - er in the pres - ence of my Sav - iour. ence of my Sav - iour.

D

A

Em

Bm

A

D

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

A

Em

G

D

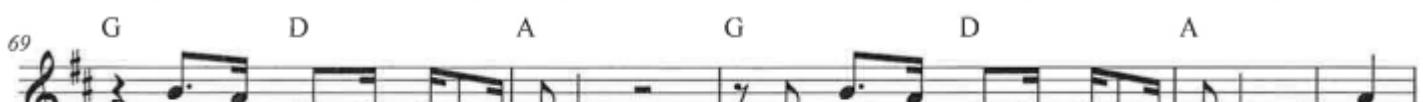
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**CHORUS 2**

Oh, Je - sus, yeah.

My God.

I will call up - on Your name,



keep my eyes a - bove the waves.

My soul will rest in Your em - brace. I am

G                    A                    Bm                    A/C♯ D                    A                    G6                    Bm                    D

**ENDING**

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Yours and You are mine.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 105

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

*"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"*

ELW #763



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



## 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

ELW p. 145

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

### *“Awesome God”*



Em

1. When he rolled up his sleeves, he was - n't "put- tin' on the ritz." Our God is an awe- some  
2. sky was star- less in the void of the night. Our God is an awe- some

Am7 Bm7

Em

God! There is light - ning in his foot - steps and thun - der in his fist. Our  
God! He spoke in - to the dark - ness and cre - ted all the light. Our

Am7 Bm7 Em Am

God is an awe- some God! And the Lord he was - n't jo- kin' when he kicked 'em out of E - den; It  
God is an awe- some God! Judg - ment and wrath he poured out on So-dom; It

Bm C Am

was-n't for no rea-son that he shed his blood. His re - turn is ve - ry soon, so you bet-ter be be-lie-vin' that our  
mer-cy and grace \_\_\_ he gave us at the cross. I hope that we have \_\_\_ not \_\_\_ too \_\_\_ quickly for-got-ten that our  
God is an awe-some God! Our God is an awe-some God!  
Our God is an awe-some God; he reigns from hea-ven a-bove with  
wis - dom pow'r and love, our God is an awe - some God!  
Our God is an awe-some God; he reigns from hea-ven a-bove with  
wis - dom pow'r and love, our God is an awe-some God!  
God! And when the God. Our God is an awe-some God! Our God is an awe-some God.

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

**Prayer Concerns:** Lucy Christenson, Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Judy Berg, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, 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: \$1,999.00**  
**Vanco/Online Offering: \$ 382.50**  
**Total Offering for February 15<sup>th</sup>: \$2,381.50**  
**Amount needed each week is \$3,867 to make budget.**

### **Activities this week: February 23 – March 1**

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group  
Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv  
Wednesday 5:30 pm – (A) Supper  
6:00 pm – (A) ROAR  
6:30 pm – (A) Lenten Service  
Sunday 9:00 am – (A) Communion Worship  
10:00 am – (A) Coffee Hour  
10:30 am – (E) Communion Worship

### **2026 Lenten Schedule**

**February 25** - “Healing of Namaan” – Pastor Mandy. 5:30 pm Supper; 6:30 Service at **Augustana**

**March 4** - “Water From a Rock” – Deacon Lyla. 5:30 pm Supper; 6:30 pm Service at **East**

**March 11** - “Jesus Calms the Storm” – Pastor Mandy. 5:30 pm Supper; 6:30 pm Service at **Augustana**

**March 18** - “Jesus Walks on Water” – Deacon Lyla. 5:30 pm Supper; 6:30 pm Service at **East**

**March 25** - “Woman at the Well” – Pastor Mandy. 5:30 pm Supper; 6:30 pm Service at **Augustana**

### **Church Announcements**

- † Next Sunday, **March 1** is **Bold Women's Sunday**. Thank Offering envelopes will be by bulletins and all are invited to coffee hour for muffins following the service.
- † **Watonwan Community Cares group is taking donations** to assist immigrant families in need in our community. Items needed: baby diapers, formula, food, and financial support. Donations can be dropped off at First Presbyterian. Any questions, contact Alison Kulseth or Pr. Mandy.
- † **TODAY Youth in Grades 6 – 12 are who signed up for Bowling/Pizza Party** in Springfield, meet at church at 3 pm and you will arrive back to Augustana by 7 pm.
- † **AES Meeting** will be **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at East Sveadahl.**
- † **Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Don Flater!** His birthday was February 16<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to mail him a birthday card, his address is 1000 2<sup>nd</sup> St S.
- † Youth will be hosting **Bingo at the Nursing home** on Sun **March 8<sup>th</sup>** at 2 PM until 3 PM. We are asking all youth grades 6th -12th grade for help! Please let Sandy Berg know if you are able to help or not by March 1st! The residents look forward to playing bingo but really enjoy seeing all the youth. It really makes their day.
- † **AES Youth are hosting a St. Patrick's Breakfast and Bingo Fundraiser** on Sunday **March 15<sup>th</sup>** following 9 AM service at Augustana. Breakfast Menu: Build your own Breakfast Sandwich, and Yogurt Parfaits. Breakfast will be a free will-donation and Bingo will be \$5 for 5 games. Hope to see you all!