

AES MINISTRIES
EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."
AES Ministries mission statement
Welcome to all who worship with us today!

WORSHIP SETTING 3

PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS right column, front of hymnal

GATHERING SONG "God Is Here" ELW #526

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE p.138

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God" p.139

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

C: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³ You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

p.142

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O God.

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

#810

APOSTLES’ CREED

back of the hymnal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Create in Me”

#186

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

front of the hymnal

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

#824

DISMISSAL

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



Lector: Wayne Jurgens

May 3: Evonne Moll

Ushers: Dale and Deb Anderson

Prayer Concerns: Janet Bloomquist, Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O’Connor, Brenda Watson, 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.

AES Ministries, Augustana and East Sveadah Lutheran churches of St. James, is broadcasting today's worship service on 1370AM from East. The broadcast is given by Phyllis Jurgens in loving memory of Wally.

The Noisy offering TODAY goes to the Campership fund.

WELLSPRING's **Faith In Action Coffee & Conversation Event**, in partnership with Watonwan County Adult Protection Team, is Wednesday, April 29th at 3:00 pm in the Watonwan County Library Meeting Room, St. James. AARP of Minnesota presents *Trends in Fraud & Identity Theft: Artificial Intelligence*. Please RSVP WELLSPRING (507)375-1276

Order forms for the Youth **Hanging Basket Fundraiser** were in the newsletter and are on the table in the narthex of each church. **Deadline is Friday, May 1st**. Your receipt, used to pick up your plant, will be at East on Sunday, May 3rd.

Order forms for the Youth **Beef Bouquet Fundraiser** are in the newsletter and are on the table in the narthex of each church. Order from May 1st – June 7th.

If you want to help a camper – grab an envelope from the poster on the window in the entry!

Pr. Mandy will be on vacation Monday, April 27th thru Sunday, May 10th. Deacon Lyla will be on call and lead worship in both churches May 3rd and May 10th.

All forms and the first payment for the National Youth Gathering trip are due on Monday, May 4th. Payments can be made out to AES Youth and mailed to the church office, placed in the drop box in the back of Augustana, or turned in during regular office hours.

Activities this week: April 27 – May 3

Monday	Pr. Mandy begins her vacation
Tuesday	10:30 am Devotions at Brandt Ridge
	11:00 am Devotions at Pleasant View
	2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv
Friday	Hanging Basket Fundraiser deadline
Sunday	Deacon Lyla leads worship in both churches
	9:00 am Communion Worship, East
	10:30 am Communion Worship, Augustana

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