

# AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Greeters: *Stan & Nancy Kunkel*

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Seventeenth Sunday after Easter

September 15, 2024 10:00 AM

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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!

## PRELUDE

*"Campin' in Canaan"  
"Just Over in Glory Land"*

## WELCOME

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Left Column, ELW p. 95

P: In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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 Chris, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*One of the following or another confession is prayed.*

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

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.*

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*“Turn Your Radio On”*

**Bully Pulpit**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray . . .

**C: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my

adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

**PSALM: PSALM 116:1-9**

L: <sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

**C: <sup>2</sup>for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.**

L: <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

L: <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**C: <sup>6</sup>The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

L: <sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the Lord has dealt well with you.

**C: <sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

L: <sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

**SECOND READING: JAMES 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

**GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-38**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and

be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## MESSAGE

### SONG OF THE DAY

*“Amazing Grace”*

Bully Pulpit

### PRAYER’S OF INTERCESSION

L: Hear us O God . . .

C: Your mercy is great

### SHARING GOD’S PEACE

*“Dancin’ With the Angels”*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: *Let us share a sign of God’s Peace*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*“Angel Band”*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jaydyn Moll

L: Let us pray.

L: Merciful God,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

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### SONG

*“Keep on the Sunny Side”*

Bully Pulpit

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 HYMN**

*“I’ll Fly Away”*

**Bully Pulpit**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

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**Prayer Concerns:** *Sally Engel, Darrell Ask, John Owen, Dennis Johnson, Leann Moll, Penny Kleinow, Brianna Kleinow, Mike Larson, Lorraine Petersen, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Wynette Haler, Joann Jensen, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Suzann Olson, Tim Knaak, Tim Anderson, Erma Griffith, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Jana Falk, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.*

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### **Activities this week: September 16 – September 22**

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group  
Tuesday 9:00 am – (A) Sewing Circle  
12:30 pm – (A) Jeanne Fireside Room – Tuesday Club  
2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv  
Friday **Newsletter Deadline**  
Sunday **New Member Sunday at both Churches**  
9:00 am – (E) Worship  
9:30 am – (A) Coffee Hour  
10:30 am – (A) Worship  
11:30 am – Radio Broadcast on 1370AM

<p><b>General Offering: \$3,216.00</b> <b>Vanco/Online Offering: \$ <u>235.53</u></b> <b>Total Offering for September 8<sup>th</sup>: \$3,451.53</b> <b>Amount needed each week is \$3,572.94 to make budget.</b></p>
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### Church Announcements

- ✝ **Thank you, Bully Pulpit** for being part of our Worship Service this morning! Following the service, a noon meal will be served with all donations going into our Campership fund.
- ✝ There is a **Mandatory Parent Meeting TONIGHT** at 7 PM at Augustana for ROAR.
- ✝ **New Member Sunday is Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you are interested in Joining Augustana, forms will be next to the bulletins and can be filled out and turned into the church office.
- ✝ **Help Wanted! We are hiring for an Organist.** Applications are in the Church Office.
- ✝ **Attention Parents of College students:** Augustana WELCA would like to send "our" college students care packages. If you have a college student, please email the church office with your students name and address and note if they have any food allergies.
- ✝ **WELCA is looking for a Secretary/Vice President.** If interested or have any questions, reach out to Judy Berg at 507-375-4759.
- ✝ The **55 Alive class** is Tuesday, October 8th from 1-5pm at the Community Building.
- ✝ Lake Hanska Lutheran Church is hosting a **Harvest Festival** Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm Free-Will Meal, 6:00 pm Communion Worship Service with ‘Sonrise Band’. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the service, some chairs are available. Bring a piece of harvest equipment to be blessed. Inclement weather moves the service into the church.
- ✝ First Lutheran Church is having their **Nordic Bazaar** on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Luncheon is from 11-1 Multi-item drawing at 2 pm, tickets sold at the door. Proceeds donated to Mission Outreach and funds supported by First Lutheran Church WELCA.
- ✝ September is Suicide Awareness Month. Please join the Local Advisory Council for Mental Health on the first **suicide awareness walk in Watonwan County** on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. Meet at Memorial Park North Shelter. *“We walk together, so no one walks alone”*