

# COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD



Welcome to worship  
**AES MINISTRIES**  
**Augustana and East Sveadahl Lutheran Church**  
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Fall 2024

September Worship: East Sveadahl 9:00 am; Augustana 10:30 am  
October-November Worship: Augustana 9:00 am; East 10:30 am

## AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

**Welcome to all who worship with us today. All are welcome at the Lord's Table!**

**PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Come, Let Us Worship God**



1	Come,	let us wor - ship	God ...	Come,	let us wor - ship	God ...
2	Rest	for the wea - ry ...		Rest	for the wea - ry ...	
3	Food	for the hun - gry ...		Food	for the hun - gry ...	
4	Hope	for the chil - dren ...		Hope	for the chil - dren ...	



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	Wel - come	ev - 'ry - one ...	Wel - come	ev - 'ry - one ...
	Wel - come	ev - 'ry - one ...	Wel - come	ev - 'ry - one ...
	Wel - come	ev - 'ry - one ...	Wel - come	ev - 'ry - one ...
	Wel - come	ev - 'ry - one ...	Wel - come	ev - 'ry - one ...



	To the	love of God ...	To the	love of God ...
	To the	love of God ...	To the	love of God ...
	To the	love of God ...	To the	love of God ...
	To the	love of God ...	To the	love of God ...

**\*CONFESSION 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 ✚ 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.**



L: Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts: God of love, have mer-cy.



L: For the peace from a-bove, let us pray to our God: God of love, have mer-cy.



L: For the peace of the world, for the health of the church, for the



u - ni - ty of all peo - ple, pray to our God:



C: God of love, have mer-cy. God of love, have mer-cy.



L: For the peo-ple of God, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to our God: C: God of love, have mer-cy.



L: Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious God. A men

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray...

**C: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

**BAPTISM**

**ELW p. 227**

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: PSALM 146

L: <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C: <sup>2</sup>**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

C: <sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

C: <sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

L: <sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The Lord sets the captive free.

C: <sup>8</sup>**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed  
down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

L: <sup>9</sup>The Lord cares for the stranger;  
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

C: <sup>10</sup>**The Lord shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### SECOND READING: JAMES 2:1-17

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? <sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also

said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      "Open Our Lives to the Word"**

**Open Our Lives to the Word**

1 May our words, may our songs, may our wor - ship this day  
 2 May our griefs, may our woes, may the sor - rows we share  
 3 May our joys, may our smiles, may the gifts that we bring

fill up our hearts and give us new sight. May our  
 fill up our hearts and call forth our care. May our  
 fill up our hearts and stir us to sing. May we

prayers, may our praise give us light for our days, and  
 tears, may our fears be ac - cept - ed right here, and  
 serve, may we dance, may we all take that chance; and

o - pen our lives to the Word.  
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O - pen our lives to the liv - ing Word.  
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O - pen our hearts to the truth we have heard. May our  
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**GOSPEL: MARK 7:24-37**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Baptized in Water”*

ELW 456

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. There are three lines of lyrics written below the treble clef staff, each starting with a number (1, 2, or 3). The lyrics are:
   
1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
   
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
   
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

**L:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING**

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

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## What Have We to Offer?

1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?  
2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?  
3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?

Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.  
Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;  
Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;

God will not fal - ter; so let us dare  
dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.  
truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.

lay it at the al - tar there.  
Lay it at the al - tar then.  
Lay it at the al - tar now.

4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to  
give? Lives we will live.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*L: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, 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.**

**\*HOLY COMMUNION** (First, second Sundays at Augustana: first Sunday at East.)

*Here at Augustana 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.*

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath;

**C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water, by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son; at the heart of human life; near those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**C: We thank you O God.**

P: Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*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.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION HYMN

### *"I Received the Living God"*

ELW #477

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Received the Living God". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in a 2/4 time signature. The first staff is labeled "Refrain" and has the lyrics "I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy." The second staff is identical to the first. The third staff has four lines of lyrics: "1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life; 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you; 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me. 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,". The fourth staff is also labeled "Refrain" and has the lyrics "you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die. so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new. You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know."

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**“God’s Work, Our Hands”**

1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:

build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

**\*DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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<p><b>General Offering: \$4,130.00</b> <b>Vanco/Online Offering: \$ 438.03</b> <b>Total Offering for September 1<sup>st</sup>: \$4,568.03</b> <b>Amount needed each week is \$3,572.94 to make budget.</b></p>
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**Activities this week: September 9 – September 15**

Monday **Pastor Mandy out of the Office**  
Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv  
7:00 pm – (A) New Member Class  
Wednesday 6:00 pm – (A) Committee Meetings  
7:00 pm – (A) Church Council  
Thursday 7:00 pm – (E) East Council  
Sunday **Bully Pulpit Worship**  
10:00 am – (A) Joint Worship  
11:00 am – (A) Meal  
1:30 pm – Worship at Prairie View  
2:00 pm – Worship at Brandt Ridge  
7:00 pm – (A) ROAR Parent Meeting

**Church Announcements**

- † We will be using the ***Come, Let Us Worship God*** bulletin through November. Please leave the white copy on the table in the narthex after each service. The green insert each week is yours to keep. Thank you for your help.
- † **Baptism** – Today we welcome into the Lord’s family, Knox King, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Knox is the son of Kelvin & Jordan King. His sponsors are Harley Westman & Ryan Westman. Please pray for him and his family as he continues to grow in faith and love.
- † There is a **Mandatory Parent Meeting** on Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 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.  
There will be a **new member class on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm at Augustana.
- † **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 to let them know we are thinking of them, praying for them and are here for them. We need your help with addresses. If you have a college student, please email the church office (aeslutheran@gmail.com) with your students name and address. Also, note if they have any food allergies. Thanks for your help with this.
- † **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.