

AES MINISTRIES  
EAST SVEADahl LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**“Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God’s love.”**  
The ASE Ministries Mission Statement.

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

**COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD**

**GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** #705 “God of Grace and God of Glory”  
**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** #477 “I Received the Living God”  
**SENDING HYMN** Insert “God’s Work Our Hands”

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**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.      **All: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 146**

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

<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.**

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

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

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

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

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

<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.**

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

**<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.

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**HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:24-37**

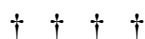
P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

**All: 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Lector: Dale Anderson

September 15: Joint Service, Augustana

Ushers: Bryon Christenson Family

**AES Prayer Concerns:** 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

**Praises:** Knox Bennett King, son of Kelvin and Jordyn King, who was baptized at Augustana this morning.

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.

Today's radio broadcast from East is sponsored by East Sveadahl.

**A sponsor** is needed for the September 29<sup>th</sup> broadcast from East. Call Susan if interested. Cost is \$40.00 per broadcast.

If you or someone you know is **interested in joining East Sveadahl and AES Ministries**, there will be a New Member class on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Augustana. New Member Sunday is September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Pr. Mandy.

Youth grades 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade will be **cleaning up road ditches TODAY**. Can you help? Let Sandy know. This is **God's Work. Our Hands** and **Blessing of the Backpack** Sunday!

**Mackenzie Blickem** will be graduating with her Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) Degree at the University of Minnesota on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, Mackenzie!!

Lake Hanska Lutheran Church is hosting a **Harvest Festival** Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm 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.

September 15<sup>th</sup> – **Joint Worship** at Augustana at 10:00 am – Bully Pulpit with a fundraising lunch for camperships.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – **New Member Sunday**

September 29<sup>th</sup> – **Joint Worship** at East at 10:00 am – Rally Sunday - Lunch

### **Activities this week: September 8 – September 15**

Monday: Pr. Mandy is out of the office

Tuesday: 2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv  
7:00 pm New Member Class, Augustana

Wednesday: 6:00 pm Committee Meetings, Augustana

Thursday: 7:00 pm East Council

Sunday: **Joint Worship, Bully Pulpit, Campership Fundraiser Lunch**

10:00 am Joint Worship, Augustana

1:30 pm Worship, Prairie View

2:00 pm Worship, Brandt Ridge

