

AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026 10:30 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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

RIGHT 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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily
magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our 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.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned
from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

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

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GREETING

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During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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Refrain S 184



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

Refrain S 185

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
 we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

The musical score is written in a single system with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). It consists of ten staves of music. The first staff is the 'Refrain' and is marked 'S 185'. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a first ending for the first part and a second ending for the second part. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.' followed by '1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you' followed by the 'Refrain' 'for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.' followed by '2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.'

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-13

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 69:7-18

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.
⁸ **I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**
⁹ Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
¹⁰ **I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**
¹¹ I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.
¹² **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**
¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.
¹⁴ **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**
¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.
¹⁶ **Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**
¹⁷ Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
¹⁸ **Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he

lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

ELW p. 188

S 188

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:24-39

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 10th Chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of

me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Firm a Foundation”

ELW #796

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 “When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

APOSTLE'S CREED

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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

Prayer Concerns: *The Family and Friends of Darryl Jensen, The Family and Friends of Wayne Anderson, Jaymi Dader, Britta Torkelson, Mike Menssen, Francey Anderson, Laikyn, Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Nolan O'Connor, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our". The first staff ends with a triplet of eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
 all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
 We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Offertory Prayer

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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

**P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you now and forever.**

C: Amen

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Activities this week: June 22 – June 28

Monday	Office Closed 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group
Tuesday	10:30 am – Devotions at Pleasant View 11:00 am – Devotions at Brandt Ridge 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
Sunday	9:00 am – (E) Worship 9:30 am – (A) Coffee Hour 10:30 am – (A) Communion Worship 11:30 am – Radio Broadcast 1370AM 6:00 pm – Walking Club

Church Announcements

✝ **Happy Father's Day!**

✝ **Walking club is back!** The next day is **Sunday, June 28th**, meet at Augustana at 6:00 pm!

✝ **The office is closed Mon., June 22nd.**

✝ **Railroad Days** is this coming weekend. AES Ministries will have an entry in the parade Saturday.

✝ **Noisy Offering is next Sunday, June 28th!**

✝ St. James Historical Society is hosting an **Ice Cream Social** (root beer floats and sundaes) from 1-4 pm on Saturday the 27th during Railroad Days.

✝ **Volunteers wanted to help water flowers this summer.** We need someone each day of the week. Please call Jeanne Miest (507-380-0350) or the church office to choose your day.

✝ **Join Augustana choir!** No age requirement and all people are welcome. Contact Maya Kulseth if you are interested. 507-621-3905

✝ Lorita Nasman is doing a kickoff for **Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse!** She is asking everyone to bring something to place in a shoe box on July 25th -- Christmas in July. Here is a link to some ideas: [Official Shoebox Gift Suggestions](#); there will also list posted on the meeting room door. NO: soap; candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. Dropoff location at Augustana will be in the front of the Narthex.

✝ On behalf of our youth and church family, we extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to helping our 12 youth attend summer camp at Shetek by donating to the **Bless a Camper Campaign**. As the campers prepare for their time at Shetek, they and their families extend their heartfelt gratitude for your generosity. Your willingness to invest in the lives of these young people has made this opportunity possible, and they are truly thankful for your kindness, support, and encouragement.

Sincerely, Trish Anderson and the AES youth attending Shetek Camp.