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AE Ministries Mission Statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY
L: Let us pray …
C: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING I Samuel 16:1-13
1 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king
over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have
provided for myself a king among his sons." 2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will
kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'
3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one
whom I name to you." 4 Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of
the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 He said, "Peaceably. I have
come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified
Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought,
"Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on" his
appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as
mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called
Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 9 Then
Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse made
seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of
these." 11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest,
but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down
until he comes here." 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was
handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of
oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David
from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

PSALM 32

[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 Ephesians 5:8-14

[8] Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, [9] for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. [10] Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. [11] Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. [12] For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, [13] but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, [14] for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "We are Turning, Lord" p. 205

HOLY GOSPEL John 9:1-41

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the ninth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
[3] Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. [4] We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. [5] As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." [6] When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, [7] saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. [8] The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" [9] Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." [10] But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" [11] He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." [12] They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

[13] They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. [14] Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. [15] Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."
[16] Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. [17] So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

[18] The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight [19] and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" [20] His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, [21] but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." [22] His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. [23] Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

[24] So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." [25] He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." [26] They said to him, "What did he do to you? How

did he open your eyes?" [27] He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" [28] Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. [29] We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." [30] The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. [31] We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. [32] Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. [33] If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." [34] They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

[35] Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" [36] He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." [37] Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." [38] He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. [39] Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." [40] Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" [41] Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Just As I Am, without One Plea" #592

APOSTLES' CREED back of the hymnal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord in your mercy … **C: hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Create in Me" #186
OFFERTORY PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER Front of the hymnal

BLESSING

SENDING SONG "Christ, Be Our Light" #715

DISMISSAL

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March 15: Torkelsons March 22: Tricia Anderson Usher: Wes Beck

Prayer Concerns: Family and friends of Judy Berg, Lucy Christenson, Sonja Coleman, Janet Bloomquist**,** Brandon Hagen, 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.

TODAY there is a **National Youth Gathering Meeting** for youth and one Parent at 6:30 pm at Augustana.

If you **volunteer at the local food shelf--Neighborhood Pantry**, you are invited to an appreciation evening Friday, March 20th, 5:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church. RSVP (phone or text) 507-621-4264 or email npfoodshelf@gmail.com Check the poster on the bulletin board.

Easter lilies and plants have been ordered! To place your order contact Evonne, Cathy, or Susan before Monday, March 23rd.

Youth in Grades 6-8 are invited are invited to **Ecumenical Youth Night** at First Lutheran Church Sunday, March 22 from 6-7 pm.

First Communion Class for 2nd graders is Saturday, March 21st from 1-4 pm at Augustana. First Communion will take place Maundy Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30 pm at Augustana.

Palm Sunday, March 29, is a **Joint Worship Service at Augustana** at 10 am. Lunch and an Easter Egg hunt for grades infant – 5th grade following the worship service.

The deadline for the April Newsletter is Friday, March 20th.

Funeral services will be held **for Judy Berg** on Monday, March 16th at 11:00 am at Augustana. Visitation begins at 9:30 am. Judy passed away March 8th.

WELLSPRING Coffee & Conversation, Wednesday the 18th, 3 pm, Good Samaritan Prairie View Dining Room Come for a fun time collaborating on putting puzzles together, learn about the positive cognitive benefits gained when working puzzles, and dessert! Please call 507-375-1276 to register.

Activities this week: March 16 – March 22

Monday	**3:00 pm Study Group**
Tuesday	2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv
Wednesday	5:30 pm Supper, East
	6:00 pm ROAR, East
	6:30 pm Worship Service, East
Thursday	APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Saturday	1:00 pm 1st Communion Class, Augustana
Sunday	9:00 am Worship Service, Augustana
	10:30 am Worship Service, East

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