

AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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! All are welcome at the Lord's Table

PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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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.

GATHERING HYMN

“As We Gather at Your Table”

ELW #522

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-5

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God**

PSALM: 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ **Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**
¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.**
¹⁶ You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**
¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.
¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**
²⁰ You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.
²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants,

the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves, with two staves for each voice part. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.' The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests, as well as dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano).

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 14th Chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate

and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

ELW #461

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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: Jaymi Dader, Mike Menssen, 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, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 7/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our 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 voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." The score ends with a double bar line.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
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 voices, 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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HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Words Of Institution

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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.

Invitation to the Table

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

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BLESSING

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

C: Amen

SENDING SONG

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

ELW #542

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav' n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

DISMISSAL **P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **C:** Thanks be to God!

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Activities this week: August 3 – August

Monday 3:00 pm – Study Group

Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – ROAR Family Pool Party @ STJ Pool

Wednesday 5:30 pm – AES Ladies Night Out @ River's Edge

Thursday - Friday Pr. Mandy Out of Office

Sunday **AES Church Picnic**

10:00 am – (E) Joint Communion Worship

11:00 am – (E) Lunch

11:30 am – Radio Broadcast 1370AM

2:00 pm – AES Bingo @ Pleasant View

6:00 pm – (A) Walking Club

Church Announcements

- ✝ **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!** Monday, September 21st from 5 – 8 pm @ The Eagle's. **Pre-Sale Tickets are now available!** Cost is \$12 - Adults, \$8 - children 6-12, Free - 5 and under. Tickets are available by calling a council member, Augustana office or Susan at East Sveadahl. Tickets available at the door: \$14 - Adults, \$10 - children 6-12, free - children under 5. Take-out and in-town delivery available.
*** Make checks payable to Augustana Church OR East Sveadahl Church.**
- ✝ **ROAR students and families are invited to a Pool Party**, Tuesday the 4th from 7-9 pm at the St. James outdoor pool. Children under 10 need to be accompanied by an adult.
- ✝ **Pr. Mandy** is out of the office on Thursday and Friday.
- ✝ The **Annual Picnic is NEXT Sunday the 9th** at 10:00 am. Lunch follows the worship service. All are welcome! See you there. Menu: Pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, sides, and root beer floats!
- ✝ **AES Youth will play bingo at Pleasant View**, Sunday the 9th at 2:00 pm.
- ✝ The **LaSalle Firemen's Summer Cookout Fundraiser** is Saturday the 8th, 11 am-2 pm at the Fire Department. Menu: Smoked pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, and cookies. Free will donation. Proceeds go to updating equipment.
- ✝ **Join Augustana choir!** No age requirement and all people are welcome. Contact Maya Kulseth if you are interested. 507-621-3905
- ✝ **Attention Ladies of AES Ministries!** Please join us on **Wednesday August 5, 2026** for a "**Ladies Night Out**" at 5:30 in the "Porch" at Rivers Edge Grill (Golf Course). We will order off the menu.
* RSVP's are appreciated to the Augustana Church Office (507-375-4792) please leave a message if Lauren is unavailable.
Hosted by Rebecca Circle - We look forward to seeing you there!
- ✝ **Mayo Clinic Health System in St. James is looking for volunteers** to help work the Mayo Clinic Information Desk. Duties include helping patients and guests as they arrive to Mayo. Hours are Monday – Friday 8 am – 12 pm or 12 pm – 4 pm. Applications can be found online at volunteer.mayoclinic.org.
- ✝ The **St. James Historical Society** is open today from 1-4 pm.