

AES MINISTRIES
EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH – AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

Mission Statement of AES Ministries

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

WORSHIP SERVICE 8

PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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THE GREETING and KYRIE

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

PSALM 103:1-13

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

² **Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶ **O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸ **Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹ you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear

you.

¹² **As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you,
O Lord.

SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.

² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

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Back of hymnal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE
OFFERTORY PRAYER

“Thank You, Lord”

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HOLY COMMUNION

Here at East Sveadahl 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

#480

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

#545

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, love and serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

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Lector: Evonne Moll September 20: Wayne Jurgens Ushers: Bryon Christensen Family

Prayer Concerns: Dean Hoffman, Jaymi Dader (granddaughter of Vernon & Evelyn Johnson), Mike Menssen, Nolan O’Connor, Brenda Watson, Darrell Ask, 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, and Emma Overson.

Praises: Everett Russell Christensen, son of Mallory Shellum and Jace Christensen

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! Monday, September 21st from 5:30 – 8 pm at the Eagle’s Club.

Today’s radio broadcast is given in loving memory of Sonny Reinke by Margie Reinke and family.

The October newsletter deadline is Sunday the 20th!

There is a **9th grade confirmation meeting** on Wednesday the 16th at 6:00 pm at Augustana.

Registration for ROAR is open. Check out the poster page in the September newsletter.

The **9th grade confirmation class** meets Wednesday the 23rd at 6:00 pm at Augustana.

AES Youth is selling **cookie dough**. Check the poster/order blank in the September newsletter.

This year’s **Relay for Life** will be held on Saturday the 19th from 4 – 9 pm in Deer Park.

First Lutheran’s WELCA’s Nordic Bazaar is Wednesday the 16th, 10 am – 2 pm. Check the poster!

Activities this week: September 14 – September 20

Monday	3:00 pm Study Group, East
	6:00 pm Education Committee, Augustana
Tuesday	2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv
Wednesday	6:00 pm 9 th Grade Confirmation meeting, Augustana
Sunday	9:00 am Worship, East
	10:30 am Worship, Augustana
	1:15 pm Pleasant View Worship; 2:00 pm Brandt Ridge Worship