

AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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

“Earth and All Stars!”

vs. 1, 2, 5 ELW #731

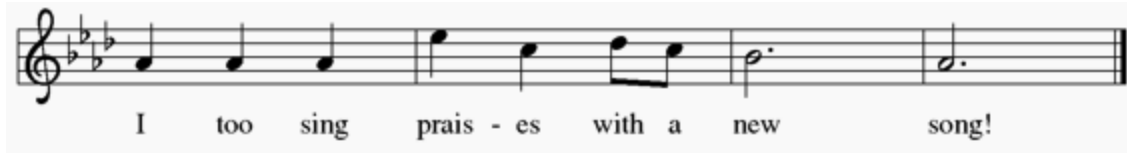
1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!

Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!

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Refrain
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

PSALM 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall

C: Thanks be to God.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to

you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Give Me Jesus”

ELW #770

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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, 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 on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 7/8 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of six lines of music. The first line ends with a repeat sign. The second line ends with a repeat sign. The third line ends with a repeat sign. The fourth line ends with a repeat sign. The fifth line ends with a repeat sign. The sixth line ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, 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 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

Scan this QR Code to give Electronically!



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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

ELW #836

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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

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Activities this week: September 7 – September 13

Monday **Church Closed – Labor Day**

Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv

Wednesday 6:00 pm – (A) Committee Meetings

7:00 pm – (A) Council

Thursday 7:00 pm – (E) Council

Sunday **Gods Work. Our Hands.**

9:00 am – (E) Communion Worship

9:30 am – (A) Coffee Hour

10:30 am – (A) Communion Worship

11:30 am – Radio Broadcast 1370AM

11:30 am (A) Gods Work. Our Hands Project and lunch at Cemetery.

Church Announcements

- ✠ The **church** will be **closed Monday, September 7th** in observance of Labor Day!
- ✠ **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 Registration is now open!** Register your child age 4 years to grade 6. Classes are held Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm, with meals the 1st and 3rd week of each month from 5:30-6 pm. Classes start September 30th with an extra meal at 5:30 pm.
- ✠ **Relay for life is Saturday, September 19th from 4-9 pm at Deer Park (across from First Lutheran) in St. James.** There is a Survivor walk, bull riding, and pie eating contest.
- ✠ **Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 27th following worship at 10 am.** There is lunch for all and fun activities for kids following worship.
- ✠ Wed, September 16th at 6:00 pm is a **9th grade confirmation meeting** for parents and students
***Confirmation starts Wednesday, September 23rd.**
- ✠ **God's Work, Our Hands** service project this year is to work on our property at **Mt. Hope cemetery** on **Sunday, September 13th after worship.** We will be washing/ cleaning monuments, trimming trees, adding soil to ruts and holes throughout our section. There will be lunch and refreshments while we work. There is work for any age-young or old (many hands make light work). What a great way to show our ministry in action serving our community. Please plan on helping however you can.
- ✠ AES Youth is selling **cookie dough** as a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering. The order deadline is Wednesday, September 30th. Check the poster in the September newsletter. The order blank is on the back of the poster.
- ✠ This year's **Relay for Life** will be held on Saturday, September 19th from 4 – 9 pm in Deer Park. Meet Mario is the Ambassador this year. Call Shirley Anderson 507-375-7697 to join the fun contest.