

Augustana Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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November 19, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m. In-Person and Livestream Service

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

“Cantique”

Tim Knight

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: You have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed

by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ELW 693

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied
Come to God’s own temple, come
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God’s own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

Apostolic Greeting

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

People: **And also with you.**

Around Us It Is Blessed

L: Before us it is blessed.

C: Behind us it is blessed.

L: Below us it is blessed.

C: Above us it is blessed.

L: Around us it is blessed as we set out with God.

C: Our speech is blessed as we set out for God.

L: With beauty before me

C: With beauty behind me

L: With beauty above me

C: With beauty below me

All: I set out for a holy place indeed

From Navajo prayer tradition

Prayer of the day: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Children's Time

Gospel Acclamation (Please rise as you are able)

All (spoken): Alleluia. Abide in me as I abide in you; those who abide in me bear much fruit Alleluia. (John 15:4, 5)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Reading of the Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Leader: (*Reads the gospel*)

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn "Lord Speak To Us That We May Speak"

ELW 676

Sermon "Well Done, Faithful Servant"

Rev. Dr. W.J. Mark Knutson III

1 O God of ev’ry nation, of ever’ry race and land redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.	from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver ev’ry nation, eternal God we pray.	Lord, let your voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.
2 From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,	3 Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release, from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war’s increase; when hope and courage falter,	4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and love shall reign, and Christ shall rule victorious o’er all the world’s domain.

Apostles’ Creed	
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.	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 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;	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.

Prayers of the People

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

Mission Moment and Offering

Offering Prayer: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Holy holy holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn "What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine"

ELW 774

<p>1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i> Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms</p>	<p>2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i> 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms; I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.</p>
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Post-Communion Prayer

The Benediction

Closing Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW 705

<p>1 God of Grace and God of Glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour for the facing of this hour.</p> <p>2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.</p>	<p>3 Cure your children's warring madness; bend their pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,</p> <p>4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.</p>
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Go in peace; serve the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Dialog for Thanksgiving"

Alice Jordan

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM AFTER THE SERVICE

Today's Adult Forum topic is: How to avoid financial scams

Classical Service Musicians: Guest Organist: Matthew Smith, and members of the Augustana Choir

Worship Staff: Marilyn Keller (jazz); Andy Fort (contemporary), Walter Krueger (classical), Francisco Aguirre (Spanish)

Bell ringers, Property, Tellers: Ansel Johnson, Jeremy Barber, Glen Jacobs, Judy Emblar

Many thanks to our tech team for our marvelous sound and livestream today

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