



15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Augustana Lutheran  
Church  
September 1, 2024

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Prelude

Shannon Peterson

## GATHERING

### Announcements

#### Announcement of the Day

*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

#### \*Opening Hymn

"Let Justice Flow like Streams" #717

#### \*Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

#### *Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** (p.184)

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

**Response to the Reading**

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: James 1:17-27**

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation

or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### **Response to the Reading**

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\***Gospel Acclamation** (p.188)

\***Gospel Announcement and Spoken Response**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\***Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them.

<sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

**\*Spoken Gospel Response**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

Pastor Chuck Meyer

*Silence for reflection.*

**\*Hymn of the Day**

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” #599

**\*Apostles’ Creed**

**C: 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.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession —**

We pray for: Lily Bodammer; Dan Graben; Terry Heck; Con Heider; Alex Hexom; Paul Hexom; Dennis Holton; Olivia Kallaos; Marlene Levine; Diane Lindgren; Angie Lopez; Barb Mather; Charlie McAllister; Becky Moos; Craig Nordaker; Tom Peterson; Gene Roach; Clyde Robinson; Dan Robinson; Linda Roth; Shelly Schossow; Dick Sea; Lori Shannon; Marge Swanson; Cody Wall; and those affected by disasters and diseases throughout the world. Let us pray for all of the caregivers that give of their time and gentle care for those who are ill.

We also pray for the families of the church: Dick and Marian Erickson; Ginny Ericson; Chris, Deb, and Ben Fegenbush; Cyd and Mia Fleckenstein; Emily and Jaden Anderson.

A: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

# OFFERING

## \*Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

# MEAL

\*Great Thanksgiving (p.190)

\*Proper Preface

\*Sanctus (p.190)

\*Words of Institution

\*Lord's Prayer (p.191)

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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 Holy Communion

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Lamb of God** (p.191)

**Distribution**—*We believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the Supper of our Lord, in the forms of bread and wine. We also believe that admission to the sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper at Augustana Lutheran Church. Receive the bread in your hands. Gluten free hosts are available if you prefer. The wine will be served in a small glass. Grape juice is available if you prefer. Those who do not partake of Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**Distribution Hymns**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#879

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

#818

\*Post-Communion Blessing

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*Blessing**

God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
† bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Take My Life, That I May Be” #583

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Shannon Peterson**

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**Today, Sunday, September 1 Worship Leaders**—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Shelley Hexom; Musician: Shannon Peterson; Technical Assistant: Team Levine; Altar Guild: Ginny Ericson and Darla Williams; Acolytes: Madeline Hexom and Tyler Welp

**Sunday, September 8 Worship Leaders**—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Susie Strohbeen; Musician: AWE Musicians; Technical Assistant: Team Hexom; Altar Guild: Ginny Ericson and Darla Williams; Acolytes: Elie Iversen and Klara Winter

**Attendance for Sunday, August 25—53**

**Choir, Sunday School, and Confirmation**—We will start the new year on *September 8*, with choir, Sunday school, and confirmation starting that day. Children's choir starts at 8:45am, with adult choir, confirmation, and Sunday school starting at 9:00am. *Our service time will also change to 10:00am.* We will remain in the gym for the time being.

**The Giving Tree**—The Giving Tree is still up, and we still need folks to prayerfully consider helping support the church by taking an envelope and providing for all or part of the amount on the envelope. You can return the envelope with your donation in it to the church office, the offering plate, or by handing it to our treasurer Scott Plambeck. These envelopes contain bills the church needs to pay, and we're asking the congregation to go above and beyond their usual offerings to keep the church running. Thank you!

### **This week at Augustana**

**Sunday, September 1, 2024**

9:00am Holy Communion

**Monday, September 2, 2024**

*Labor Day — Office Closed*

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

5:00pm Just For Kix

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

10:00am Women's Bible Study

5:00pm Just For Kix

**Thursday, September 5, 2024**

5:00pm Just For Kix

### **Next week at Augustana**

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

8:45am Children's Choir

9:00am Adult Choir, Sunday

School, and Confirmation

10:00am Holy Communion

**Monday, September 9, 2024**

10:00am Piece Corps

5:00pm Just For Kix

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

5:00pm Just For Kix

6:45pm Council

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

5:00pm Just For Kix

**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

5:00pm Just For Kix

**Welcome to all visitors; we've been expecting you!** Please worship with us regularly! If you are looking for a church home and would like to attend a new member class, please check the appropriate box on the Fellowship Register when you sign in. The register can be found on the table near the gym entrance. Please sign it and check the appropriate boxes.

**There are several ways to find out more about Augustana!**

Copies of the *Trumpeter*, Augustana's monthly newsletter, are available in the entryway for visitors. Look for us on the web at [www.augustanasc.org](http://www.augustanasc.org). Check us out on Facebook! Augustana Lutheran, Sioux City is the name of our page.

#### Congregational Mission Statement

A welcoming, caring congregation offering opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, and fellowship.

We express our faith and love to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

