

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Augustana Lutheran Church
November 8, 2026

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Prelude **AWE Musicians**

GATHERING

Announcements

Announcement of the Day
Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

***Opening Hymn** "Come, We That Love the Lord" #625

***Confession and Forgiveness**
P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
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: Gracious God,
C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we

have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

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** (Screen)

***Prayer of the Day**

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Response to the Reading
A: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music
Celebration Choir "At the Riverside" – Raney

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Response to the Reading
A: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation** (Screen)

***Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**
Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

***Gospel Announcement and Spoken Response**
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

***Spoken Gospel Response**
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon
Pickle Jar funds going to the Mitchell House

Sermon Pastor Chuck Meyer

Silence for reflection

***Hymn of the Day** "Blessed Assurance" #638

***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: Jeanne Alingh; Lily Bodammer; Jackson Bullock; Sheryl Dickey; Dan Graben; Terry Heck; Con Heider; Dennis Holton; Lois Irwin; Theresa Krusko; Joe LaScala; Benjamin Lindgren; Dave Lindgren; Terry McAllister; Becky Moos; Eden Roach; Sherry Roatch; Tom Roatch; Shelly Schossow; Jill Simonson; Marge Swanson; Josh Wingert; and those affected by disasters and diseases throughout the world. We pray for the caregivers that give of their time and gentle care for those who are ill. We also pray for the families of the church: Terry and Jean Turner; Phyllis Van Evera; Nancy Van Meter; Donna Walsh; Jeff and Cindy Washinowski.

A: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

***Sharing of the Peace**

OFFERING

Special Music *AWE Musicians "Though the Mountains May Fall"*

***Offering Prayer**
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

***Great Thanksgiving** (Screen)

***Proper Preface**

***Sanctus** (Screen)

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer** (p.134)
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: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
C: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God (Screen)

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
"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" #327
"My Lord, What a Morning" #438

***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,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**
The holy Trinity,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

***Closing Hymn** “When the Saints Go Marching In” (Screen)

***Dismissal**
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude **AWE Musicians**

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GOD’S LOVE MADE REAL!

Today, Sunday, November 8 Worship Leaders— Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Susie Strohbeen; Musician: AWE Musicians; Technical Assistant: Team Hexom; Altar Guild: Kris and Rollie Whitsel; Acolyte: Madeline Hexom

Attendance for Sunday, November 1—52

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

On Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 10:00am we will have a combined service with St. John Lutheran Church, **at St. John**. There will be no service or Sunday School at Augustana, choir will rehearse at Saint John. The service will be at 10:00am followed by a catered meal. The cost for a meal is $18.00, children ages 5-12 cost $13.00, children under 4 eat free. Carry out will be available. Tickets can be purchased through Mary Madsen. November 8 will be the last day to purchase tickets; there will not be tickets available at the door.

Thanksgiving Eve Service—The Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at Augustana on November 25th at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend! The offering will be split between the Warming Shelter and the Siouxland Foodbank. There will be a joint choir who will gather to practice at 6:00pm that evening. Pie will be served in the Reformation Hall afterwards!

Century II Potluck—Thank you to those who helped with the Century II Potluck. The residents truly appreciate it!

Poinsettias—Poinsettia order forms are now available in the Narthex. Each plant is $15.00. Orders must be placed by December 6, 2026.

November Benevolence—We are collecting warm clothing for the emergency clothing closet at Irving Elementary School. Items needed include hats, mittens, gloves, warm socks, sweatpants, and underwear. Let's help them stock up for the cold season.

Santa Lucia Festival—Save the date! The Santa Lucia Festival will be held at Augustana on Sunday, December 13.

'Coffee Forever' Fundraiser—ELCA Lutheran Churches in Sioux City are participating in a project to provide "Coffee Forever" for The Warming Shelter. The Warming Shelter offers low-barrier shelter and compassionate support to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Siouxland. Church members, neighbors, and friends are encouraged to donate packaged or canned coffee (ground coffee, not whole bean). "Coffee Forever" bins are now located at the 8 Sioux City ELCA Lutheran churches. Participating churches are Augustana, First, Riverside, St. John, St. Luke, St. Mark, and United. Donations will be accepted at the churches on Sunday mornings, and on weekdays during church office hours. This ongoing support of the work of The Warming Shelter has begun, and is scheduled to last... forever!

This week at Augustana

Sunday, November 8, 2026
10:00am Children's Sunday School, Adult Sunday School, Choir
11:00am Holy Communion
2:00pm Magic Club
Tuesday, November 10, 2026
6:00pm Council
Wednesday, November 11, 2026
5:00pm Confirmation Class

Next week at Augustana

Sunday, November 15, 2026
No Worship Service or Sunday School at Augustana
Wednesday, November 18, 2026
5:00pm Confirmation Class

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 as you sign in. The register can be found in three places in the narthex as you enter the nave. 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. 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.

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God's work. Our hands.