



5th Sunday after Pentecost
Augustana Lutheran
Church
June 28, 2026

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Prelude

Angela Iversen

GATHERING

Announcements

Announcement of the Day

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

***Opening Hymn** "Oh, Praise the Gracious Power" #651 v1.2.3.4

***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** (p.120)

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Response to the Reading

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since

you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Response to the Reading

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** (p.124)

***Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

***Gospel Announcement and Spoken Response**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

***Spoken Gospel Response**

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon *Pickle Jar funds going to the St. John Food Pantry*

Sermon

Pastor Chuck Meyer

Silence for reflection

***Hymn of the Day**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” #719 v.1,3,4

***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; Dan Graben; Terry Heck; Con Heider; Dennis Holton; Lois Irwin; Theresa Krusko; Joe LaScala; Benjamin Lindgren; Dave Lindgren; Terry McAllister; Becky Moos; Ollie Nygard; Kurt Peterson; Eden Roach; Dan Robinson; Shelly Schossow; Jill Simonson; Marge Swanson; Josh Wingert; 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: Rick Dickson; Dick and Marian Erickson; Ginny Ericson; Chris, Deb, and Ben Fegenbush; Cyd and Mia Fleckenstein.

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

***Sharing of the Peace**

OFFERING

***Offering Prayer**

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

MEAL

***Great Thanksgiving (p.129)**

***Proper Preface**

***Sanctus (p.130)**

***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 for-

give 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: Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

C: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God (p.135)

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

“All Are Welcome”

#641

“God Is Here!”

#526

***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**

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

† one God,

bles, heal, and hold you

today and always,

Amen.

***Closing Hymn** “Oh, Praise the Gracious Power” #651 v.5,6,7

***Dismissal**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

GOD'S LOVE MADE REAL!

Today, Sunday, June 28 Worship Leaders—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Marlene Levine; Musician: Angela Iversen; Technical Assistant: Team Hexom; Altar Guild: Susie Strohbeen and Christi Bullock; Acolyte: Klara Winter

Sunday, July 5 Worship Leaders—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Dave Madsen; Musician: Shannon Peterson; Technical Assistant: Team Levine; Altar Guild: Debbie and Terry McAllister; Acolyte: Madeline Hexom

Attendance for Sunday, June 21—41

Special Meeting 6/28—There will be a special meeting held after service today to elect members to the Augustana Foundation.

Century II Potluck—The Century II Potluck is today, Sunday, June 28, 2026. We will need people to make dishes, set up at 4:00pm, serve at 5:00pm, and help cleanup at 6:00pm. A signup sheet is available, we would appreciate your help!

June Benevolence—We are collecting items to Support Siouxland Soldiers. These items will be used to create care packages for deployed personnel. Individual serving snacks that travel well are the best things to donate: energy bars, individual trail mixes, candy, fruit and nut treats, cookies, etc. Thank you for your generosity!

'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, June 28, 2026

11:00am Holy Communion

Century II Potluck

Monday, June 29, 2026

5:00pm Just For Kix

6:00 Monday Night Women's Bible

Study

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

5:00pm Just For Kix

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, July 2, 2026

9:00am Foundation Meeting

Next week at Augustana

Sunday, July 5, 2026

11:00am Holy Communion

Monday, July 6, 2026

6:00 Monday Night Women's Bible
Study

Saturday, July 11, 2026

11:00am Funeral for Howard Peter-
son, followed by the graveside, fol-
lowed by lunch at the church

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.

