



9th Sunday after Pentecost
Augustana Lutheran
Church
August 10, 2025

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Prelude

AWE Musicians

GATHERING

Announcements

Announcement of the Day

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

***Opening Hymn**

"Come, We That Love the Lord" #625

***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** (Screen)

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Response to the Reading

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked for-

ward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Response to the Reading

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation (Screen)**

***Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

***Gospel Announcement and Spoken Response**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

***Spoken Gospel Response**

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Pickle Jar funds going to HVAC

Silence for reflection

***Hymn of the Day**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” #623

***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; Rita Coleman; Dan Graben; Heidi Graben; Josh Harry; Terry Heck; Con Heider; Dennis Holton; Lois Irwin; Steve Kolker; Marlene Levine; Erika McCarthy; Becky Moos; Candy Noonan-Johnson; Tom Peterson; Clyde Robinson; Dan Robinson; Linda Roth; Shelly Schossow; Dick Sea; Lori Shannon; Marge Swanson; Amy Swenson; 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: Myrna Burg; Caleb, Kim, Audrey, and Evelyn Christopherson; Pastor Cox; Lois Daniels; Brenda Davis.

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

***Sharing of the Peace**

OFFERING

Special Music

“How Can I Keep From Singing” AWE Musicians

***Offering Prayer**

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

MEAL

***Great Thanksgiving (Screen)**

***Proper Preface**

***Sanctus (Screen)**

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer** (p.208)

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: The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

C: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God (p.208)

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

"When We Are Living"

#639

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

#768

***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**

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit

† bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“Blessed Assurance” #638

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

AWE Musicians

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GOD’S LOVE MADE REAL!

Today, Sunday, August 10 Worship Leaders—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Susie Strohbeen; Musician: AWE Musicians; Technical Assistant: Team Hexom; Altar Guild: Debbie and Terry McAllister; Acolyte: Alex Hexom

Sunday, August 17 Worship Leaders—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Dave Madsen; Musician: Heidi Graben; Technical Assistant: Team Iversen; Altar Guild: Debbie and Terry McAllister; Acolyte: Tyler Welp

Attendance for Sunday, August 3—50

150th Celebration T-Shirts—Get your commemorative shirt for Augustana's 150-year milestone! Order on the church website before August 21st to have your shirt in time for the celebration.
<https://augustanasc.org/150th-celebration-order-form/>

August Benevolence—In August we will continue our collection of school supplies for Irving Elementary students. Let's bring in lots of supplies for these students as they start a new school year this month.

Augustana Cookbook—As part of celebrating our 150th anniversary, we are planning a new Augustana cookbook. We intend for it to be available in December (at the same time as our Swedish Rye Bread sales), meaning it will be perfect for Christmas gifts! We invite everyone in Augustana to submit recipes. We are using the publisher's online portal to gather recipes, so go to cookbookspecialists.com to submit recipes. Once you're there, use the username AugustanaS-C2025 and the password Philgren1875. If you have trouble, you can send them to Alexis at churchadmin@augustanasc.org or contact Robyn Levine at 712-898-9492 or RobynLevine713@gmail.com with any questions.

High School Sunday School Teacher—We are in need of a high school Sunday school teacher! We have a handful of amazing youth who could benefit from your guidance and teaching. Please let Pastor Chuck know if you are interested in teaching Sunday school for our high school students!

HVAC Update—Great news—our air conditioning is now working! CW Suter completed the installation, with new AC units and thermostats now in place throughout the Nave. Thanks to your amazing generosity, we've raised nearly \$180,000 of the \$190,000 goal (including a \$25,000 MRHD grant). Just \$10,000 more is needed to pay off the final bill by Labor Day!

Mini Golfing—On Wednesday, August 13, 2025, Confirmation Together will meet at North Forty minigolf at 6:30pm for a round of golf, then head to Dairy Queen on Floyd. Parents and friends are welcome to join us!

Women's Monday Night Bible Study—Women's Monday night bible study will begin on September 8, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Augsburg room at Augustana. This course will include video streaming. If you are unable to attend class, you can stream it from your device. Contact Lila Plambeck at 712-204-1687.

Senior Companion Program of Greater Siouxland—The Senior Companion Program is looking for both volunteers and seniors. This is a free program that offers companionship through visiting, card games, shopping for groceries, etc. Seniors and their companion meet once per week. If you are interested, contact Robyn Den Boer at 712-476-2628.

This week at Augustana

Sunday, August 10, 2025

11:00am Holy Communion

2:00pm Magic Club

Monday, August 11, 2025

6:30pm Just For Kix

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

3:30pm Just For Kix

6:00pm Council

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

5:00pm Stewart Volleyball

6:30pm Confirmation Together Mini-

Golf Event at North Forty

7:30pm Just For Kix

Thursday, August 14, 2025

5:00pm Stewart Volleyball

Next week at Augustana

Sunday, August 17, 2025

11:00am Holy Communion

12:00pm Silent Auction

Monday, August 18, 2025

5:00pm Just For Kix

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

5:00pm Just For Kix

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

5:00pm Just For Kix

Thursday, August 21, 2025

5:00pm Just For Kix

Friday, August 22, 2025

5:00pm Stewart Volleyball

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.

