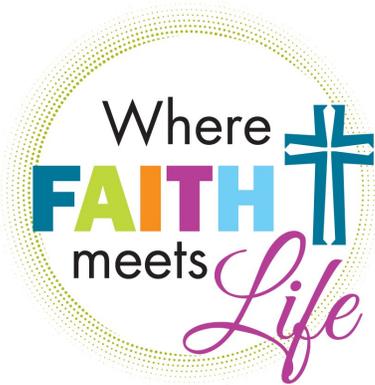


Welcome to worship at **Augustana** Lutheran Church



Our theme, Where Faith Meets Life has inspired this new bulletin design, intended to help connect today's message with your daily life.

September 10, 2017, 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Liturgical Season: Time after Pentecost

The liturgical calendar divides the church year into six seasons, each with their own mood and theological emphases. These seasons are signified by different colors for the paraments on the altar and vestments for pastors. The time after Pentecost is the longest period of the church year. It begins in late spring and ends in November.



We're glad you're worshipping with us today! As you enter worship please honor the holiness and prayerfulness of the Sanctuary.

We love having kids in worship! If your child needs a break, our nursery is staffed during the 9:45 am worship service.

Large print bulletins and listening assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Today's Theme: Creation

In the opening chapter of the Biblical story, God speaks the beautiful creation into existence.

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation, started by Martin Luther, is an ideal time to reflect on our Lutheran worship traditions and pose Luther's famous question, "Was ist das?" (What is this? Or What does this mean?)

Each month this space will be used to explore the different elements and practices of our worship service and how these long-standing traditions are still relevant today.

Prelude

Concerto in C

I. Grave II. Allegro III. Adagio IV. Allegro
David Baldwin, trumpet

Announcements

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as His people

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

ELW pg. 94

Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Litany

O Lord, when the waters rage and foam,

Still the storms and grant us your peace.

When the gift of creation becomes a burden,

Still the storms and grant us your peace.

When our fears threaten to overtake us,

Still the storms and grant us your peace.

Speak your word to the wind and to the sea,

Fill us with faith.

Show us your care in the service of others,

Fill us with compassion.

Make the joy of your peace overflow in our lives,

Fill us with hope.

Hymn of Praise

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

ELW #883

st. 1-3: all st. 4: choir *interlude* st. 5: all

arr. R. Vaughn Williams

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you spoke into being all that over which you preside: land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your word guide us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Lesson

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day...

...¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The reading is printed here to enhance the flow of the worship service. Due to the length of today's reading, only the beginning and ending verses are printed. Turn to page one in your Pew Bible to follow the whole reading.

Sermon questions are intended to assist you in both listening to the sermon and taking the message home with you.

Sermon Questions for Reflection:

How does God's creation and the promise that it is good make a difference in your faith life this week?

Why do you think God rested on the seventh day of creation and why do you think God wants us to do the same thing?

How do you define Sabbath rest and how do your Sunday choices either support or deny what Sabbath rest means for you?

Hymn of the Day

This Is My Father's World

ELW #824

Apostles' Creed

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.

RESPONSE

A time to respond to God with our gifts and prayers

Offering

"Adagio" from Suite #3

J.S. Bach

Offertory Response

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #840

st. 1

The Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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.

As you enter a new week, how will you respond if someone asks you, "Why do you choose to worship?"

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Benediction

God the Creator sees you and names you very good indeed, sending you out into the world blessed in the name of the Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Closing Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

ELW #881

Postlude

"Overture" from Suite in D

G. F. Handel

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Mark Aune

Intern Kiara Jorgenson

Dr. Kristina Langlois, organist

Kathy Andrews, choir director

Lay Readers: 8:30 Marian Eisenmann

11:00 Jill Bjorklund

Following worship we invite you to stop at the Information Center. It is staffed with individuals eager to answer any questions you may have.

You are welcome to pick up our monthly newsletter, Augustana Life, at the Information Kiosk in the Narthex. It is also available online at www.augustana.com, click on RESOURCES.

Augustana uses the Narrative Lectionary as the basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read Genesis 21:1-3 and 22:1-14.

The logo for Augustana Lutheran Church, featuring a stylized cross above the word "Augustana" in a serif font, with "Lutheran Church" in a smaller sans-serif font below it.

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