



October 13, 2019, 8:30 and 9:45 Sanctuary Worship
Liturgical Season: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

What does this mean?

For a Christian, stewardship is an act of devotion and worship of our one God. The Sundays after Pentecost give us space and time to examine how exactly we will follow Jesus in our lives. As we discern how best to use all that God has given us, we rejoice in the many ways God supports and sustains our growth in faith.

Today's Theme: Faithfulness

In the face of great loss and hopelessness, Ruth demonstrates a level of faithfulness that can only come from God. Even though Ruth is unable to see what the future will bring, she bears witness to the very best of what it means to be a steward: faithfulness to God.

Prelude *Variations on "For All the Faithful Women"* Sulo Salonen

Announcements

Temple Talk

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Opening Hymn *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* ELW #769

Litany

In the presence of God and of one another, we acknowledge our broken humanity, confess our sin, and seek reconciliation. In our wandering ways and loss of identity as people of Christ, we come before you, God. We recognize that our actions deny our allegiance to you as we place our trust in powers and promises that do not bear your name. Turn us again to you, hear us as we reveal our brokenness to you, and show us the power of your grace through the forgiveness of sin.

Gracious God, we confess that we have turned our eyes from your Holy presence and have closed our ears from the strength of your word. Forgive us, Lord:

For we shall be your people and you shall be our God.

We confess our self-centered living and failure to treat others with humility and gentleness. Forgive us, Lord:

For we shall be your people and you shall be our God.

We confess that we misuse human relationships and refuse to see your divine image in others. Forgive us Lord:

For we shall be your people and you shall be our God.

We confess that our prejudice towards others has robbed us of joy and opportunity. Forgive us, Lord:

For we shall be your people and you shall be our God.

We all experience hard times, but God still calls us to serve others. Continuing to give and serve provides purpose and meaning to our lives even when we are struggling.

We confess we have not cared for the most vulnerable of your people. We have ignored those without a family, a home, or those struggling to find hope. Forgive us Lord:

For we shall be your people and you shall be our God.

We confess we are not properly thankful and have not abundantly shared all your gifts including ourselves, our time and our talents. Forgive us, Lord:

For we shall be your people and you shall be our God.

We confess that we hastily turn toward hopelessness and deny ourselves the anticipation of your comfort and guidance. Forgive us, Lord:

For we shall be your people and you shall be our God.

God loves us and calls us to be People of God. As a community, we comfort each other and hold each other accountable to the truth of God's power over the ravages of sin. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives us the authority, strength and hope to live as disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

For the Fruit of All Creation

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the day

Let us pray.

God of compassion and grace, in your steadfast love accompany us. As you ever work to restore and renew your people, overcome bitterness with joy, hatred with your love, scarcity with your generosity; and give us hope through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

Anthem (8:30)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Senior Choir, Dan Streed, soloist

arr. John Helgen

(9:45)

Keeping My Eyes on You
Cherubs & Choristers Choirs

Stan Pethel

Lesson

Ruth 1: 1-17 (NRSV)

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal

The story of Ruth is not an easy story. It is about ordinary women who experience great loss. In this time, a widowed woman would have no security or stability. In a foreign country, a widow would be even more alone. Naomi's relationship with God is her greatest strength.

kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die — there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rise with Resilience

Pastor Mark Aune

Hymn of the Day

For All the Faithful Women

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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.

Baptismal Welcome

Through baptism, God has made.....with the same love God has for us all.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you with great joy to live with us in the body of Christ, to share with us in God's new creation, to work with us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSE

A time to respond to God with our gifts and prayers

Offering

A Joyous Song
Alleluia Bells

Carol A. Scheel

Sermon Questions:

How does your life story connect with the stories of Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah?

Can you remember a time when you stepped out in faith and trusted in God even though the way was unclear? How did things turn out for you?

Ruth made her choice based on her relationship with Naomi. How do the important relationships in your life affect the choices you make around stewardship and giving?

Have you made the connection between your financial gift to Augustana and how it benefits the Ruths and Orpahs of today's world?

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.

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Benediction

The love of God sustain you; the grace of ✠ Christ surround you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending

Go in peace. Trust in God's love.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Praise and Thanks and Adoration

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Postlude

Sortie in F Minor

Léon Boëllman

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Faithfulness gives us strength to go forward when the unexpected happens in our lives. We go forth anchored in God's power and presence. We are resilient. We put love into action.

SERVING TODAY

- Pastor Mark Aune
- Pastor Megan Torgerson
- Pastoral Intern Teleen Saunders
- Kristina Langlois, Organist
- Kathy Andrews, Choir Director
- Kim Zemple, Chorister Choir Director
- Kristine Deyo, Accompanist
- Lay Readers:
- 8:30 Jeffrey Thompson, Kristine Deyo
- 9:45 Angela Rud, Laurie Church
- Acolytes:
- 9:45 Isaak Burk, Zachary Becker

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 augustana.com in the Quick Links section at the bottom of the Home page.

Augustana uses the Narrative Lectionary as a basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5.

Baptized today in the Christian Faith and into the Augustana family:

~8:30 Service: Analee Inga Kay Ericson, daughter of Anne-Marie & Mark Ericson.

Sponsors for Analee are David & Jill Hult.

~9:45 Service: Marnie Jean Berkeland, daughter of Andrew & Nicole Berkeland.

Sponsors for Marnie are John & Maggie O'Connell.

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The White Rose on the Altar is placed there to celebrate the life of Frank Pince who died on October 6.

