

Welcome to worship at Augustana Lutheran Church



September 19, 2021, 8:30 Drive-In Worship

Liturgical Season: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

What does this mean?

The Sundays after Pentecost are the longest season of the church year. Pentecost celebrates the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church on earth, so these Sundays remind us of the many ways the Spirit works in and through us every day. When we see the green paraments on the altar or on a pastor's stole, it challenges us to ask ourselves: are we growing in our awareness of God's work in our lives?

Today's Theme: Trust

When the future is uncertain, it is easy to fear. And yet, God has promised and is faithful to provide and walk with us into the future.

Our reality can shift from celebration and joy to anxiety and fear in a heartbeat. And yet, God promises to guide, protect, and lead us through all of life's uncertainties. We can trust God's promises, because God is faithful and in Christ, our future is secure.

Pre-Service Music

Announcements

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Opening Hymn

All My Hope on God Is Founded

ELW #757, st. 1-3

**All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew,
who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own.**

**Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion, tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But thy pow'r, hour by hour, is my temple and my tow'r.**

**Great thy goodness, e'er enduring; deep thy wisdom, passing thought;
splendor, light, and life attend thee, beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from thy store newborn worlds rise and adore.**

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.

Prayer of the Day

God of promise, you stayed the hand of Abraham and fulfilled the promise you made to him, that he would father a great nation. Keep your promises to us, that we become inheritors of eternal life. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

The ushers will collect offering at this time.

Anthem

O Rest in the Lord
Amanda Enstrom, soloist

Felix Mendelssohn

Lesson

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14 NRSV

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He had received the promises, and yet he was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Hebrews 11:17-19

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

Sermon Questions:

Why do you think Abraham was so confident that God would provide?

What do you struggle to trust God for?

In times of uncertainty, how might you look to God for guidance, comfort, and hope?

The text and tune of "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" were written by Georg Neumark in 1641. At age 18, Neumark was traveling across Germany to attend school when he was robbed of all his possessions. It took him two years to find work, but when he did, he rejoiced and penned this hymn. This hymn speaks to God's faithfulness to us, even in times of great uncertainty.

Sermon

And Yet, God Will Provide

Pastor Deb Kielsmeier

Hymn of the Day

If You But Trust in God to Guide You ELW #769, st. 1, 2, 4

If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days. Trust then in God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in anxious weeping, in helpless anger and distress?

If you are in your Savior's keeping, in sorrow will he love you less?

For Christ who took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully.

Trust heaven's word; though undeserving, you'll find this promise true to be.

This is our confidence indeed: God never fails in time of need.

Befriender Commissioning

Prayers of the Church

Offering Litany

We give because God first gave to us.

We give to support God's work in this place.

We give to remind ourselves that we can put our trust in God.

MEAL

Christ invites us to a common table of grace,
feeding us in bread and wine.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Closing Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW #597, st. 1, 3, 4

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

**His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain***

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Arne Bergland

Pastor Deb Kielsmeier

Andy Jacob, Keyboard

Soloist/Song Leader: Amanda Enstrom

Lay Reader: Jeffrey Thompson

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. Found 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 Genesis 28:10-19a.

Today's Scripture is taken from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

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Sunday, September 19, 2021

WAYS TO WORSHIP AT AUGUSTANA

SEPTEMBER Worship Schedule

TODAY

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| 8:30 am | Drive-In Worship in north parking lot
with Befriender Commissioning |
| 9:45 am | In-Person Traditional Worship in Sanctuary |
| 11:00 am | In-Person Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall |

September 26 Confirmation Sunday

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| 8:30 am | Drive-In Worship in north parking lot |
| 9:45 am | In-Person Traditional Worship in Sanctuary |
| 11:00 am | OUTDOOR Confirmation Worship |
| 11:00 am | In-Person Contemporary Worship in Fellowship Hall |

Online Traditional Worship - Every Sunday

The bulletin, announcements and worship videos can be found at augustana.com To find the videos, scroll down the homepage and select the blue box that says 'Online Worship.' To find the bulletin & announcements, scroll down the homepage and select the green box that says, 'Online Bulletin.'

Town Hall Update

The Church Council approved the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) on Tuesday, September 14. The synod will begin considering candidates for our position. Bishop Lull will share three to five names of the best potential senior pastor candidates with the Call Committee in mid-to-late October. The Call Committee will schedule the first interviews as soon as we get the names. We will also begin listening to sermons of candidates, learning all we can about each, and checking references. We will meet to evaluate the candidates and decide who should be asked for a second interview.

Health Care Ministry

Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic

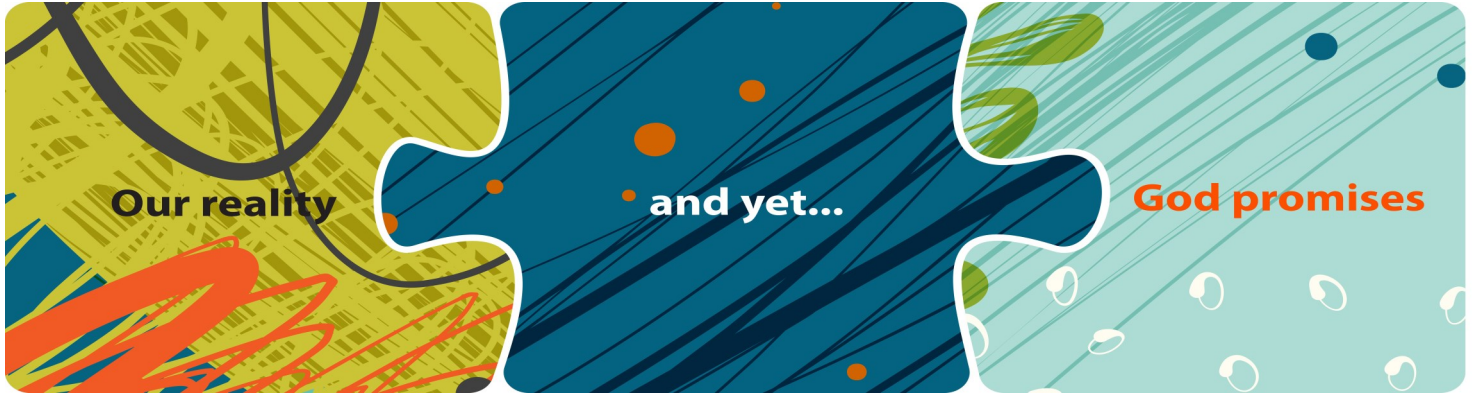
Tuesday, September 21, 12:30 - 2:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Please sign up at the Information Center or call the church office at 651-457-3373.

Augustana Blood Drive

October 5, 1:00 - 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

There is an urgent need for blood donations, and your gift of life will be greatly appreciated! There are 41 blood donation times available at Augustana. All signups will be done online or by contacting the Red Cross. To schedule an appointment, please contact 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code: AUGUSTANA or zip code 55118.



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SERVICE & OUTREACH

Information Center Volunteers Needed

SUNDAYS, 9:30 - 10:15 am OR 10:15 - 11:00 am

The Information Center will be back in business in September! There are two 1-hour shifts each Sunday that need volunteer coverage to help answer questions, give directions, etc. If you're able to help out with this ministry, please contact Barbara Rolfes in the church office at brolfes@augustana.com or 651-457-3373.

Ushers Needed for 9:45 Worship

Prayerfully consider ushering for the 9:45 am sanctuary worship. Help hand out bulletins, collect offering, and assist with communion for one or more Sundays. To volunteer, contact Barbara Rolfes in the church office at brolfes@augustana.com or 651.457.3373.

Lay Reader Co-Coordinator/Lay Readers Needed

- Help is needed recruiting and scheduling Lay Readers for Sunday worship services. Share this task with member Michele White in calling Augustana members to volunteer in reading the Sunday worship scriptures. You would make the calls every other month.
- Lay readers are needed for all worship services this fall. We hope to have readers for each service most Sundays, so there are many dates and times available. Volunteer for one service or more! If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Barbara at brolfes@augustana.com or call 651-457-3373.

CARE MINISTRY

Grief Care Group

Thursday mornings, October 21 & 28, November 4 & 11, 10:00-11:30 am Jerusalem Room

A new grief care group will be led by Augustana member and retired pastor/chaplain, Marian Eisenmann. Topics and discussion will center on themes such as understanding grief, working our way through grief, and finding hope in the midst of des-pair. This group is for anyone having experienced a significant loss in their lives or for those wishing to understand more about the grieving process. Participants are asked to sign up at the Information Center or by calling the office: 651.457.3373.

ALL CONGREGATION NEWS

Wednesday Nights in September

September 22, 29, 4:45 pm - 6:15 pm

We will have food trucks in the east parking lot along with services projects for everyone to help with. Come on out for a great meal, visit with your church friends, and help others by participating in the service projects. Kids' Kingdom and Youth Ministry families, watch for a special letter or postcard to be mailed to your home for a special treat if you join us. Watch the bulletin, Facebook, and Instagram for food truck names and links to their menus in the near future.



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ADULT MINISTRY

Senior Choir - Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 8:00 pm

Rejoice! Ringers (Adult Choir) - Mondays, 7:00 pm

Faith-Filled Yoga - Fall 6-week Sessions

Yoga Flow: Tuesdays, September 14 - October 26 (No class 9/28), 6:00 pm

Chair Yoga: Thursdays, September 16 - October 28 (No class 9/23), 10:00 am

Instructor: Cristi Hoving

6-week session: \$30 or \$6 drop-in rate.

These sessions will follow COVID guidelines of social distancing from each participant. Masks are recommended. You can sign up and pay in the church office. If you have any questions, contact Joann Arneberg, Faith Community Nurse, 651-457-3373 or jarneberg@augustana.com.

Where Faith Meets Life Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, In-person & ZOOM

Join one of the pastors for a discussion of how the upcoming preaching text is relevant to our daily lives! Contact Barb Rolfes at brolfes@augustana.com or 651.457.3373 if you would like the ZOOM link.

Augustana Baptism Class

Sunday, October 24, 12:15 pm

If you desire baptism for yourself or child, we ask that you attend a Baptism class led by Pastor Deb Kielsmeier. This 45-minute class will be conducted in-person at Augustana. We will discuss the meaning of Christian Baptism and the importance of this sacrament. Email Barb Rolfes brolfes@augustana.com to reserve a spot.

Women's Coffee and Conversation In-Person

Mondays, beginning September 27, 10:00 am

Welcome Back! We will have a fun morning of "catching up", exploring this season's theme and introducing our first 4-week lesson on setting boundaries. We also have an exciting new presenter, Spiritual Director Ruth Sorenson-Prokosch scheduled for October 25 – so mark your calendars now!

In-Person Adult Forum

Sundays, beginning October 3, 9:45 am, Jerusalem Room

Adult Forum will start by giving you an opportunity to meet "up close and personal" with our new Interim Pastors. Pastor Arne Bergland will be with us on October 3 and Pastor Deb Kielsmeier is scheduled for October 10. Plan on giving them a warm Augustana "in-person" welcome!

Women's Bible Study

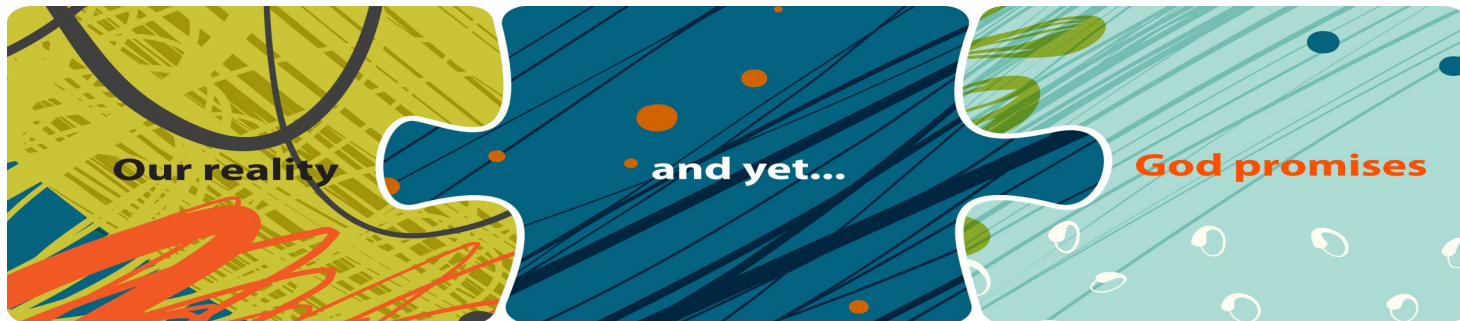
Mondays, beginning October 18 - November 15, 6:30 pm

Pastor Deb will lead a five-week study and discussion focusing on the promises of God. We will use the faith practice 'puzzle' cards for this year's theme to look at how our faith and the promises of God intersect with the reality of our day-to-day lives. Sign up with Barb Rolfes at 651.457.3373 or brolfes@augustana.com.

Online Adult Education Sessions - beginning mid-October

The title of this year's series uses our theme "...and yet "

Videos will be available to view with optional discussions on Tuesday evenings.



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CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRY

Alleluia Bell Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays, beginning October 6, 5:00 pm

Cherub & Chorister Choir Rehearsals - Wednesdays, beginning October 6, 6:15 pm

Agape Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays, beginning October 6, 7:00 pm

2021-2022 Confirmation Year

In September we will welcome new and returning students to confirmation by grade level! Each grade is assigned a Wednesday evening for students and a parent/guardian to attend together. We will reconnect with classmates and set ourselves up for a successful year together! Each Wednesday we will meet in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 6:00 pm and ending no later than 7:00 pm. Registration for confirmation 2021-2022 is available online at <https://augustana.com/confirmation-registration-2021-22/>

- Wednesday, September 15—for students entering grade 7 and parent/guardian
- Wednesday, September 22—for students entering grade 8 and parent/guardian
- Wednesday, September 29—for students entering grade 9 and parent/guardian

Youth Forum Grades 7 - 12

Sundays, beginning October 3, 9:45 am, Youth Center

Senior High Sundays Grades 9 - 12

Sundays, 6:30 pm, October 10 & 24, November 14 & 28, December 12.

Kids' Kingdom Ages 4/5 years - 6th Grade

Sundays, beginning October 3, 9:45 am

There's still time to get registration forms in for the fall session. Registration forms can be found at the Information Center in the church. Online registration is also available at augustana.com. Select "Grow & Connect" from the upper menu, then "Children & Families. If weather permits, we will be outside as much as possible doing our teaching. Masks are recommended per the Augustana COVID Task Force anytime we are in the building. We will continue to watch the COVID numbers, heed health guideline mandates, follow area school district procedures, and adjust accordingly.

Drive-In Movie Schedule for the Fall

Fridays, 7:45 pm*

*Will run weather permitting.

September 24 - "Soul" October 1 - "Shrek" October 29 - "Hocus Pocus"

Gross Game Night for Grades 4-6

Friday, October 15, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

All youth in grades 4 - 6 and their friends are invited to an evening of food, fun, and fellowship! We will grill out at 6:00 pm for dinner, then play a variety of messy and gross games! If you want to join in the fun, please sign up at signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-gross

MEA Event for Grades 1 - 6

Franconia Sculpture Park & Madison's Playground

Thursday, October 21, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost is \$15, includes lunch, snacks, and transportation

We will start the day with a trip to Franconia Sculpture Park, then off to lunch and to Madison's Playground for an afternoon of games and fun. Please sign-up at: signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-meaevent