

Welcome to worship at Augustana Lutheran Church



October 10, 2021, 8:30 Drive-In Worship Stewardship Sunday I

Liturgical Season: 20th 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. 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:

In Exodus, the cries of a community touch God's heart. God can no longer be a silent bystander listening to the cries bemoaning the cruelty of their situation. God has to do something. God's intervention and Moses' leadership create a path for Israel to escape the bonds of enslavement. This is the moment when Israel became a nation, a community whose common experiences forever bound them to each other, to Moses, and to God.

Neighbors, Inc. shares their reality and where they see God's promises. See video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AHIEGic1mY>

Pre-Service Music

Announcements

Temple Talk

Heidi Satre

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Opening Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

**In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

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

God, our Creator, you are generous and abounding in love. Our very lives are a gift from you.

Promise-keeping God, you provide faithfully for all our needs. Use us to extend your blessings.

You call us to be stewards of your many gifts, caretakers of all you have given to us. Help us to freely share the talents, treasures and time with which we have been blessed.

Promise-keeping God, you provide faithfully for all our needs. Use us to extend your blessings.

Lord, grant us the faith to make your priorities our priorities. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, that our lives might be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

Promise-keeping God, you provide faithfully for all our needs. Use us to extend your blessings.

Jesus, you came to earth and became poor for our sake. You gave your life that we might gain abundant everlasting life. It is with grateful hearts that we give our very selves to you.

Promise-keeping God, you provide faithfully for all our needs. Use us to extend your blessings.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Holy provider, despite your people's hardened hearts, you gave them manna when they were hungry. Soften our hearts, and make us grateful for your marvelous gifts. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

The ushers will collect offering at this time.

Anthem

Beautiful Savior
Kristi Sullivan, soprano

Tom Fettke

(Congregation to read the part of the Israelites)

Narrator: Then the entire community of Israel departed from Elim and entered the desert of Sin, which is located between Elim and Sinai. They arrived there on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from Egypt. As soon as they got to the desert of Sin, the entire community of Israelites complained to Moses and Aaron.

Israelites (congregation): **It would have been better if we had died by the hand of the Eternal in Egypt. At least we had plenty to eat and drink, for our pots were stuffed with meat and we had as much bread as we wanted. But now you have brought the entire community out to the desert to starve us to death.**

The LORD (to Moses): Look! I will cause bread to rain down from heaven for you, and the people will go out and gather a helping of it each day. I will test them to see if they are willing to live by My instructions. On the sixth day, they will gather the usual amount; but when they go to prepare it, it will end up being twice what they usually gather.

Moses and Aaron (to the Israelites): When evening falls, you will know that the LORD has led you out of the land of Egypt. In the morning your eyes will see His glory because He takes your complaints against us as complaints against Him. Who are we, that you direct your complaints to us?

Moses (continuing): This will take place when the LORD provides you with meat in the evening and plenty of bread in the morning because He hears all your grumbling and complaining against Him. Why do you complain to us? Your complaints are not against us, but against Him. *(to Aaron)* Tell the entire community of Israelites, “Draw near to the Eternal. He has heard your complaints.”

Narrator: While Aaron was speaking to the entire community of the Israelites, they all looked out toward the desert, and the radiant glory of the LORD could be seen in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses.

The LORD (to Moses): Rest assured; I have heard the constant complaining of the Israelites. Tell them, “In the evening, you will have meat to eat; and in the morning, you will have enough bread to satisfy your gnawing hunger. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.”

Narrator: That evening, quail flew in and covered the camp; and when morning arrived, what seemed to be ordinary dew was all around the camp. But when the dew evaporated, it left behind a thin, mysterious, flaky substance that looked like frost on top of the dry desert ground. The people of Israel went out to examine it. They had never seen anything quite like it.

Israelites (congregation): **What is it?**

Narrator: The people didn’t have a clue what this strange substance was.

Moses: It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. Here are His instructions: “Gather only as much of it as you should eat by yourself. Pick up two quarts of bread for each person who lives in your tent.”

Narrator: The Israelites did as they were told. Some people gathered a lot, others gathered less. When they used a two-quart jar to measure it, the one who had gathered a lot didn’t have more than he needed; and the one who gathered less had just what he needed. Miraculously, each person and each family—regardless of how much they gathered—had exactly what they needed.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Questions:

When was the last time you walked through a desert?

How does the New Testament link Jesus with the manna in the wilderness? (hint John 6:32-35)

How is Augustana "manna in the wilderness?"

Sermon

What Have You Done For Me Lately?

Pastor Arne Bergland

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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**Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;
direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,
then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.**

Prayers of the Church

Offering Litany

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

Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #840

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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
Vocalist: Kristi Sullivan
Lay Reader: Mary Yackley

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.

Augustana uses the Narrative Lectionary as a basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read Samuel 3:1-21.