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Third Sunday of Easter

Peace be With You!

Augustana's Bulletin

Sunday, April 18, 2021

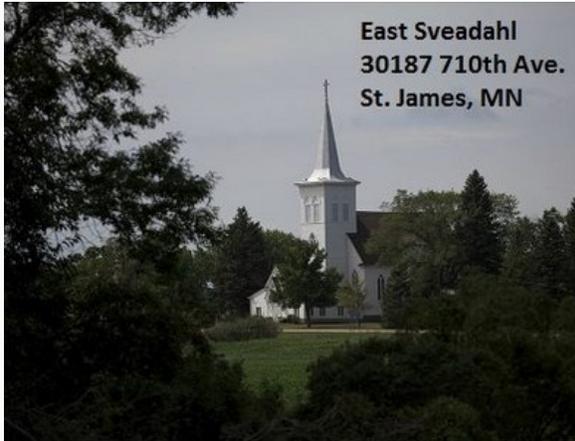
In Sanctuary Worship at both Churches

9:00 am Worship Service from East

10:30 am Worship Service from Augustana on Facebook

11:30 am Augustana Annual Meeting

Pastor Gene Alms



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love.

AES Mission Statement

Welcome

Gathering Litany

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn

All Are Welcome

ELW #641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain:*

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain:*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain:*

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain:*

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Prayer of the Day

Peace be with you! Lord, thank you for knowing our needs and hearing our

sighs. Your words for today are important, we need to hear “Peace be with you!”. In the middle of our fears and anxieties, you bring a calming presence. Help us take a deep breath. Remind us of tender moments and happy thoughts. Nudge us to lean into your love and relax into your arms. And, show us how to bring your healing touch to those who are in despair. Amen

Greeting Each Other

Holy Gospel Luke 24:36-48

The holy gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Message

Hymn of the Day We All Are One In Mission ELW #576

- 1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**
- 2 We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**
- 3 Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all**

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Prayers of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. *A brief silence.*

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness especially . . . Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Lord in in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, 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.

Blessing

P: Peace be With You!

C: Jesus' words for his disciples are words for you too.

P: Peace be With You! In a complex time and in the face of pandemic fears,
Jesus offers you – me - us a calming presence and a hope-filled greeting.

May God's peace be with you today, tomorrow, and into the week ahead.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

Announcements

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We welcome all who worship with us today.

Thank you to the **Worship Crew** who brings you the worship service each Sunday.

Some of the COVID Worship protocols have changed. You can sing along and respond in the appropriate places -- **wearing your mask!** Thank you for adhering to these guidelines. If you need a mask, they are available in both churches!

AES Prayer Concerns: Bill Freitag, Vince Pederson, Kristi Zellmann, Gerry Swenson, Steven Olson, Bob Miller, Tom Anderson, Deb Style, Gary Schwanz, Karla Schwanz, Charles Noren, Chloe Anderson, Shelly Johnson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, Don Menssen, Mary Ann Menssen, Emma Overson, Lanny Overson, Jim Sizer, Ray Kleinow, and Mavis Warling

The Deadline for the May newsletter is Tuesday – thank you for submitting information by the deadline.

Any time from March 27th - April 17th, our campers participated in a **Camp-a-Thon** to raise money for their week at Green Lake. TODAY AES members will see these "campers in their tents" and will have the opportunity to support our youth going to Green Lake. Donations can be sent to Augustana or East Sveadahl. Please note on the memo line: **Camp Fund**.

The Augustana Annual meeting is TODAY, April 18th at 11:30 am, following the worship service. The Annual Meeting will be conducted as an **in-sanctuary meeting**, and a **Zoom/phone call meeting** allowing for more members to participate remotely. All are welcome to attend in the way they prefer.

The St. James Fire Department is hosting a **Drive-Thru Fundraiser TODAY, April 18th** from 9 – 11:30 am at the Fire Hall. Free will donation. The menu: French Toast, Eggs, Bacon, Applesauce. Delivery is available by calling 375-1220. All COVID rules will be followed.

Augustana Sewing Circle will resume meeting Tuesday, April 20th at 9:00 am in the social hall for those who feel comfortable doing so. We will be finishing quilts for Baptisms and Graduations. Please wear your mask and enter through the education doors. Anyone who can tie knots is welcome.

TLC is happening as a One Day Event on Wednesday, April 21st from 3:30 - 5:00 pm for K-6 Grades. Please meet at Augustana. Hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, please contact Erica Garza.

Deacon Lyla will NOT have a devotion on Wednesday, April 21st. She will be

back on the 28th!

There will be a **Special Meeting of the East SveadahL Lutheran Church congregation** on Sunday, April 25, 2021 following the morning worship service to vote to extend a call to the pastoral candidate of choice. This is an in-person meeting. No voting by proxy or absentee ballot.

There will be a **Special Congregational meeting of Augustana Lutheran Church** following the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, April 25, 2021 to extend a call to the pastoral candidate of choice. This is an in-person meeting. No voting by proxy or absentee ballot.

East SveadahL Annual meeting and Cemetery Association meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, May 2nd** following the worship service. A box lunch will be available after the meeting.

Thank you to **Eugene and Carol Zarn** for sponsoring the Augustana Missionary for the month of April.

Activities this week: April 19 – April 25:

Monday-Sunday	Pr. Gene's Schedule Week off
Monday	10:00 am Weekly Prayer meeting on Zoom
Tuesday	9:00 am Augustana Sewing Circle 2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv May Newsletter Deadline
Wednesday	There will be NO Devotions with Lyla
Sunday	VOTE ON PASTORAL CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Deacon Lyla leads worship 9:00 am Worship Service in Sanctuary, East - Facebook 10:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary, Augustana

11:30 am Radio Broadcast on 1370 AM

Information regarding the status of the **COVID-19 vaccine distribution and local access** to the vaccine can be found on the Watonwan County website at <http://www.co.watonwan.mn.us>, or by calling Watonwan County Public Health at 507-375-3294.

Becky Cobb and Jo Howe host an **old-fashioned weekly prayer meeting** every week on Monday morning at 10:00 am via Zoom. The link to join is found below. If you have a prayer request, please email or call the church, and it will be added to our prayers. Click Here to Join the Zoom

Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77502081644?pwd=NTdkeXB6TUlrazliSzVKZkhwTjg1UT09>