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Third Sunday of Easter

Peace be With You!

East Sveadah! Bulletin

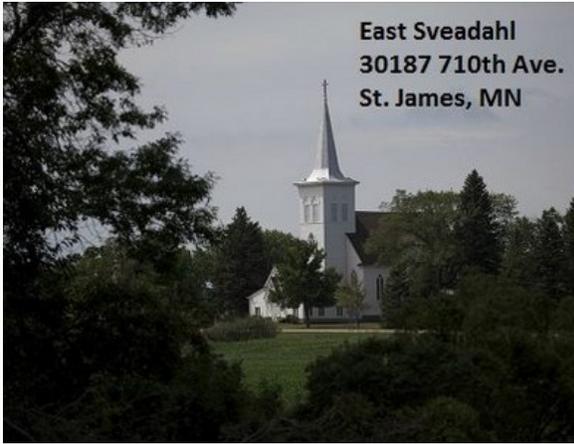
Sunday, April 18, 2021

In Sanctuary Worship at both churches

9:00 am Worship at East

10:30 am Worship at Augustana on Facebook

with 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,

Children's Time

Greeting Each Other

First Lesson I John 3:1-7

A reading from First John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #631

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus,
thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with
thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us
all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of
sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our
hearts at liberty.**
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return,
and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always
blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without
ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**
- 4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see
thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee! Changed from glory into
glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before
thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Nicene Creed

We believe in the one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from True God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophet. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 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, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

P: Peace be With You!

C: Jesus' words for his disciples are words for us 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 - Camp Sunday - 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 Sveadah. 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.

Deacon Lyla will NOT have a devotion on Wednesday, April 21st. She will be back on the 28th!

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 Graduates. 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.

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.

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

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

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>