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**Welcome to all who worship with us today. All are invited to today’s picnic!
All are welcome at the Lord’s Table.**

HYMN OF PRAISE #595 “Jesus Loves Me!”

HYMN OF THE DAY #817 “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

SENDING HYMN #677 “This Little Light of Mine”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

SECOND READING James 3:1-12

A reading from James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 8:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Welcome to the celebration! God who supplies our every need has given us this meal to share.

All: God, we thank you for the bread of eternal life.

P: We come to the table, acknowledging our shortcomings and our need to experience your presence in bread and wine.

All: God, we thank you for the bread of eternal life.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER



We will continue with the **sign-in as you enter** church Sunday mornings. This will be how we keep track of communions and will be a record in case of a COVID incident.

We will be using the ***Come, Let Us Worship God*** bulletin through September. Please leave this white copy on the table in the narthex after each service. The green insert each week is yours to keep. Thank you for your help.

Please note that worship times SWITCH for next Sunday, September 19th.

Lector: Mike Menssen

There will be an opening for the Augustana secretary position in November. If you are interested, contact the church office at 375-4792 or Mark Kulseth at 507-381-3968.

Happy Grandparents Day to all **our wonderful Grandparents!**

TLC activities and confirmation studies begin this Wednesday afternoon. The **Worship Service**, including the Blessing of the Backpacks, will begin at 5:30 pm followed by **supper** at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to join in the worship service and supper!

Thank you to the **Darrell Ask Family** for the altar flowers at East this morning. The flowers are given in loving memory of all the Warling relatives.

A Celebration of Life was held for **Joyce Erdal** at Memorial Park on Friday, September 10th at 1:00 pm.

Elijah Yash France, son of Pastors Mandy and Kelly France, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, September 11, 2021. He was born April 26, 2019. Elijah's sponsors are Joel and Rachel Gueningsman and Ann and Cory Bolton. Pr. Matthew Seegert officiated at the baptism at South Side Park. Welcome to God's Family and AES Ministries!

If you would like a **copy or additional copies of the booklet** handed out at the 150th Anniversary, please contact Susan TODAY.

Prayer Concerns: Ellie Kulseth, Bill Freitag, Sonny Lackey, Russ and Kathy Mattison, Donna Miest, Sandra Resick, Sam Christenson, Audrey Swanson, Everett Wright, Melissa Anderson, Gerry Swenson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Deb Style, Gary Schwanz, Karla Schwanz, Charles Noren, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, Don Menssen, Mary Ann Menssen, Emma Overson, Lanny Overson, Jim Sizer, Ray Kleinow, Mavis Warling

Prayers of Praise: Baptism of Elijah France

Activities this week: September 13 – September 19

Monday	10:00 am Weekly Prayer meeting on ZOOM (Find the link on our Website)
Tuesday	1:00 pm Ministerium/Text Study 2:15 pm Augustana worship on cable tv
Wednesday	3:15 pm TLC and Confirmation, Augustana 5:30 pm Worship and Blessing of the Backpacks, Augustana 6:00 pm Supper, Augustana
Thursday	11:00 am Devotions, Brandt Ridge
Sunday	9:00 am Worship, Augustana – Facebook 10:00 am Coffee Hour at Augustana 10:45 am Worship, East – Facebook 11:30 am Radio Broadcast on 1370 AM 2:00 pm Pr. Mandy, Sunday Worship, Brandt Ridge