

# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



1ST SUNDAY IN LENT  
ELW – *Setting 1, Holy Communion*  
10:30 AM February 18, 2024

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE & WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God meets us in the night—

**All: Before the sun rises, Before the wound heals,  
Before there are answers, Before there is closure.**

Leader: God meets us in the light—

**All: Where joy is alive, Where laughter is contagious,  
Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,  
And where people gather around the table.**

Leader: God meets us at the threshold—

**All: At the edge of the water,  
At the beginning of the wilderness,  
At the start of something new, On the edge of faith.**

Leader: And if God meets us in all those places,  
Then surely God meets us in between—

**All: Staying with us through the wilderness.**

Leader: We are not alone. God is all around.

**All: Let us worship the God of the here and now.**

GATHERING HYMN: “*As the Sun with Longer Journey*” #329 ELW  
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS, p. 94

Leader: Again and again, God meets us where we are . . . .  
There is nowhere we can go that you are not.

**All: You were with Jesus at his baptism.  
You were with him in the wilderness,  
And even in between, you were there,  
Saying aloud, “This is my beloved.”**

Leader: We know that you are with us too—

In the good, the bad, and everything in between—  
But so often we act like we are alone.

**All: Instead of coming to you with our hurt,  
We hold it in or cast it onto others.  
Instead of coming to you with our joy,  
We credit ourselves and offer you nothing.**

Leader: How can we long for a deeper relationship with you  
while living like you are nowhere to be found?

**All: Forgive our self-centered ways.**

Remind us that in every breath, in every step, you are there.

Leader: You are the God who meets us where we are.

**All: Before and behind, above and below,  
within and around. Amen**

Leader: Family of faith, if you hear nothing else today, hear this:  
God is here. God sees you. God knows you. God meets you at the  
edge of every new beginning, and God calls you beloved.

**All: We are washed by the water. We are called beloved.  
Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

GREETING, p. 98

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

KYRIE, p. 98

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

CHILDREN’S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “*Let Your Steadfast Love Come*”, p.103

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*When We Are Tested*” #922 ACS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**All: We believe in a God who is everywhere and right here,  
Bigger than the sky and in the smallest details,  
All at once and in every moment.  
We believe that God meets us where we are—  
In heartbreak and high hopes,  
Around crowded tables and in quiet homes,  
In joy and in suffering, In loneliness and in connection,  
In sanctuaries and in living rooms,  
In marches and in waiting rooms.  
We believe that nothing we do or leave undone  
Can distance us from God’s love.  
God is forever drawing us close and pulling us in.**

Again and again, God meets us where we are  
And invites us into wholeness.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: “God of mercy – hear our prayer”

SHARING OF THE PEACE, p. 106

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

OFFERING & HYMN: “*Create in Me a Clean Heart*” #185 ELW

(The offering for the life and ministry of this place can now be received.)

OFFERING PRAYER

## THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 107

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, p. 108

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER, p. 112

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD, p. 112

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

“*The Holy Wings*” #613 ELW

“*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*” #735 ELW

“*Cast Out, O Christ*” #1016 ACS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: “*Jesus, Still Lead On*” #624 ELW

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**All are welcome at the table.**

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God’s grace and believe  
Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist.  
Grape juice (lighter colour) and red wine (darker colour) are provided  
in the glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

Thank you to our lector Linda Jarock, communion assistant Margareth  
Peterson, ushers Edith & Lorne Carlson, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud,  
and technical support Greg Fowlie-Neufeld for assisting in worship today.  
Thanks also to the altar guild for preparing communion and the coffee crew  
of Linda Catton & Shelley Apolonia.

Last Sunday’s in-person attendance: 51

**First Reading – Genesis 9:8-17**

**8**GOD SAID TO NOAH AND TO HIS SONS WITH HIM, **9**“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, **10**and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. **11**I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” **12**God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **13**I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **14**When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, **15**I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. **16**When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” **17**God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**Second Reading – 1 Peter 3:18-22**

**18**CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR SINS ONCE FOR ALL, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, **19**in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, **20**who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. **21**And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **22**who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Gospel – Mark 1:9-15**

**9**IN THOSE DAYS JESUS CAME FROM NAZARETH OF GALILEE and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10**And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. **11**And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” **12**And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. **13**He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. **14**Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, **15**and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”



**Offering & Income for Feb. to date: \$14,117**

*Including PAR: \$5600 & 1209 Rent: \$1855*

**Expenses for Feb. to date: \$13,760**

*We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to [augustana@sasktel.net](mailto:augustana@sasktel.net) (full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate with credit card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR. Please ensure envelopes put in the offering plates have an envelope no. or address.*

**Our Parish Calendar**

Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AA grp)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	5:30 pm	Road to Apartheid Film ( <i>Emmanuel Anglican</i> )
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men’s Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship

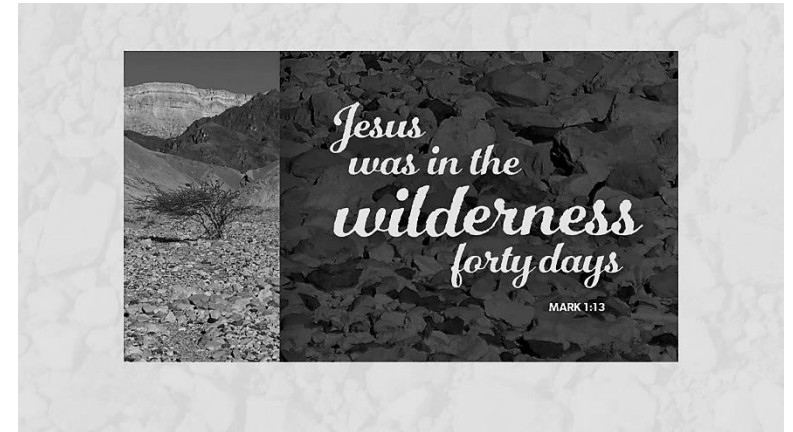
Please keep in your thoughts and hearts those in need of our prayers, especially *Alice, Ann Jane, Audrey, Brodie, Bruce, Carrie, Danielle, Deanna, Doug, Elma, Evelyn K, Evelyn S, Gayle, James & Karin, Jim S, Karen, Kevin, Lynda, Lisa, Marlene & Ron, Mildred, Minnie, Nori, Ron F., Scott U., Shelby & Don, Sharon, Gord & Natalie.*

**UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES (7:30 PM)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Preacher</b>
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> , Lent 1	Resurrection	Trinity Lutheran
Feb. 28, Lent 2	Good Shepherd	King of Glory
March 6, Lent 3	Trinity Lutheran	Augustana

*We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ’s unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.*  
*Thank you for sharing in worship here today.*  
*May God’s abundant grace be a blessing to you,*  
*and a source of strength and hope.*

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*Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together*

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