

Psalm 125

Those who trust in the LORD stand fast forever. (Psalm 125:1)

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are | like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands | fast forever.
- 2 **The mountains sur- | round Jerusalem; so you surround your people, O LORD, from this time forth for- | evermore. R**
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted | to the just, so that the just shall not put their | hands to evil.
- 4 **Show your goodness, O LORD, to those | who are good and to those who are | true of heart.**
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the | evildoers; but peace be | upon Israel. R

First Reading

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A GOOD NAME is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;

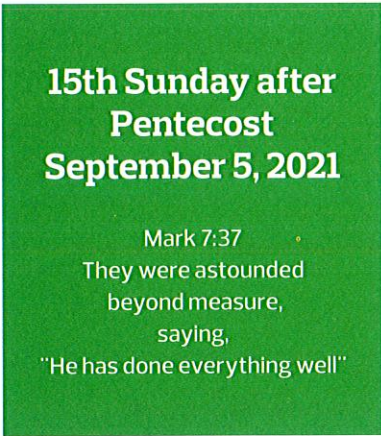
for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Second Reading

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

MY BROTHERS and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]



Second Reading Continued

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.



Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

[JESUS] SET OUT and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pentecost 15, Lectionary 23
WOV – Communion Setting 5, Bread of Life
10:30 AM, Sept. 5, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude
 Announcements & Welcome
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SENDING

Blessing
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 Dismissal

Thank you to all those who assist with the technical: Michael Diegel, Greg Fowlie-Neufeld, D.-Jay Krozser, Gord Morley, Katie Ottley, Karen Wallace and today Bryan Tastad.

Thank you to our reader Faith Rohrbough, musician Deborah Buck, and ushers Angie and Merv Johnson for assisting in worship today.

WELCOME TO AUGUSTANA

Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

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,
 a source of strength and hope.

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There are gluten-free wafers also available.

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. Communion will be offered through pouring Chalices, one with White grape juice and the other with Red wine. It is a way to reduce physical contact during this time.

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Last week’s attendance: 20

Our Parish Calendar

Today	10:30 am	WOV – Communion, Bread of Life
Monday	8:00 pm	The Only Requirement NA Group
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Health Cabinet Meeting
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Worship, ELW

Offerings for August: \$10,435

Included in the above figure:
 People in Need: \$15, Queen Elizabeth School: \$100
 Parish Nursing: \$80, CLWR: \$120, Food Bank: \$80
 Livestream audio & video equipment: \$2500

August PAR Contribution: \$5,041

Included in the above figure:
 CLWR: \$150, Foodbank \$50, Friendship Inn \$50, LCM: \$50,
 Parish Nursing \$90



PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS FOR TODAY IN THE PLATES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN-IN AT FRONT ENTRANCE FOR ATTENDING WORSHIP.



SEASON OF CREATION, SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 4, 2021



Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as caretakers of God’s creation.

We see that our wellbeing is interwoven with its wellbeing. We rejoice in this opportunity to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it. This year, the theme for the season is

A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God