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Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park
and Lutheran Campus Ministry
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During this time of shelter-in-place, we still worship together online. You can find the link to our worship channel on our website. The video will be available starting at 8:30am on Sunday morning.
The Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings of the Day


Today’s reading is a description of life in the community following Peter’s sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God’s people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they
have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

42[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

1The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

2The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

3You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

4Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
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Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

A Reading from the Epistles of Peter: 1 Peter 2:19–25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

19It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. 20If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. 21For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

22“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

23When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. 24He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Holy Gospel according to John: John 10:1–10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

[Jesus said:] 1"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his
own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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**Hymn of the Day: Great Revival Hymn**

*Come Good Shepherd by John Adam Granade*

1. Let thy kingdom, blessed Savior,
   Come and bid our jarring cease;
   Come, O come and reign forever,
   God of love, and prince of peace:
   Visit now thy precious Zion,
   See thy people mourn and weep;
   Day and night thy lambs are crying,
   Come good Shepherd feed thy sheep!

2. Lord in us there is no merit,
   We've been sinners from our youth:
   Guide us Lord by thy good Spirit,
   That shall teach us all thy truth:
   On the gospel word we'll venture,
   
3. Christ alone our soul shall rest on.
   Taught by him we own his name;
   Sweetest of all names is Jesus,
   How it doth our hearts enflame:
   Glory! glory! give him glory,
   Strong is he and he will keep;
   He will clear our way before us,
   The good Shepherd feeds his sheep.

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Till in death's cold arms we sleep,
Love's our bond, and Christ our center,
Come good Shepherd, feed thy sheep!

Communion Hymn: Lamb of God, setting 3

In Our Prayers

Caleb Tompsett, grandson of Bill and Chris, recovering from surgery for a pediatric brain tumor
The friends and family of Joanna Brown, family friend of JoRachel Pierce, upon her death
Jeanette Bordelon, awaiting abdominal surgery on May 20th
Thanksgiving that Q, friend of Cantor McGuire, has delivered safely and that her baby will be released from NICU soon
The doctors in our congregation, Peter Pytel, Jefree Schulte, Steph Stuhlmuller and Elaine Worcester, and Norma Rolfsen, nurse practitioner
Deb Burnet, Joe Klonowski’s mother, a doctor working hard at UC Hospitals
Kimi, a friend of Joe Klonowski and Emily Kleeman, working hard at UC Hospitals
Kevin Rist, father of Erika, a doctor working hard in Wausau, WI
Karl, a friend and coworker of Joe Klonowski, diagnosed with COVID-19
Dennis Whitten, godfather of Shelley Barnard, disabled by a stroke
Mark van Scharrel, husband of Pastor Julie Ryan, advanced cancer
Frank Showers, undergoing treatment for cancer

Please do not hesitate to email the office with any prayer requests that you would like included next week

Please share the peace and make an offering

Did you know that sharing the peace is meant to reconcile us before we share the Holy Supper? We can't do that in person right now, but we can the rest of the week. Please take time soon to call or email someone. It helps build community and keeps us strong.

At the end of worship, please remember to make an offering. The people we employ depend on your generosity during this difficult time. You can arrange an ongoing electronic offering through our website. Setting up a free PayPal account allows you to make an offering of any size with a debit or credit card; the email address you need is treasurer@augustanahydepark.org. You can, of course, also send a check to Augustana, 5500 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL, 60637.
Immanuel, one of the many talented children in Confirmation right now. An English translation of the lyrics are as follows:

Johova Jire, father God, you alone are I need.
Johava Rapaha, who heals me, by Your wounds I am healed
Joehova Shamma, who is with me always and providing everything that I need.
You alone are I need

Jehova Elohim, God who creates,
You created everything through your word
Oh! Holy Jehova, wonderful you are
No one is like You
Jehova Shalom, my everlasting peace
You gave me peace to my heart
You alone are I need

Oh! Jesus you are my heart’s desire
Your love is unmeasurable
You gave Yourself to redeem me
Nothing can be compared to Your love
I will live for You all the days of my life
You alone are I need

A note on communing this Easter season

In this season of Easter, we invite you to commune during the worship service. If you would like to read about communing at home, please visit Augustana's
Last week, we ate in the simplest way possible by focusing upon Jesus' words of institution. Martin Luther said that the institutional narrative is sufficient for the celebration of Holy Communion because Jesus' words proclaim the gospel in its fullness. Nevertheless, our usual practice is to place Jesus' words of promise within the context of a larger story, the story of the world's redemption, because we remember how God makes and fulfills promises throughout history. In our celebration of Holy Communion, we call this the Eucharistic Prayer, and this prayer recounts God's mighty acts in history to deliver God's people and the world from its bondage to sin, death, and evil. By hearing God's promises within this drama of redemption, we recall not only what God has done but also what God is continuing to do today. Indeed, this is the story of our redemption. These are God's promises, for us, now.

To prepare for communion today, you will want to have some bread on a plate and either wine or grape juice in a cup. Think of this as setting the table for a dinner party - putting out the cups and plates that you will need for the meal, making the table look nice, getting ready the way you would when eating with family and friends.

Jesus is our host at this meal, and he promises to grace our table with his presence as we share the bread and wine, his body and blood, together.

Communing at home? Take a picture!

We would love to receive pictures of the bread and wine that you're using at home for your Communion so that we can vary the images we display in our videos. If you feel that you set a nice Communion table, please snap a picture and email it to Carolyn.
Our national church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is preparing a social message on government and civic engagement. Messages and statements guide what pastors teach and what we ask of our church's lobbyists in Washington. Until May 27, you are invited to provide feedback on how to strengthen the draft of the message.

To offer feedback on the draft “Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement: Discipleship in a Democracy,” please fill out the survey. You may also choose to email comments to draftsocialmessage@elca.org. In light of the feedback, the message draft will be revised and presented to the ELCA Church Council for a vote in June.

Read the draft.

While we all miss the beautiful interior of our beloved church, we can still enjoy nature's extravagant beautification of the exterior.
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### Grace Note

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