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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Online Service

As the governor relaxes the shelter-in-place restrictions that have governed our lives for the past three months, we are tentatively beginning to experiment with a stripped down in-person service. Due to smaller attendance than anticipated, we are no longer asking folks to register; just show up if you feel so inclined.

If you are still keeping a full quarantine, however, you are always, welcome to worship online with us. You can find the link to our worship channel [on our website](#). The video will be available at 9:30am on Sunday morning.

Hymn of Praise: Glory to God in Heaven (ELW pg 204)

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1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

The Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Readings of the Day

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.

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and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."



Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your de- | crees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.
¹³⁰When your word is opened | it gives light;
it gives understanding | to the simple.
¹³¹I open my | mouth and pant
because I long for | your commandments.
¹³²Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,
as you always do to those who | love your name.
¹³³Order my footsteps | in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
¹³⁴Rescue me from those | who oppress me,
and I will keep | your commandments.
¹³⁵Let your face shine up- | on your servant

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because people do not | keep your teaching.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans: 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew: 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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Pastor Goede will reference this two pictures in her sermon today.



Hymn of the Day: ELW 781 - Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the Heavenly Father *Truggare kan ingen vara*



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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Thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Leslie Klonowski, daughter of Joe and Emily Kleeman

Thanksgiving for Caleb Tompsett, grandson of Bill and Chris, upon the completion of his radiation therapy

The friends and family of Amani Kildea, son of Pastor Kildea of Succassuna, NJ and friend of Pat Chromy, after Amani took his own life
The friends and family of Diane Hajjar, friend of Padraig McGuire, upon her recent death

Varghese, father of Cynthiya, in pain from a fractured thigh bone
Jeanette Bordelon, recovering from surgery

Edgar Guice, brother of Cassandra, recovering from heart issues

Millie Spino, friend of Pat Chromy, suffering from MS and COVID-19

Rebecca, niece of Cassandra Guice, hospitalized with COVID-19

Dale, a friend of Padraig McGuire, diagnosed with COVID-19 while still mourning the loss of his husband from the disease

Fred Doctor, brother of Jeannette Bordelon, recently blinded in both eyes

Mark van Scharrel, husband of Pastor Julie Ryan, advanced cancer

Frank Showers, beginning cell stem therapy for cancer

Anu, Smitha Gunthoti's cousin, late-stage cancer

Kathy, friend of Robin Mitchell, hospitalized due to mental illness

Homeless Chicagoans, especially the residents of Door of Hope who are once again on the street after their shelter burned down

Those who struggle with substance abuse, a condition made more difficult by isolation

The doctors in our congregation, Peter Pytel, Jefree Schulte, and Elaine Worcester; and nurse practitioners, Steph Stuhlmuller and Norma Rolfsen

Deb Burnet, Joe Klonowski's mother, a doctor at U of C Hospital

Kimi, a friend of the Klonowskis', working hard at U of C Hospital

Jenny, Dan's fiancée, a nurse in Dallas just assigned to work the covid floor

Ashley and Thomas, college friends of Joe Klonowski, working on covid

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Please do not hesitate to [email the office](#) with any prayer requests that you would like included next week. Alternately, you can attend the Zoom prayer meeting at 2:00 on Saturday afternoon to lift up your prayers there.

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.

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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