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Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park and Lutheran Campus Ministry

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Seventh 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. If you would like to attend an in-person service, you must pre-register. If you missed the pre-registration, if you are still keeping a full quarantine, of if you simply prefer a service filled with singing, you are, as always, welcome to worship online with us. You can find the link to

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



The Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Readings of the Day

must also show kindness. No other god cares for all people.

¹³For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; ¹⁶For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. ¹⁷For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. ¹⁸Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose.

¹⁹Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.



Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk | in your truth; give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart, and glorify your name for- | evermore.

¹³For great is your | love toward me; you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my life;

they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame;

because you, Lord, have helped me and com- | forted me.

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew: 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the

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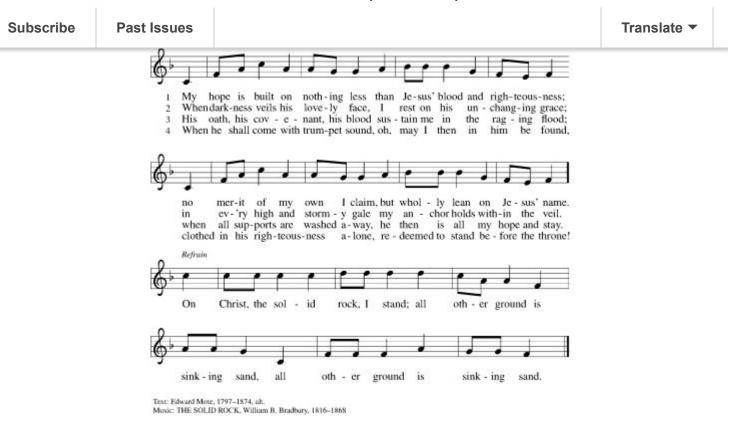
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enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Hymn of the Day: ELW #596 - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



In Our Prayers

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

Robert Zimmer, president of the University of Chicago, recovering from brain surgery to remove a tumor

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
Rebecca Guice, niece of Cassandra, diagnosed with diabetes
Millie Spino, friend of Pat Chromy, suffering from MS and 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

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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 fiancee, a nurse in Dallas just assigned to work the covid floor

Ashley and Thomas, college friends of Joe Klonowski, working on covid research at UIUC and Berkeley.

Kevin Rist, father of Erika, a doctor in Wausau, WI

Please do not hesitate to <u>email the office</u> 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.

Notes from the Cantor

Todays postlude is based on a marvelous hymn tune "Santa Barbara" but it is largly unknown because of a perfect storm!

The hymn tune, "Santa Barbara" was composed by Ema Lou Diemer, professor of music at University of California Santa Barbara, for the Lutheran Book of Worship. Paired with a text by Fred Pratt Green "For the fruit of all creation," the editors of the LBW held great promise for the reception of this new hymn. Unfortunately, the publication of the LBW (1978) fell between the release of the movie, Star Wars (1977) and

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progressions (harmonic modality) as did Diemer's tune. Almost immediately after the LBW's publication, "Santa Barbara" was dubbed "The Star Wars Hymn" and for that association, was often passed over. We've now had 42 years to cleanse our palate and with this distance, Diemer's tune rings with refreshing vitality. Thanks be to God.

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 <u>ongoing electronic offering through our website</u>. Setting up a free <u>PayPal</u> 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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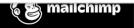






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