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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Online Service

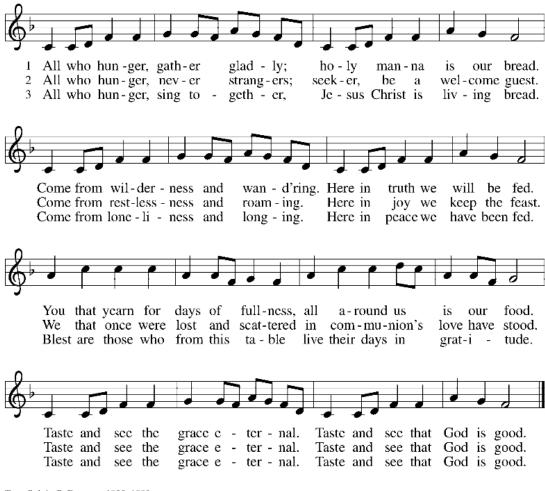
For however long Illinois remains in Stage 4, Augustana will host a stripped down in-person service every Sunday morning at 9:30. Due to smaller attendance than anticipated, we are no longer asking folks to register; just show up if you feel so inclined. If you are still keeping a full quarantine, however, you are, as always, welcome to worship online with us. You can find the link to our worship channel on our website. The video will be available when in-person services begin, at 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825

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The Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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A Reading from the Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.



Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

- ⁸The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- ⁹Lord, you are | good to all, and your compassion is over | all your works.
- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon | you, O Lord, and you give them their food | in due season.
- ¹⁶You open | wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- ¹⁷You are righteous in | all your ways and loving in | all your works.
- ¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you, to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

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²⁰You watch over all | those who love you, but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise | of the Lord; let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans: 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew: 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two

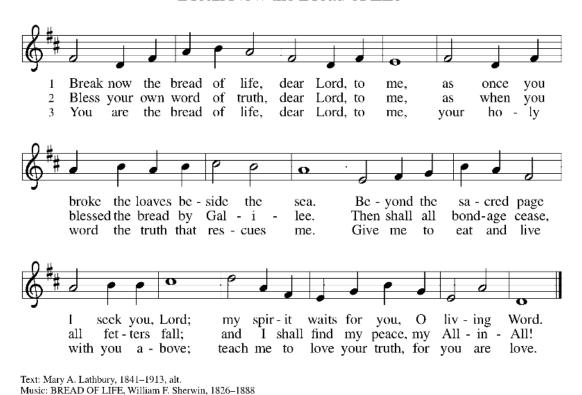
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ate and were filled: and they took up what was left over of the broken

ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Hymn of the Day: Break Now the Bread of Life - ELW #515





In Our Prayers

Kelvin, cousin of Joseph Dixon, shot and killed Bernie Brown, hospitalized after a fall Varghese, father of Cynthiya, in pain from a fractured thigh bone David Mueller, friend of Judy Merritt-Morgan, undergoing bone biopsy Millie Spino, friend of Pat Chromy, suffering from MS and COVID-19 Rebecca, niece of Cassandra Guice, hospitalized with COVID-19 Subscribe Past Issues Translate ▼

Anu, Smitha Gunthoti's cousin, late-stage cancer Kathy, friend of Robin Mitchell, hospitalized due to mental illness Junebug, frequent visitor to Augustana, for safety and mental health

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

Other doctors and health researchers beloved by members of our community: Deb Burnet, Kimi, Jenny, Ashley, Thomas, and Kevin Rist.

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.

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.

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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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