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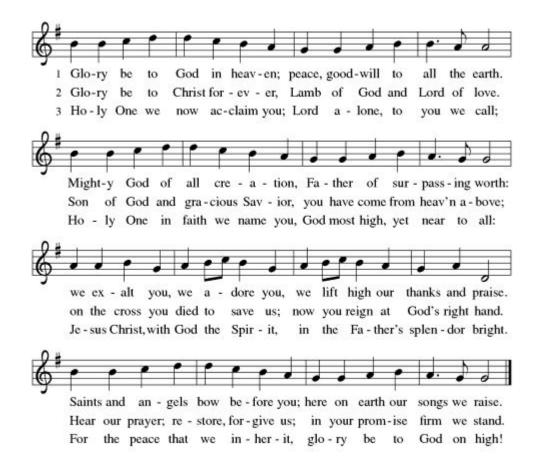
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Online Service

Augustana is worshiping in-person every Sunday morning at 9:30. This will continue as long as Chicago remains in Phase 4 of Illinois' reopening plan. We are no longer requiring people to register in advance.

YouTube worship channel <u>on our website</u>. The video is available when in-person services begin, at 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

The sanctuary will be open Tuesdays from 11am to 2pm for anyone who would like to use it for silent meditation and prayer.

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



The Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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Readings of the Day

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.



Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us; may the light of | God's face shine up-on us.

²Let your way be known | upon earth, your saving | health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God; let | all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the | nations on earth.

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⁶The earth has brought | forth its increase; God, our | own God, has blessed us.

⁷May God | give us blessing, and may all the ends of the | *earth* stand in awe.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans: 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew: 15:10-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

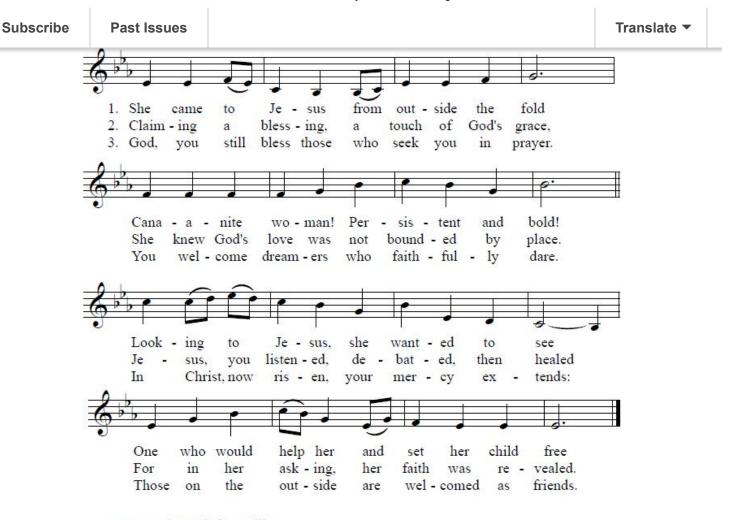
¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of

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unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Hymn of the Day: She Came to Jesus



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In Our Prayers

Friends and family of Clark Nolan, friend of Polly Fehlman, died Friends and family of Adita Torres, Bishop of Peru, died from COVID-19 Pastor Pedro Bullon, husband of Adita Torres, suffering from COVID-19 Rebecca, niece of Cassandra Guice, recovering from COVID-19 Melissa, niece of Robin Mitchell, diagnosed with COVID-19 Millie Spino, friend of Pat Chromy, recovering from COVID-19 Nancy Dishno, recovery from surgery Olivia Pierce, mother of JoRachel, doing poorly Joyce, friend of Judy Merritt-Morgan, suffering from dementia Graham Evans, friend of Sandy Henley, fighting Parkinson's Disease Caleb Tompsett, grandson of Bill and Chris, starting chemotherapy

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Frank Showers, undergoing 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 Victims and survivors of domestic abuse Those who struggle with substance abuse

Health care providers in our congregation: Peter Pytel, Elaine Worcester, Steph Stuhlmuller, and Norma Rolfsen Other health care workers and researchers beloved by members of our community: Jefree Schulte, 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.

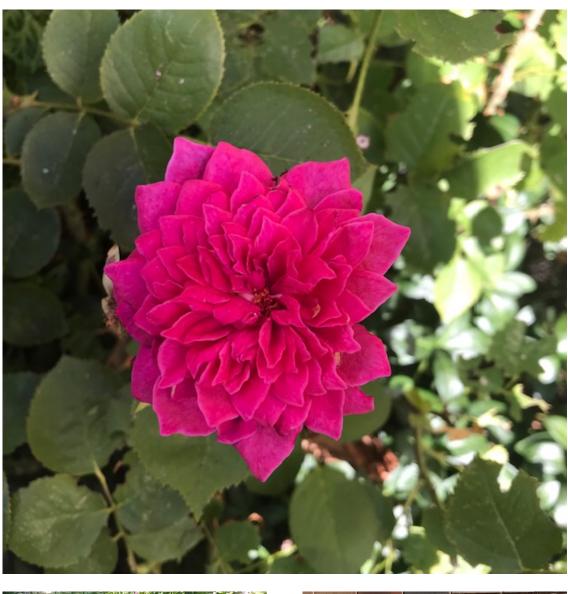
Please share the peace and make an offering

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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Volunteer opportunity

Do you miss helping out at community breakfasts? Consider replacing that opportunity to help others with volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. They need folks to sort through food donations, pack them into family size servings, and to go out in trucks to pass out food in underserved communities. Go here to sign up! Alternately, you can email Jackie Bishop for more information.



NON:op Open Opera Works is currently seeking a diverse group of readers for an online recreation of our 2019 *Blood Lines* installation. During this time of social distancing and cultural change we invite you to participate in this project by video recording yourself reading the name of one or more persons killed in the 1919 uprising. Readings will be combined with sound from the original long wire installation at Augustana and a video with maps, historical newspaper accounts, a timeline, and images from the live installation and the surrounding neighborhoods.

The deadline for submitting videos to this part of the project is Monday, September 14. NON:op is offering a \$5 honorarium for each video reading we include in the online installation (up to 5). Visit the <u>Blood Lines – SAY THEIR NAMES</u> project page on our website for detailed information on participating in *Blood Lines – SAY THEIR NAMES*.

For the SAY THEIR NAMES component of the project we are seeking volunteers to assist Ron Browne with the development of a database of black persons killed by law enforcement since 1919. If you would like to assist Ron, please visit the <u>Blood Lines - SAY THEIR NAMES</u> page and click on DOCUMENTS for more information.



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