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# Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park and Lutheran Campus Ministry

**September 13, 2020**

## **Second Sunday in the Season of Creation Online Service**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) will be spending the next few weeks celebrating the Season of Creation along with our full Communion\* partners: the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

\* Full communion means that our congregations can share the sacraments and exchange clergy with one another.

Augustana is worshiping in-person every Sunday morning at 9:30. This will continue as long as Chicago remains in Phase Four of Illinois' reopening plan.

If you would prefer to worship online, you can find the link to our YouTube worship channel [on our website](#). The video is available when in-person services begin, at 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

## Hymn of Praise: The Doxology

### Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1674  
Alt. Patrick McGuire, 2002

Louis Bourgeois, 1551  
Harmonization, Patrick McGuire 2002

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Give praise all crea - tures here be - low,  
 Join in the praise ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

## The Prayer of the Day

Creator, we pray that you would help us touch the earth gently. Turn us from our ways of commodifying the earth and consuming its riches without thought. Amen.

## Readings of the Day

### A Reading from the Hebrew Bible: Genesis 50:15-21

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if

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father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.



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### Psalm 104:24-31

<sup>24</sup>O LORD, how manifold | are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of | your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, | great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both | small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There | go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to| sport in it.

<sup>27</sup>These all | look to you  
to give them their food | in due season;

<sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gath- | er it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled | with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they | are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return | to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, | they are created;  
and you renew the face | of the ground.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice | in his works!

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### The Holy Gospel according to Matthew: 18:21-35

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

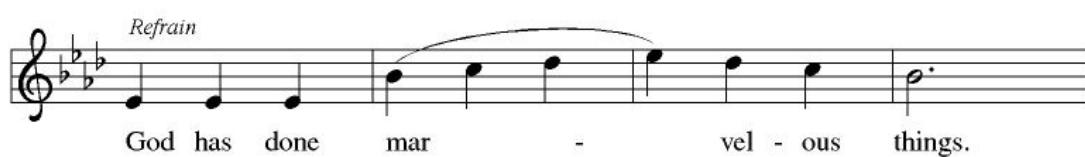
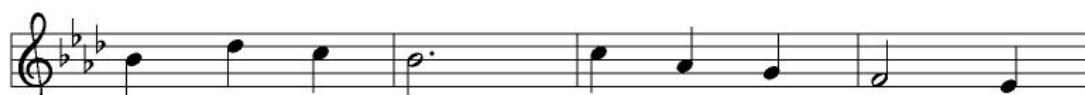
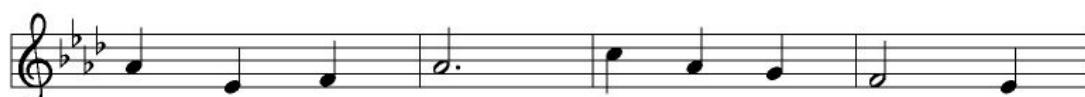
<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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## Hymn of the Day: Earth and All Stars (ELW #731)

## Earth and All Stars!



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Friends and family of Bob Goede, father of Pastor Nancy Goede, upon his death

Carrie Estelle, cousin of Cassandra Guice, suffering from COVID-19

Rebecca, niece of Cassandra Guice, suffering from the after-effects of COVID-19

Kala, granddaughter of Cassandra Guice, recovering from a delivery with numerous complications. Thanksgiving that great-granddaughter Emily is doing well

Heva, the 9 year old daughter of the Syrian family that is being hosted by the HP Refugee Project, diagnosed with a brain tumor

Nancy Dishno, recovering from one surgery and preparing for another  
Caleb Tompsett, grandson of Bill and Chris, recovering from a chemotherapy related infection

David Mueller, friend of Judy Merritt-Morgan, diagnosed with bone cancer

Allison, friend of Richard Krull, diagnosed with ovarian cancer

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

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

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

The homeless and those who are food insecure

Victims and survivors of domestic abuse

Those who struggle with substance abuse

Those who have in danger of fire or have lost their homes in California, especially Dorothy and Wilbur Hines, friends of Cassandra Guice

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 [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.

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.

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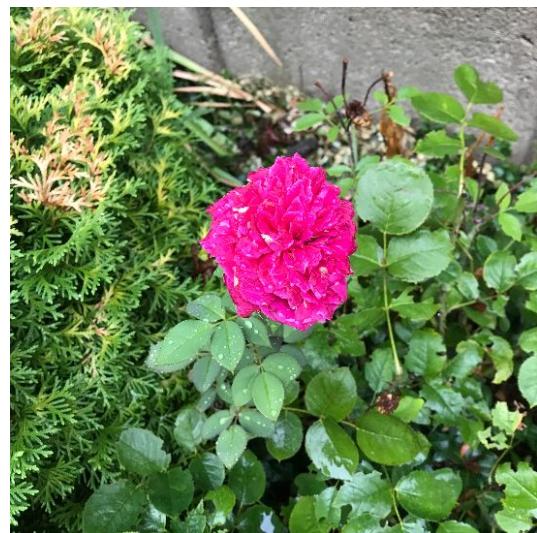
### St. Francis' Day

Due to the coronavirus, we will not be able to bring pets into our sanctuary this year, but that shouldn't prevent us from still celebrating them! If you have a non-human that is close to your heart, whether it be a pet, a stuffed animal, a favorite animal at a zoo or farm, or the rabbit that has made himself at home in your back yard, please film yourself blessing that creature for our virtual service. You can upload your video [here](#) OR email it to the [office](#).

In addition to these videos, we'd also love to receive scanned photographs of your favorite non-humans that have passed on but continue to live in your heart. A label at the bottom naming your beloved creature might be a nice addition. Use the above links to upload or email your photo.

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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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***Blood Lines - SAY THEIR NAMES***

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 [\*\*\*Blood Lines – SAY THEIR NAMES\*\*\*](#) 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 [\*\*\*Blood Lines – SAY THEIR NAMES\*\*\*](#) page and click on DOCUMENTS for more information.



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