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Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park and Lutheran Campus Ministry

September 20, 2020

Third Sunday 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,

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.

Gathering Hymn: Many and Great, O God (ELW #837)

Many and Great, O God

Wakantanka taku nitawa

Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
 2 Grant un - to us com-mu - nion with you, O Star - a -

qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
 bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with

ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin. he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no . . . end. e - ter-nal life with you.

Text: Joseph R. Renville, 1779-1846; para. Philip Frazier, 1892-1964, alt.
 Music: LAC QUI PARLE, Dakota tune

The Prayer of the Day

Liberating, life-giving God, help us to know that we and the world you have created are truly the work of your hands. Give us knowledge and wisdom to care for your handiwork now and for future generations.

Amen.

Readings of the Day

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians: 1:21-30

outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

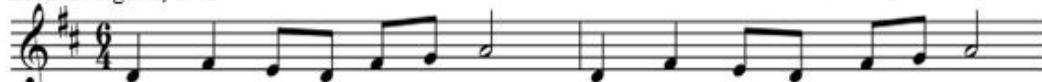
²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Tune: Geneva Psalter 150

Louis Bourgeois, 1562

Text: David T. Koyzis, 1999

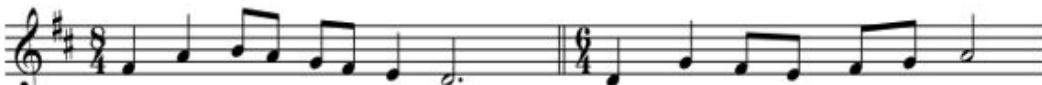
Edited: Padraig McGuire, 2019



cantor/choir Praise the Lord with joy - ous mirth! Give praise in this house on earth;
assembly Praise God with the trum-pet sound, harp and lute God's praise re-sound.



praise God in the heaven-ly height. Give praise for God's acts of might.
Play the tim-brel, dance and praise. Strings and flute ex - tol God's ways.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Give praise for sur - pas - sing grace.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Clash - ing cym-bals, praise the Lord!



Bow and sing be - fore God's face: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
All that breathe, with one ac - cord: Praise the Lord! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. 5When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ 7They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ 8When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ 9When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ 13But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible: Jonah 3:10--4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Hymn of the Day: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in his hands,
 He's got the whole world in his hands,
 He's got the whole world in his hands,
 He's got the whole world in his hands.

She's got the woods and the waters in her hand,
 She's got the woods and the waters in her hand,
 She's got the woods and the waters in her hand,

He's got the birds and the bees right in his hand,
He's got the birds and the bees right in his hand,
He's got the beasts of the field right in his hand,
He's got the whole world in his hand.

God's got the little bitty baby in his hand.
God's got the sun and the moon in her hand.
The great and small of creation in those hands,
God's got the whole world in those hands.

He's got you and me right in his hand.
He's got you and me right in his hand.
God's got every body right in those hands.

In Our Prayers

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

Thanksgiving for Frank Showers, officially declared cancer-free
Floyd Rueger, friend of Padraig McGuire & Nancy Goede, diagnosed colon cancer

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 her second surgery

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

Shelley Barnard, upon news that her cancer is progressing

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

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

Carol Hollar, friend of Pat Chromy, hospitalized with a severe infection
Dale, cousin of David Glover, battling a possibly fatal infection
Fred Nielsen, brother-in-law of JoRachel Pierce, ongoing health concerns

The homeless and those who are food insecure
Victims and survivors of domestic abuse
Those who struggle with substance abuse
Those who are in danger of fire or have lost their homes in the Western states, especially Dorothy and Wilbur Hines, Nicole Gray, Joan Tompsett, Michelle Meller, Hans Jacobsen

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.

Throughout the Season of Creation, we will be using the “Night Prayer” from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer (1997) as the Lord’s Prayer during Communion. It is a translation from English to Maori, and back from Maori into English. The intention of this double translation is to view Jesus’ teachings through the lens of Maori culture rather than our usual Eurocentric view.

Please share the peace and make an offering

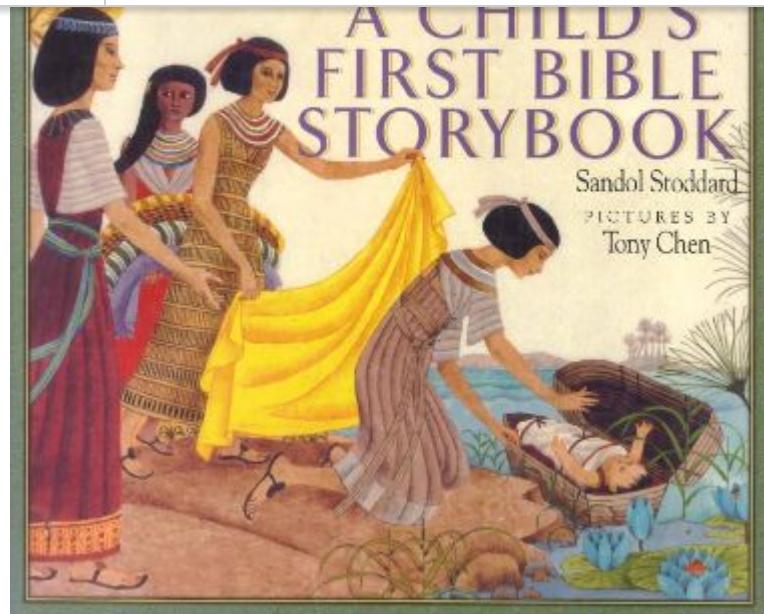
share the Holy Supper? We can't do that in person right now, but we can the rest of the week. Please take time soon to call or email someone. It helps build community and keeps us strong.

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.

St. Francis' Day

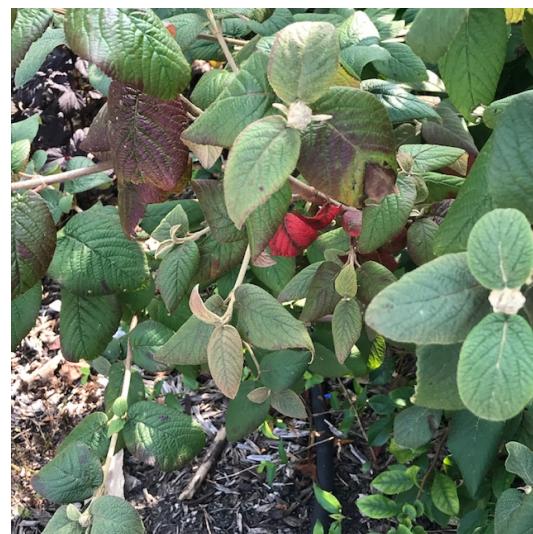
Due to the coronavirus, we will not be able to bring pets into our sanctuary this year, but that shouldn't prevent us from still celebrating them! If you have a non-human that is close to your heart, whether it be a pet, a stuffed animal, a favorite animal at a zoo or farm, or the rabbit that has made 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.



The children's reading and sermon today are both based upon the Jonah story as told by Sandol Stoddard. You can find the children's service on our website, either as part of the main service or as a separate video. Enjoy!

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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