

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4



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Welcome to worship during this Easter season! Jesus' resurrection is often hard to believe, so we linger in the Easter mystery for 50 days (a week of weeks). We'll wonder what this good news of new life means in our lives today. Disorientation may rule the moment, but Easter promises that it doesn't rule forever!

Our 10:30 a.m. worship is livestreamed weekly especially to include our home-centered members who cannot join us in person. Celebrating our public worship, we also protect our kids in real time on livestream by redirecting the cameras to other views during children's time and communion.

Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date.

Prelude • "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" -Healey Willan

Welcome

GATHERING *

The assembly stands.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of Φ the One who was, who is, and who is to come, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that restore us to wholeness in the forgiveness of your boundless love.

O Living One, we celebrate your infinite grace.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that cross barriers of our own making, strengthen us to serve our neighbors, and empower us to love our enemies.

O Living One, we celebrate your infinite grace.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open our hearts to restore community, and set your people free by the Spirit's power.

O Living One, we celebrate your infinite grace.

You are granted new life each day through the waters of baptism, in the name of Jesus, ★ the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

10:30 a.m. Please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.

Gathering Hymn • ELW 385: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT



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Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Anthem • 10:30 a.m. "The Children of the World" —Terre Johnson Choristers

If somewhere a child is hungry or isn't tucked in, safe and warm; if somewhere a baby's crying, longing for a parent's arms; that is where the love of Jesus must be shared by you and me, for if we have plenty, love and safety, we must share with the least of these.

The children of the word are our children, made by God, just like you and me. The children of the world must be fed and held and loved, for if one of them is hungry, so are we.

In a world so rich with blessings, where there is plenty to be shared; from our lives of such abundance, we can offer love and care. For we know the love of Jesus can be shared with our own hands, we can share our blessings, help our neighbor, be the hands of Christ to them.

-Terre Johnson

Children's Time • 10:30 a.m.

WORD *

First Reading • Acts 9:36–43

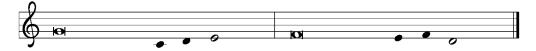
A reading from Acts.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm + Psalm 23

Antiphon: (sung by choir) The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.



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¹The LORD | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want.

² The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

³ You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

- ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. Antiphon
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

 Antiphon

Second Reading • Revelation 7:9–17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

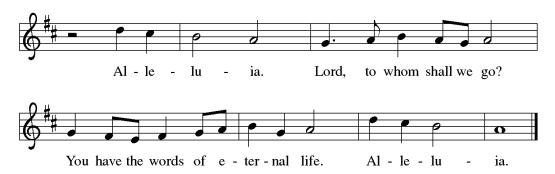
¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel • John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

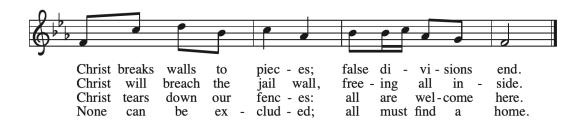
Sermon • Pastor Kent Mueller

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day • ELW 1062: Build a Longer Table

NOËL NOUVELET





Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

You are invited to greet one another with these words: "Peace be with you." You may additionally shake hands or place your hand over your heart with a small bow to your neighbor.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL *

Offering

Thank you for your offerings which support Rachel Circle, Sarah Circle, and Women, Wine and Word, where daughters and mothers gather for fellowship, service, and faith formation.



8 a.m. "Bring Me All Your Dreams" –Christopher H. Harris Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Bring me all your dreams, you dreamers.

Bring me all your heart melodies that I may wrap them in a blue cloud-cloth away from the too-rough fingers of the world.

-Langston Hughes

10:30 a.m.

"Credo" –Franz Joseph Haydn

Chancel Choir

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem coeli et terrae, I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

Visibilium omnium, et invisibilium. Et ex Patre natum ante omni saecula.

And of all things visible and invisible. Born of the Father, before all ages.

Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.

Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri:

Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father

per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines,

by whom all things were made. Who for us

et propter nostrum salute descendit de coelis.

and for our salvation came down from heaven.

The assembly stands.

Offering Response • ELW 182: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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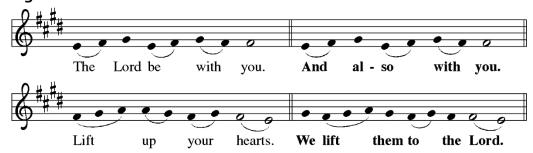
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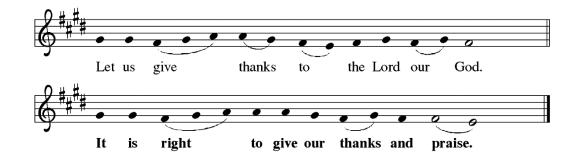
Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

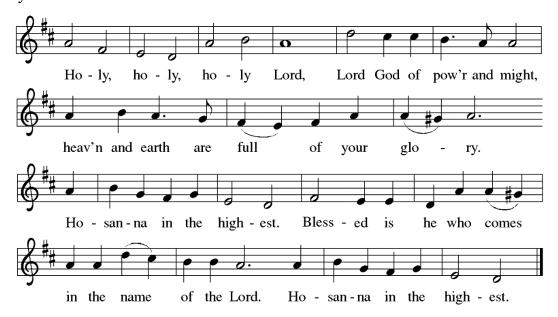
Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving





It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, holy and immortal:

you we praise and glorify.

You formed the earth from chaos.

You molded us in your image.

With mercy higher than the mountains,

with grace deeper than the seas,

you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy God, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food, until we feast forever with the saints in light, bound to you by the love of Jesus, through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

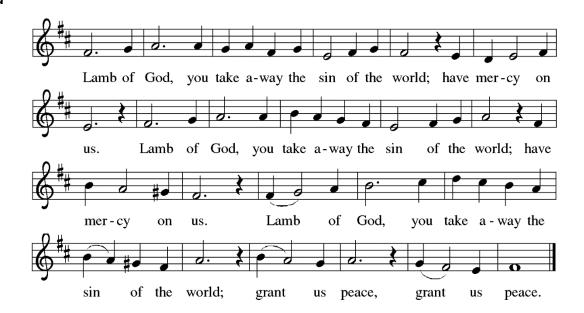
We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. All adults, and children of any age with parental permission, are welcome to commune—both those present in person and on livestream.

- The ushers will invite you into the center aisle to receive gluten-free bread from the server.
- Receive wine (darker color) or grape juice (lighter color) from the server, place the empty cup in the basket or empty tray, and return to your seat.
- If you desire a blessing rather than communion, please approach the servers with your arms crossed.
- If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher so that communion may be brought to you in the pew.
- When you return to your pew you are invited to kneel or sit as you continue to pray and reflect.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God



Communion Anthems

8 a.m. "The Lord is My Shepherd" –Howard Goodall Augustana Vocal Ensemble

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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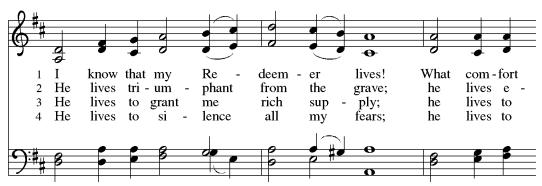
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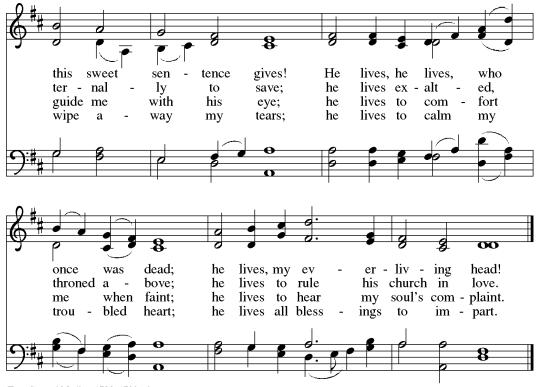
Bring me all your heart melodies that I may wrap them in a blue cloud-cloth away from the too-rough fingers of the world.

-Langston Hughes

Communion Hymn • 10:30 a.m. ELW 619: I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

DUKE STREET





Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Blessing after Communion

The assembly stands.

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, and embody your risen life in a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING *

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,

♣ light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

10:30 a.m. Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.



Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Dismissal

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude • "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" -Robert J. Powell

Flowers for worship today are given in memory of our mother, Dorothy Toscano, on Mother's Day by her daughters, Karen Yeager and Debbie Dorn.

Welcome!

- How good to have you here! Thanks for signing the worship registration slip and placing it in the offering plate.
- Large-print copies of the service bulletin are available from Augustana's ushers.
- Hearing assistance headphones are available for worship in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for an easy-to-use device for enhanced listening during 10:30 a.m. worship.
- You are welcome to have your water bottles with you during worship.
- Activity bags for children are available just outside of Christ Chapel. On the south side of the Sanctuary, children are welcome to borrow items from the Worship & Wiggle shelf. Please return the items after worship. Childcare is available in the nursery, 9 a.m.-noon, for newborns through children age 5, and the Cozy Corner is available to parents at the west sanctuary entrance. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom and in the family bathroom on this floor.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the Giving page at Augustana's website (augustanadenver.org). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- From Christ Chapel, restrooms and water stations are located at the north end of the hallway leading from Christ Chapel.
 Restrooms and water stations are also located downstairs beneath the west sanctuary entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.
- An elevator is available at the Fairfax Street entrance.
- Accessible seating for people with assistive health and mobility devices is available on the south side of the sanctuary.
- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.
- Please make sure your cell phones are silenced during worship.
- Parents, for the safety and well-being of all our children, we ask that you attend your children at all times.
- If you would like to leave your bulletin for recycling, please place it at the end of the pew.

Worship Ministries

Acolyte:

10:30 a.m. Hattie Warren

Altar Guild:

May Sonja Engebretson

Bus Driver:

Tim Dickinson

Cantor:

Bella Mallow

Choristers Accompanist:

Sharon Schillereff

Communion Bread:

May Carol Troike

Communion:

8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt 10:30 a.m. Heidi Johnson

Brian Cox

Communion Linens:

May Ellen Kastens

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Iris Epperson

Greeters:

10:30 a.m. Angie & Mike Miller

Livestream Assistants:

Paul & Kari Blanchard

Offering:

8 a.m. Jim Dierker

Nancy Nyhus

10:30 a.m. Casey King

Heather Nelson

Prayers:

Julie Shellhorn

Readers:

8 a.m. Robin Hoffman

10:30 a.m. Lydia King

Ushers:

8 a.m. A.J. Levy

Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Wil Crook

Bill Crossen James Kastens Craig Tamminga Miles Tamminga

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Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

Worship

- Worship in person at 8 a.m. in Christ Chapel or at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Join Augustana on our Facebook page or YouTube channel for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website (augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

Staff

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