

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 27, 2022 | 10:30 a.m.



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Welcome to worship! Sundays in Lent are considered a "little Easter," a time focused on resurrection, new life, and the gospel—the good news of Jesus Christ. On these Sundays and throughout the non-Sunday 40 days of Lent, we celebrate God's steadfast love and mercy while we pray: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us (Psalm 51).

The oldest Christian traditions reflect a time of preparation for adult baptism in the weeks leading up to Easter. In medieval times, adult baptism waned, and Lent became a time of penitence to reflect on Christ's suffering and death and on human sinfulness. In recent times, the church holds both traditions while lifting the baptismal emphasis that resonates with Martin Luther's concept of ongoing baptismal renewal—of daily dying and rising with Christ.

You're invited on Wednesdays as Lent continues with Soup Suppers (5:45–6:30 p.m.) and Holden Evening Prayer (6:30–7 p.m.) through April 6.

Face masks are now optional for worship and other activities in the church building, including congregational singing in worship.

Thank you for your patience and your care for others in our community.

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

WiFi use: All the bandwidth possible is needed to livestream the 10:30 worship service. Please turn your cell phone off, turn off the WiFi, or put it in airplane mode while the service is going on. Thank you!

Prelude • "Adagio" from *Sonata in e minor* –Benedetto Marcello Kent Mueller, cello

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♣ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our hope. **Amen.**

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, God drenches us in mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

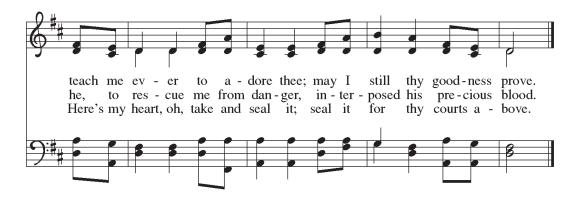
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Showered by God's Spirit, our lives are daily renewed with forgiveness, grace, and love, through ♣ Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn • ELW 807: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.





Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

Greeling

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.**

Lent Response • ACS 1078: There Is a Longing in Our Hearts



Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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.

First Reading • Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from Joshua.

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

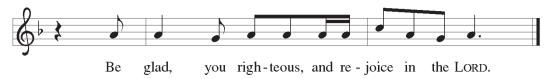
¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 32

The refrain will be sung first by the cantor, then by the assembly, and again by the assembly after the verses as indicated.

Refrain:



Psalm 32:11

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¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven, and whose sin is | put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt, and in whose spirit there | is no guile! *Refrain*

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away, because of my groaning | all day long.

⁴For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them. *Refrain*

⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble; you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

⁸"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go; I will guide you | with my eye.

⁹Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you."

¹⁰Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;

but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;

shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. Refrain

Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from Second Corinthians.

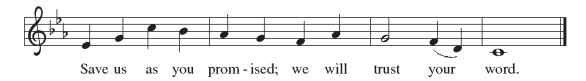
¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands.





Gospel • Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself

with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem • "Lamb of God" –Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson Cantabile

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod. And to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.

Children's Sermon

Sermon • Pastor Ann Hultquist

Hymn of the Day • ELW 608: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

The assembly is seated.

Holy Baptism

Rejoice with Caden George Uyemura, son of Justin and Sarah Uyemura, in his baptism.

Welcome him into Christ's family today! Caden's sponsor is Jordan Fender.

Presentation

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Promises are made by the parents, the sponsors, and the assembly.

Profession of Faith

The assembly stands.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

We renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

The candidate is baptized.

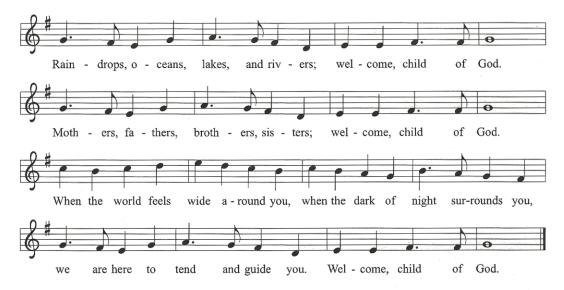
Let us pray.

We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Please stand as we sing a word of welcome to the newly baptized.



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Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Peace

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

You may share a sign of peace with the peace sign or a wave or a hand over your heart.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains, headquartered in Denver, will resettle hundreds of Afghan refugees this year. Our offering helps to provide them with practical assistance and hope as they begin a new life in the U.S.

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" –folk hymn, arr. Mack Wilberg Chancel Choir and Kirsten Daniel, flute

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name: in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay: one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessing over flows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work he praise; there would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

-Psalm 23 paraphrase by Isaac Watts

The assembly stands.

Offering Response • ELW 320: The Glory of These Forty Days



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt. Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543
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Offering Prayer

Extravagant God, you tend us with the fullness of creation. As we gather at your table, satisfy our hunger with the source of life. Take and use what we offer here and come among us, by the grace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

O God most loving, O God most merciful, O God our light and our hope, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ,
who redeemed us and embodied your will.
He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.
He took on our fragile nature,
and walked the earth in hope and healing.
Suffering on the cross, he opened his arms to all people,
destroying death and giving life, renewing us in grace and mercy.

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.

Lord's Prayer

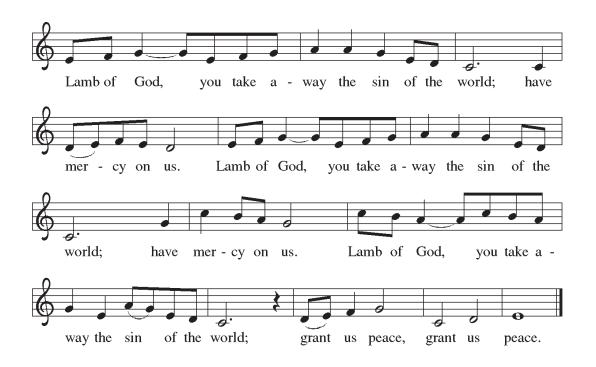
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

Holy Communion

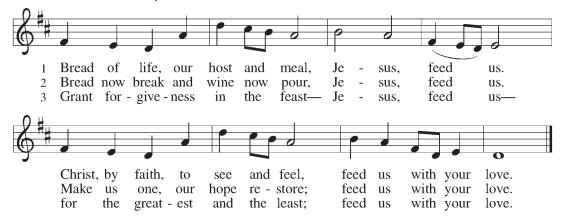
The assembly is seated.

We are connected by the Holy Spirit to God and to each other across time and place through our baptisms. In this same Spirit, we share bread and wine with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home. We invite you to share this bread of life and cup of blessing as we all are one in Christ. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of God.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you.



ELW 464: Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

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"Sarabanda" -Jean Marie Leclair Kent Mueller, cello

The assembly stands.

Blessing after Communion

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

Prayer after Communion

Blessed Jesus, in this meal of grace unbounded, you have fed us with the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor ₹ and give you peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn • ACS 1086: O God, Who Gives Us Life

Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.



Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: NOEL, English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Largo in F Major" –Arcangelo Corelli Kent Mueller, cello



God's work. Our hands.

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.
- Children are welcome in worship! Children's bulletins and crayons are available on Augustana's entrance tables. Just outside of Christ Chapel and on either side of the sanctuary there are activity bags for children. Please return the bags when worship is finished. Childcare is available in the nursery for newborns through children age 5, and the new Cozy Corner is available to parents at the west sanctuary entrance.
- For a copy of this morning's sermon, inquire in Augustana's office.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the Giving page at Augustana's website, www.augustanadenver.org. You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Faith Formation for all children and youth is available Sundays, 9-10 a.m., in the education building. Adult Forum is offered 9:15-10:15 a.m.
- Welcome to coffee and cookies, 9-10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall.
- Restrooms are located downstairs beneath the west 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.
- 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.
- The Ammerman Library is open and staffed every Sunday.
- 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.

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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 (www. augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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