

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 • "Allegro moderato" from *Concerto in c minor* –Alessandro Marcello Kevin Padworski, soprano saxophone

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \blacksquare 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 339: Christ, the Life of All the Living

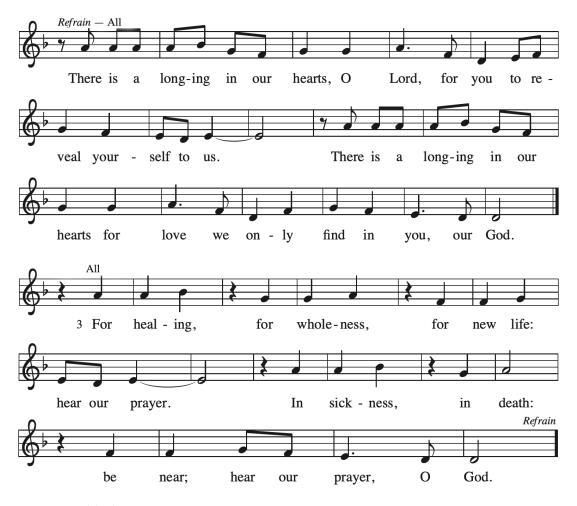
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Greeting

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



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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 • Isaiah 43:16–21

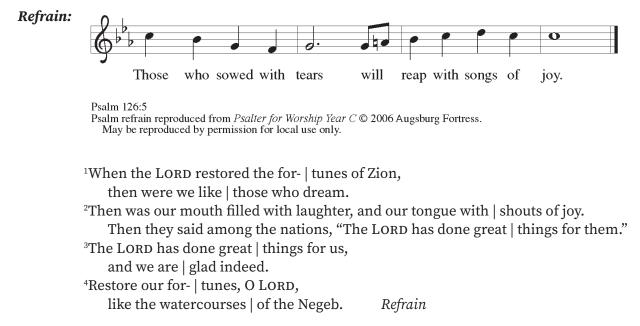
A reading from Isaiah. ¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, guenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 126

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



⁵Those who | sowed with tears will reap with | songs of joy.
⁶Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed, will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. *Refrain*

Second Reading • Philippians 3:4b-14

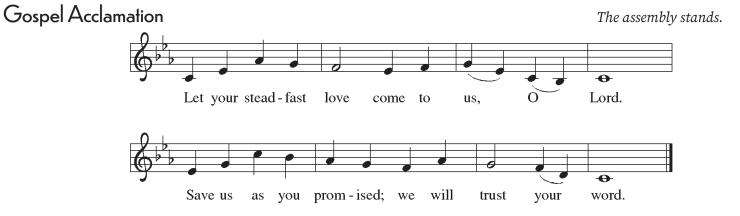
A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Gospel • John 12:1-8

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

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

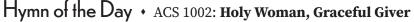
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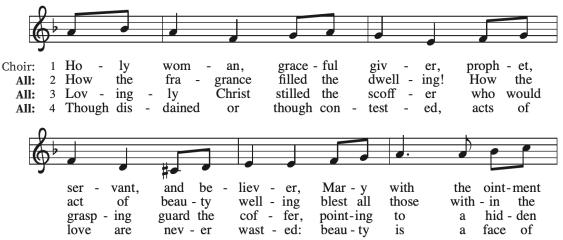
Anthem • "For Things That I Do Wrong, O Lord" –Michael Bedford Cherubs
For things that I do wrong, O Lord, for things I fail to do, Forgive me, Lord, as I forgive others. I put my trust in you. You are with me in my times of need. You guide me through each day. When I cannot see what is best of me, You are there to show the way. For things that I do wrong, O Lord, for things I fail to do, Forgive me, Lord, as I forgive others. I put my trust in you.

Children's Sermon

Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

The assembly stands.





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- Holy Bapiism Rejoice with Logan Lynn Faires, son of Andrew and Kayla Faires, in his baptism. Welcome him into Christ's family today! Sponsors are Alexis and Joe Artery.
 - **Presentation** God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

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

Profession of Faith

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.

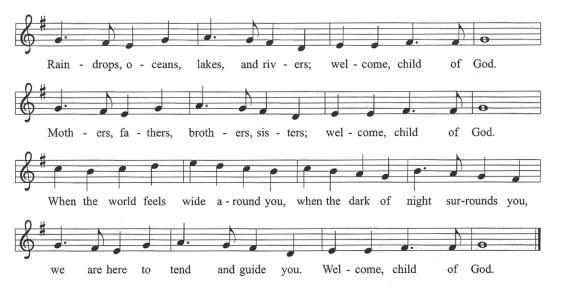
The candidate is baptized.

Let us pray.

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

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

The assembly welcomes 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

240 missionaries from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America serve in 40 countries around the world. Our offering helps to support this outreach and partnership.

"Lord God, Have Mercy" -Franz Schubert **Chancel Choir** Lord God, have mercy, through your never ending love; blot out my sins, O Lord; all my wrong forgive. Cast me not away, O Lord; take not your holy Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Restore the joy of thy salvation. O hide not your face, O God.

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.

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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.

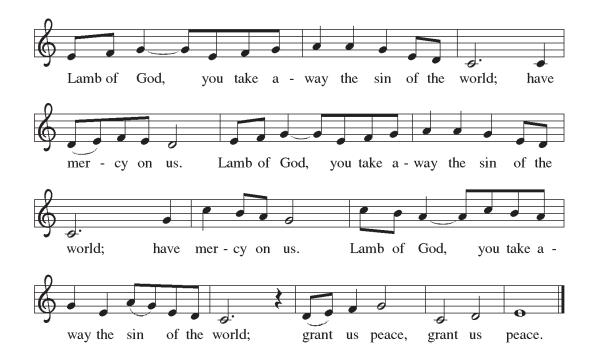
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

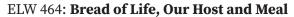
Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.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

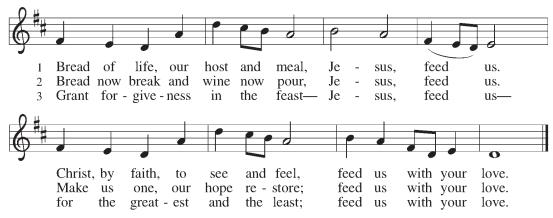
Holy Communion

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.







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"Adagio" from *Concerto in c minor* –Alessandro Marcello Kevin Padworski, soprano saxophone

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

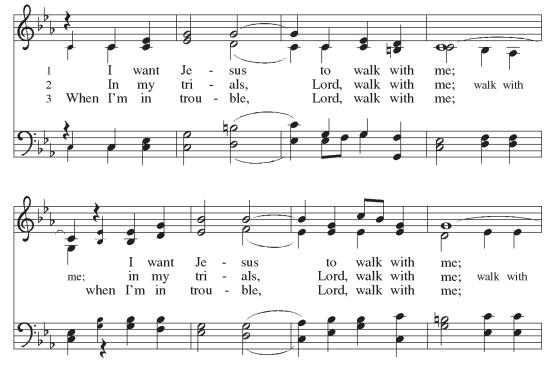
Blessed Jesus, in this meal of grace unbounded, you have fed us with the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

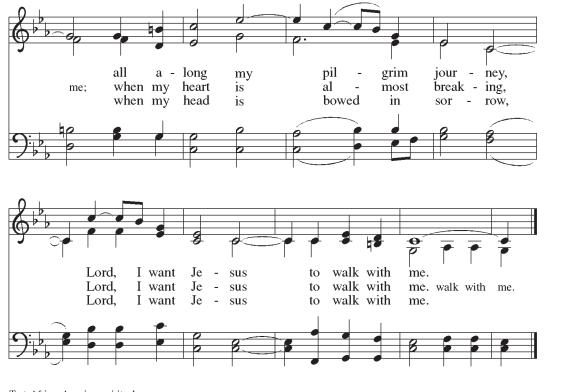
Blessing

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 • ELW 321: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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





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Dismissal Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. Thanks be to God.

Postlude • Fugue in c minor, S. 546 – Johann S. Bach

Flowers for worship are given in memory of Wallace Munson by his niece, Karen Yeager.



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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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Tim Garrington						
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Communion:						
8 a.m. Venus Conklin						
10:30 a.m. Lance Wheeland						
Communion Linens:						
April Julie Shellhorn						
Greeters:						
8 a.m. Jim Gustad						
10:30 a.m. Nora Johnston						
Library: Linda Crow						
Livestream Assistants:						
Paul Blanchard						
Bill Crossen						
Prayers: Don Troike						
Readers:						
8 a.m. Kathy Edstrom						
10:30 a.m. Angie Ourada						
Ushers:						
8 a.m. Jim Gustad						
10:30 a.m. Roger Loots						
Annie Nessa						
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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.

Staff

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