



Third Sunday of Easter Caring for Creation Sunday April 23, 2023 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

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Worship | Grow | Go

Welcome to worship on Caring for Creation Sunday! In the Easter promise of resurrection, we are reassured that God is a God of new life when situations seem dire and even dead. Augustana celebrates our creation and engages more deeply as a congregation by composting across our campus, beginning today! New life will rise from the food-nurturing compost that once was waste. During worship, songs and prayer lift our celebration and care for God's creation. In the Bible readings, we'll hear the command to let the land rest, the whimsy that God created Leviathan to sport in the sea, and that the leaves of the tree of life are for the healing of the nations.

Pastor Kent Mueller, Augustana member and retired pastor, along with Augustana member and former Bishop Allan Bjornberg of the Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA, are leading worship today in Pastor Caitlin Trussell's absence. We're grateful for their leadership during this celebratory Easter season!

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

"March" and "Aria" from *Baroque Suite* —Gordon Young

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, by whose power we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are named children of God. We give thanks and celebrate the gift of baptism.

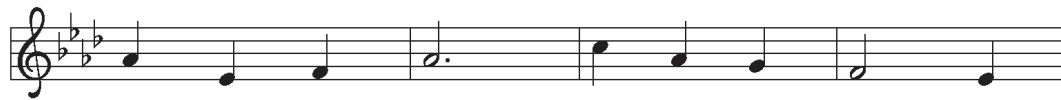
Good and gracious God, **wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Encourage our hope by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our call to love you, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. God's mercy and love has freed us from death, and raised us with ☩ Jesus Christ.**

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew each day by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

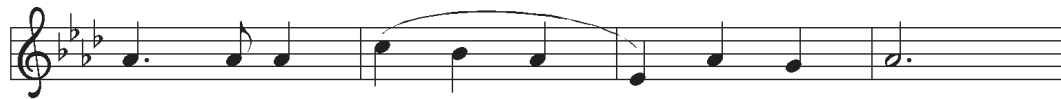
Gathering Hymn • ELW 731: **Earth and All Stars!**

EARTH AND ALL STARS

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.*



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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Refrain

God	has	done	mar	-	vel - ous	things.
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I	too	sing	prais - es	with	a	new	song!
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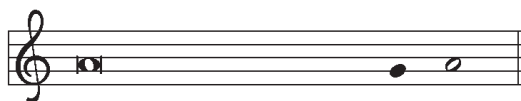
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Greeting

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.**

Kyrie



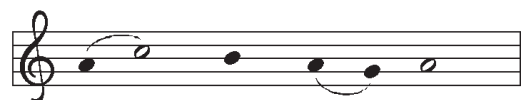
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



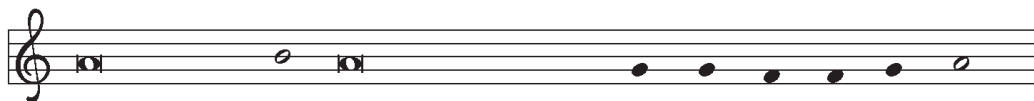
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

God of the Cosmos, your Son and Spirit were present in the beginning. Your creative touch includes the Earth and the farthest reaches of the universe. Give us humility to understand our place in Creation, assurance that you love us even when we feel insignificant, and refocus our efforts to better partner with your restoring and resurrecting ways, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Mission Moment • Paul Frank

First Reading • Leviticus 25:3-5

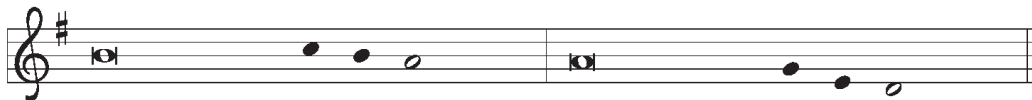
A reading from Leviticus.

³Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; ⁴but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the LORD: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. ⁵You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm ♦ Psalm 104:1-4, 14-20, 24-26

Antiphon: *(sung by choir)* Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.



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¹Bless the LORD, O my soul; O LORD my God, you are | very great!
You are clothed with majes- | ty and splendor.

²You wrap yourself with light as | with a cloak
and stretch out the heavens | like a tent.

**³You lay the beams of your chambers in the wa- | ters above;
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings | of the wind.**

**⁴You make the | winds your messengers
and flames of | fire your servants.** *Antiphon*

¹⁴You make grass grow for the cattle, and plants to serve | humankind;
that they may bring forth food | from the earth,

¹⁵wine to gladden human hearts, oil to | make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the | human heart.

¹⁶The trees of the LORD are | well supplied,
the cedars of Lebanon | that you planted,

¹⁷in which the birds | build their nests,
while the stork makes the fir | trees its dwelling.

¹⁸The high hills belong to the | mountain goats,
and the stony cliffs are a refuge | for the badgers.

¹⁹You made the moon to | mark the seasons,
and the sun knows the time | of its setting.

²⁰You bring on darkness that it | may be night,
in which all the beasts of the | forest prowl. *Antiphon*

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan that you formed to | sport in it. *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ Revelation 22:1-2

A reading from Revelation.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel ♦ Luke 24:13-35

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

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these

days?”¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

The assembly is seated.

Children’s Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m. Deacon Shanna VanderWel

Sermon ♦ Bishop Emeritus Allan Bjornberg

Hymn of the Day • ELW 739: **Touch the Earth Lightly**

The assembly stands.

TENDERNESS

All: 1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 Choir: 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 All: 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 All: 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,
 nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,
 gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,
 trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

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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.**

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Lutheran Outdoor ministries, like Rainbow Trail Camp, are gearing up for the summer season. Because of your giving, children, youth, and families experience God's love in the beauty of creation.



“Day of Arising” –David M. Cherwien

8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble and Emily Murdock, flute

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir and Kirsten Daniel, flute

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

–Susan Palo Cherwien

Offering Response ♦ ELW 182: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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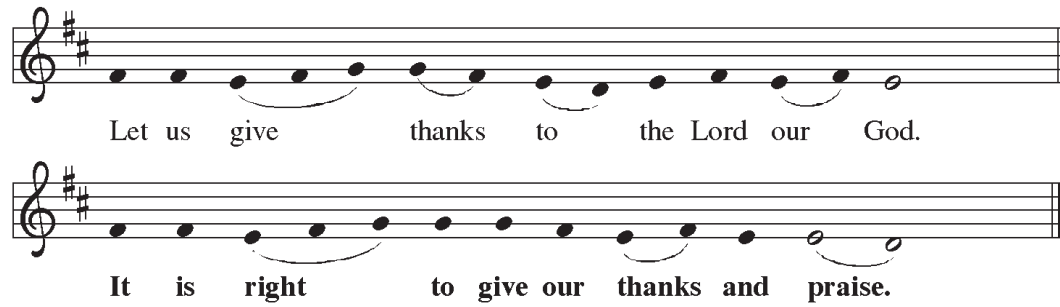
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Offertory Prayer

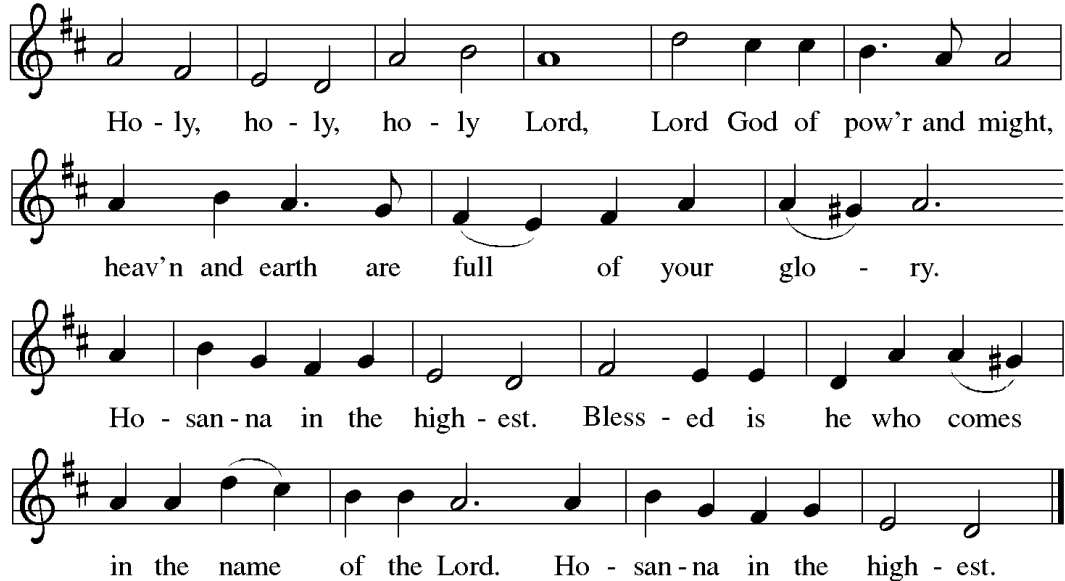
Generous God, **accept our gifts offered in faith, hope, and love, as we give you thanks for your gifts from the earth. In this meal you offer your very self. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, endless is your mercy and eternal your love.
You have filled creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise given through Abraham,
the rescue from Egypt through Moses,
the words spoken through the prophets;
and the gift given through Jesus Christ,
who expanded your promise to all people,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed,
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit to us, and to this bread and wine.
Join our prayers with those of your people of every time and place,
and unite them with the ceaseless prayers of Jesus Christ.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

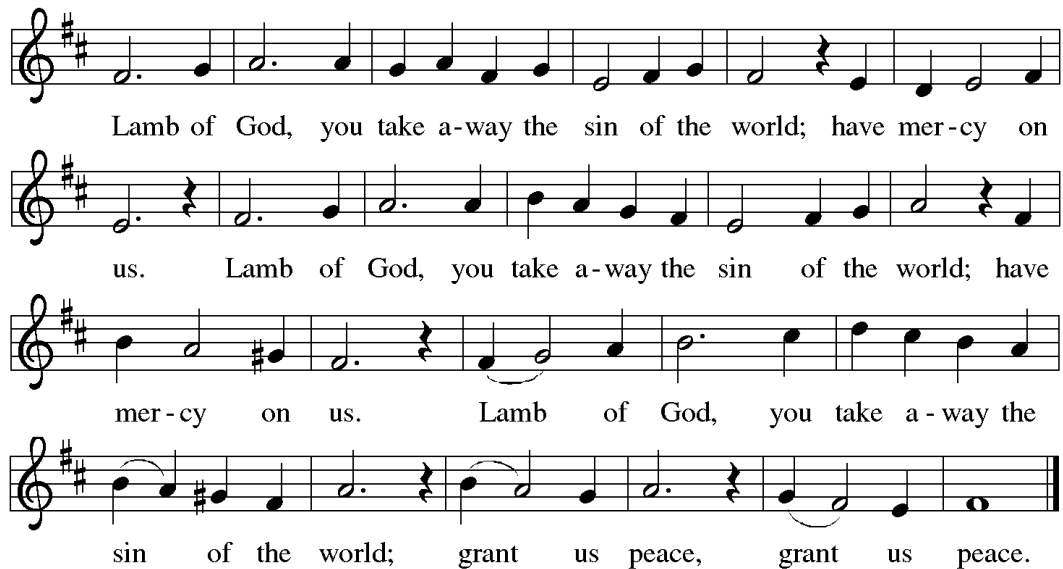
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

The assembly is seated.

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning. We share this meal with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in this sacrament. All the bread used is gluten-free, and both wine and grape juice are available in the tray of glasses. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms when you come forward. (If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home.)

If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of God.



“With Prayer and Supplication” –Amy Beach
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

With prayer and supplication, let your requests be known unto God.
And the peace of God which passeth all understanding
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

“Peace I Leave With You” –Amy Beach

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.
Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.

Blessing after Communion

The assembly stands.

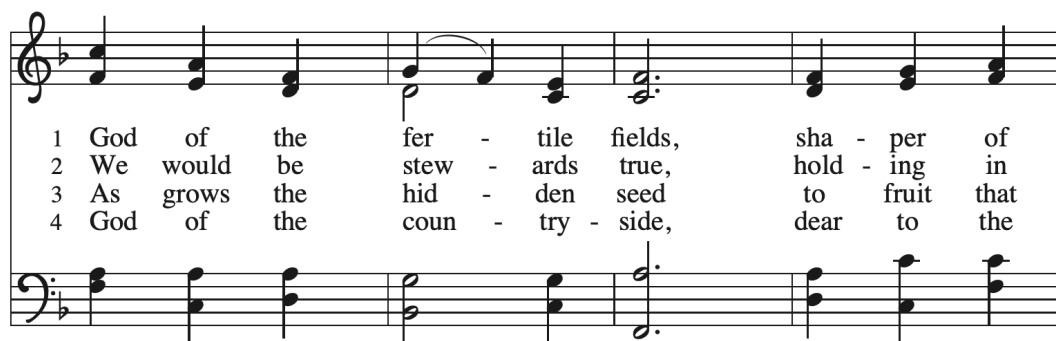
May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in God’s grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

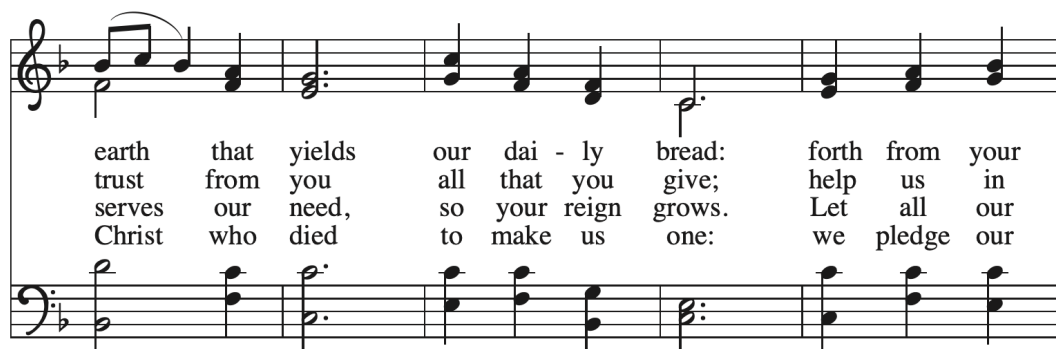
Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your
word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love and serve our neighbors in Jesus’
name. **Amen.**

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.**



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - busied,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Recessional on ITALIAN HYMN” –Albert L. Travis

You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.

Flowers for worship are given by Duane and Jean Gall in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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, 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.
- Faith Formation for all children and youth is available Sundays, 9:30–10:15 a.m., in the education building. Adult Forum is offered 9:15–10:15 a.m.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the [Giving page at Augustana's website, augustanadenver.org](https://www.augustanadenver.org/giving). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- 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.

Worship Ministries

Acolyte:
10:30 a.m. Sonja Massie

Altar Guild:
April Paul Whitehurst

Bus Driver:
Henok Yohannes

Cantor: Blake Nawa`a

Communion Bread:
April Pam Uyemura

Communion:
8 a.m. Tim & Laura Libby
10:30 a.m. Jayme Howard
Ann Sethre

Communion Linens:
April Julie Shellhorn

Crucifer:
10:30 a.m. Maya Stone

Greeters:
10:30 a.m. Mitch & Kari Kusek

Library:
Linda Crow

Livestream Assistant:
Nancy Nyhus

Prayers:
Roger Lipker

Readers:
8 a.m. Robin Hoffman
10:30 a.m. Beth Black

Ushers:
8 a.m. Rob Trussell
10:30 a.m. Errol Buhr
Karen Bourg
Katy Lunsford
Austin Ezpeleta
Herman Ezpeleta
Kristin Hempelman
Greg Hempelman
Allan Schneider

Welcome Connection:
Brad Uyemura

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](https://www.augustanadenver.org)) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

Staff

Pastor: Caitlin Trussell

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Shanna VanderWel

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