

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

Augustana
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Welcome to worship during this Easter season! What could this rising from the dead mean? Beginning with Easter Sunday, 50 days of the church year are spent asking it in earnest as we contemplate the resurrection—Jesus rising from the dead. During the Easter season, we wonder about what rising from the dead means in our lives today. If God is a resurrecting God, then what might new life look like for you? If you're in a tough time, disorientation may rule the day but the Easter promise is that it doesn't rule forever. Given whatever is going on in your life, come and worship as we continue to ask, "What could this rising from the dead mean?"

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

Reflection on "Christ is Arisen" –Craig Mather

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 368: With High Delight Let Us Unite

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



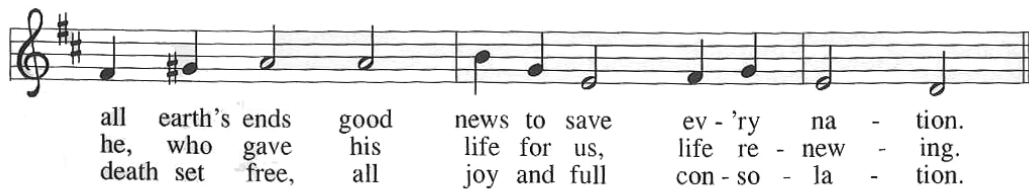
songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van-quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



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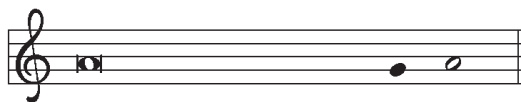
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Greeting

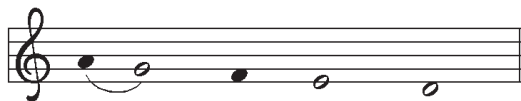
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.



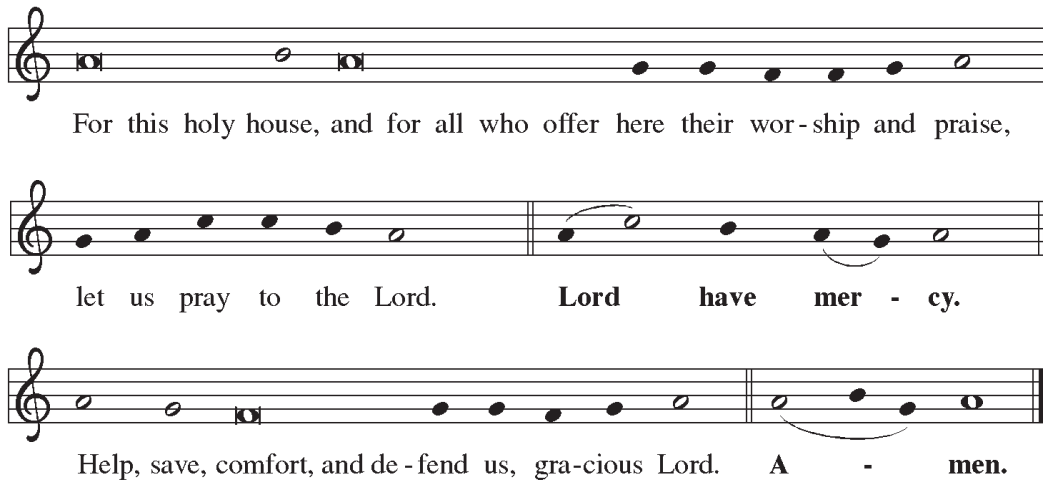
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

First Reading ♦ Acts 7:55–60

A reading from Acts.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.



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¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.

²Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de- | liver me.

³**Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.**

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
for you are my tow- | er of strength.** *Antiphon*

⁵Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.**

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.”** *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from First Peter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

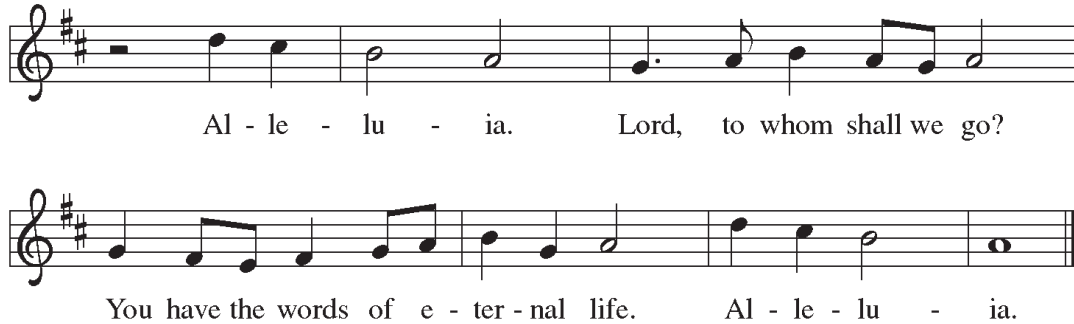
⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel ♦ John 14:1-14

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ “Trust in God” –Terry Taylor Cherub Choir

God said to Jonah, “Go preach in Ninevah.” Jonah said, “No way!”
God sent a fish to swallow him up, and Jonah learned to obey.

Paul and Silas were thrown into jail, and they prayed and sang God’s praise.
Soon an earthquake opened the doors, and the jailer came to faith.

So when you’re in a tight spot, a place you wish you were not,
be still and pray, listen and obey, and trust in God to show you the way.

Daniel prayed and worshipped the Lord, and broke the king’s new law.
Into the den of lions he went, but an angel shut their jaws.

Brave Queen Esther saved all her people from mean Haman’s plan.
She was called for such a time to face that evil man.

So when you’re in a tight spot, a place you wish you were not,
be still and pray, listen and obey, and trust in God to show you the way.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day • ELW 504: A Mighty Fortress

The assembly stands.

EIN FESTE BURG



All: 1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
Choir: 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
All: 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
All: 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,





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The assembly is seated.

Holy Baptism

Rejoice with **Brynn Elyse Stadolnik**, daughter of **Matthew Stadolnik and Abby Farrand**, in her baptism. Welcome her into Christ's family today! Brynn's sponsors are Noel Farrand and Peggy McBride.

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.

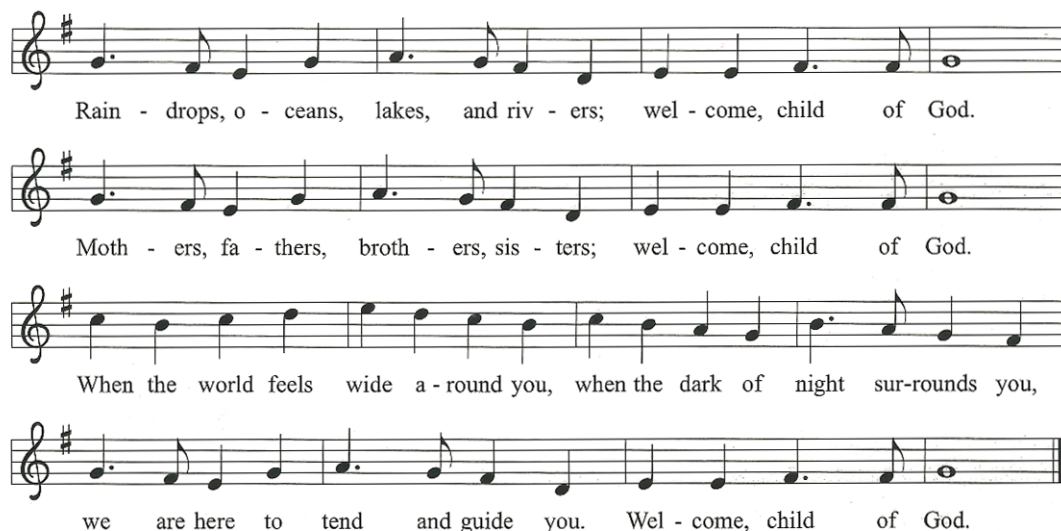
We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

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:

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.

This week, representatives from the congregations of the Rocky Mountain Synod will meet for Assembly in El Paso. Our offering helps to support the technology, staff, and organization needed for this type of faithful gathering.



“My Hope is Built” –Tom Treeney
Chancel Choir

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

–Edward Mote

The assembly stands.

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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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 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

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 worshipping 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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Song of Triumph” and “Song of Joy” – Kevin McChesney
Chancel Handbells

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.**

Sending Hymn ♦ ELW 377: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

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



All: 1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
Low voices: 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
All: 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
High voices: 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
All: 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



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Dismissal

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

Postlude

“Easter Day” –Clement Loret

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



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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.
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- 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.
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10:30 a.m. Paul Whitehurst

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May Ellen Kastens

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10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

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10:30 a.m. Nancy Cowee

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Nick Massie

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8 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Michael Zumwalt

Ushers:
8 a.m. Jim Gustad
10:30 a.m. Annie Nessa
Inez Smith
Brad Uyemura
Kathi Schmidt

Welcome Connection:
Ellen Kastens

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.

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