



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Care of Creation Sunday

April 21, 2024 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

Augustana
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship on Caring for Creation Sunday! As many observe and celebrate Earth Day tomorrow, we also take the opportunity to reflect on the wonders of God's creation. During this Easter season, we are blessed with the resurrection of nature—budding trees, blooming flowers, drab grass turns green, and the days grow longer. We can see new life in nature and revel in the Easter promise of Resurrection.

We also explore and contemplate what it means to be good stewards of the world and how to live responsibly into the gifts of which God has blessed us.

10:30 a.m. worship is livestreamed weekly especially to include our home-centered members who cannot join us in person. Given recent advances in artificial intelligence (A.I.) on the Internet, children's faces are protected from being livestreamed as is everyone going forward for Holy 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 ♦ "Peal" –Karen Thompson

8 a.m. Andrew Peters, piano ♦ 10:30 a.m. Augustana Ringers

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 hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

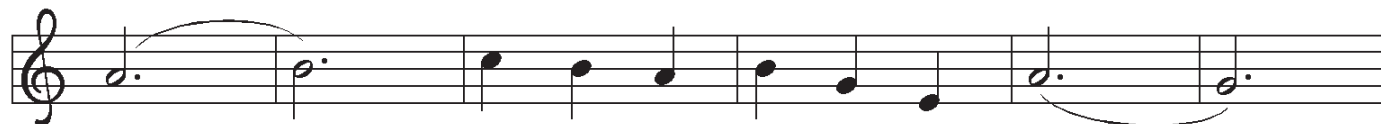
10:30 a.m. *For the Gathering Hymn, please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.*

Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 740: God of Sparrow

ROEDER



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars
 blast
 grave
 gal
 How does the crea - ture say Awe
 How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 How does the crea - ture say Grace
 How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor
 God of the foe
 God of the pruning hook
 How does the creature say Love
 How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
 God near at hand
 God of the loving heart
 How do your children say Joy
 How do your children say Home

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: ROEDER, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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.**

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



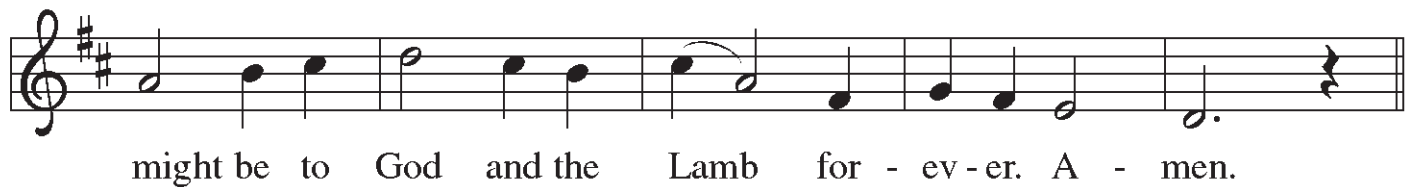
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



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



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.

First Reading ♦ Genesis 1:26–31

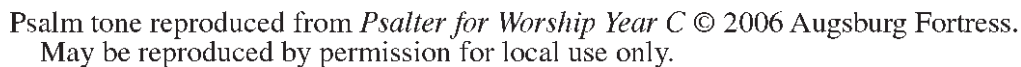
A reading from Genesis.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

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

Antiphon: *(sung by choir)* The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven.



**⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,**

**⁶who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.** *Antiphon*

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
⁸fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;
⁹**mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;**
¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**
¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
¹²young | men and maidens,
old and | young together. *Antiphon*

¹³**Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth
and heaven.**

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise
for all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. |
Hallelujah!** *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ Colossians 3:12–17

A reading from Colossians.

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever

you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 ♦ Matthew 6:25–34

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

[Jesus taught his disciples, saying,] ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the

oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ 10:30 a.m. “Hashivenu” –Israeli folk song; arr. Doreen Rao
Cantabile

Hashivenu, Adonai elecha venashuva.

Cause us to return Lord, to You and we return.

Chadesh yameinu kekedem

Renew our days of old.

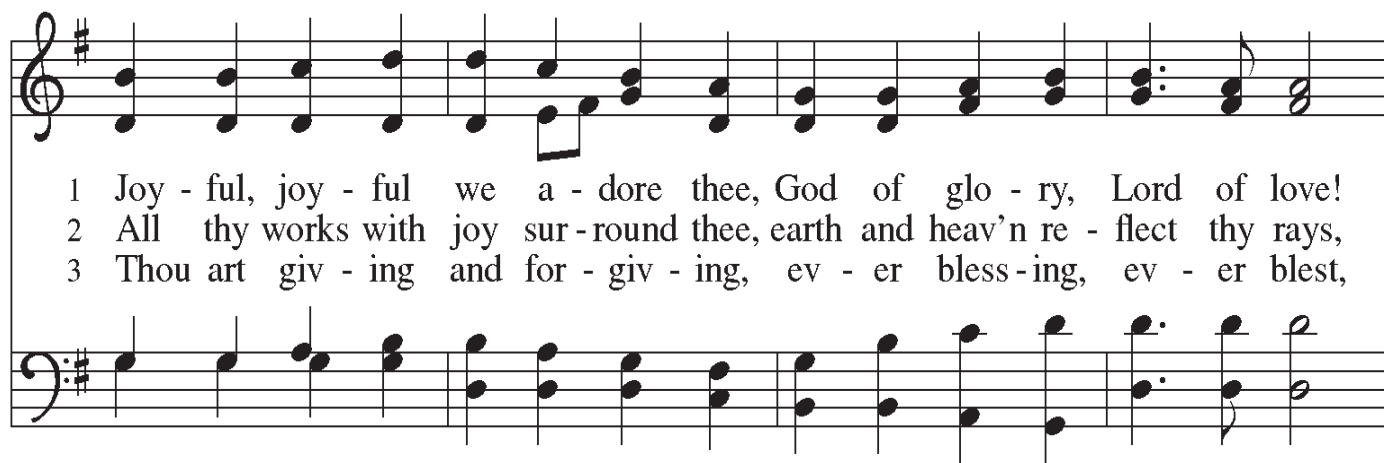
–Lamentations 5:21

Children’s Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m.

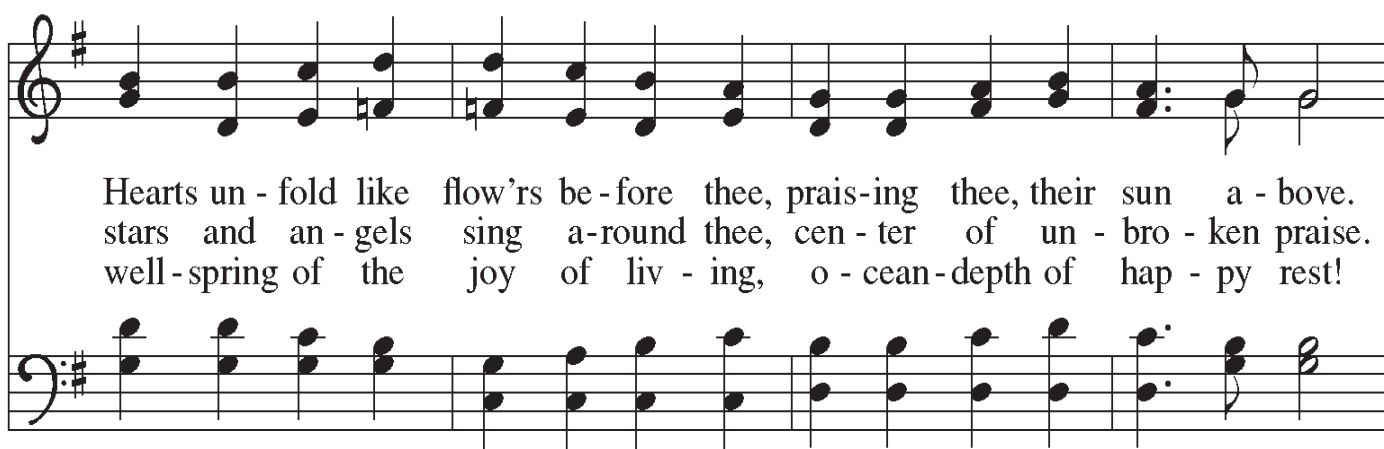
Sermon ♦ Pastor Gail Mundt

The assembly stands.

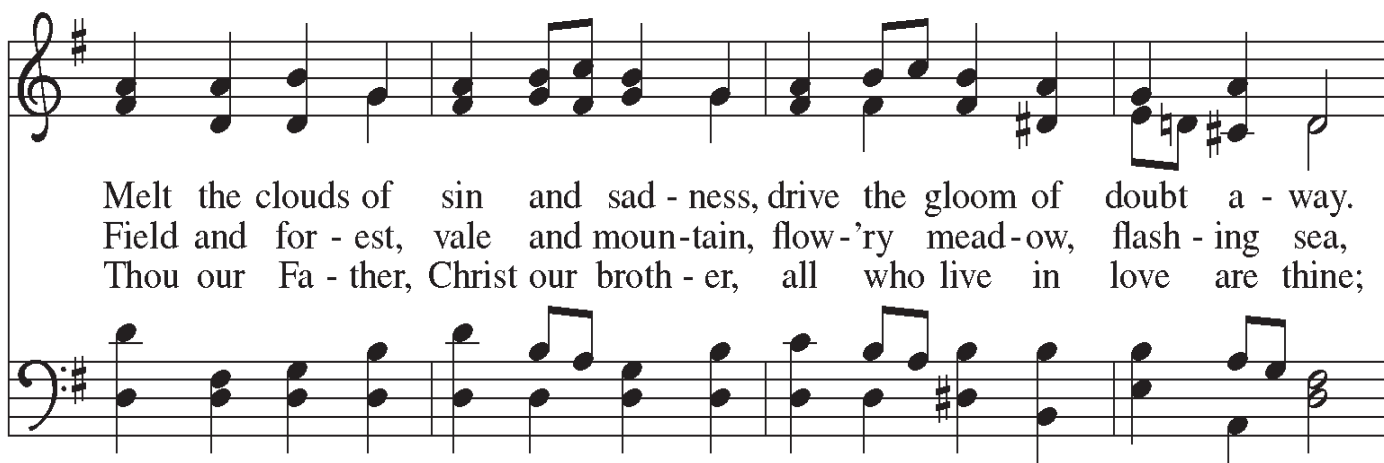
Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 836: **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** HYMN TO JOY



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Mission Moment

Peace

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

The assembly is seated.

Offering

*Your donation helps the Augustana community
to live as good stewards of the earth by
continuously seeking the most earth friendly
ways of managing the buildings and grounds.
One newer example is: purchasing earth friendly
paper plates, cups, and utensils that are placed in
the compostable bin to break down rather than
adding additional trash to the landfill.*



“Lord, Give Us Grace” –John Carter

8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Lord, give us grace to seek you when all around us fails.

Lord, give us grace to seek you when doubt and fear prevail.

Beneath your wings of mercy sweet joy and peace abound.

Lord, give us grace to seek you, to yearn for higher ground.

Lord, give us grace to love you, Lord,

give us grace to love you best of all.

Oh, Lord, give us grace to love you, to listen for your call.

In trouble and in trial, in darkness and despair,

Lord, give us grace to love you, to trust your tender care.

Lord, give us grace to know you, and better still,

better each day.

Lord, give us grace to know you, to trust you, come what may.

To claim the peace you promise, to live the life you won.

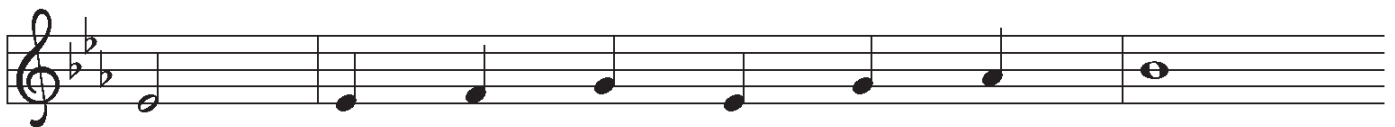
Lord, give us grace to know you, the risen, redeeming Son.

–Mary Kay Beall

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 367: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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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.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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;**

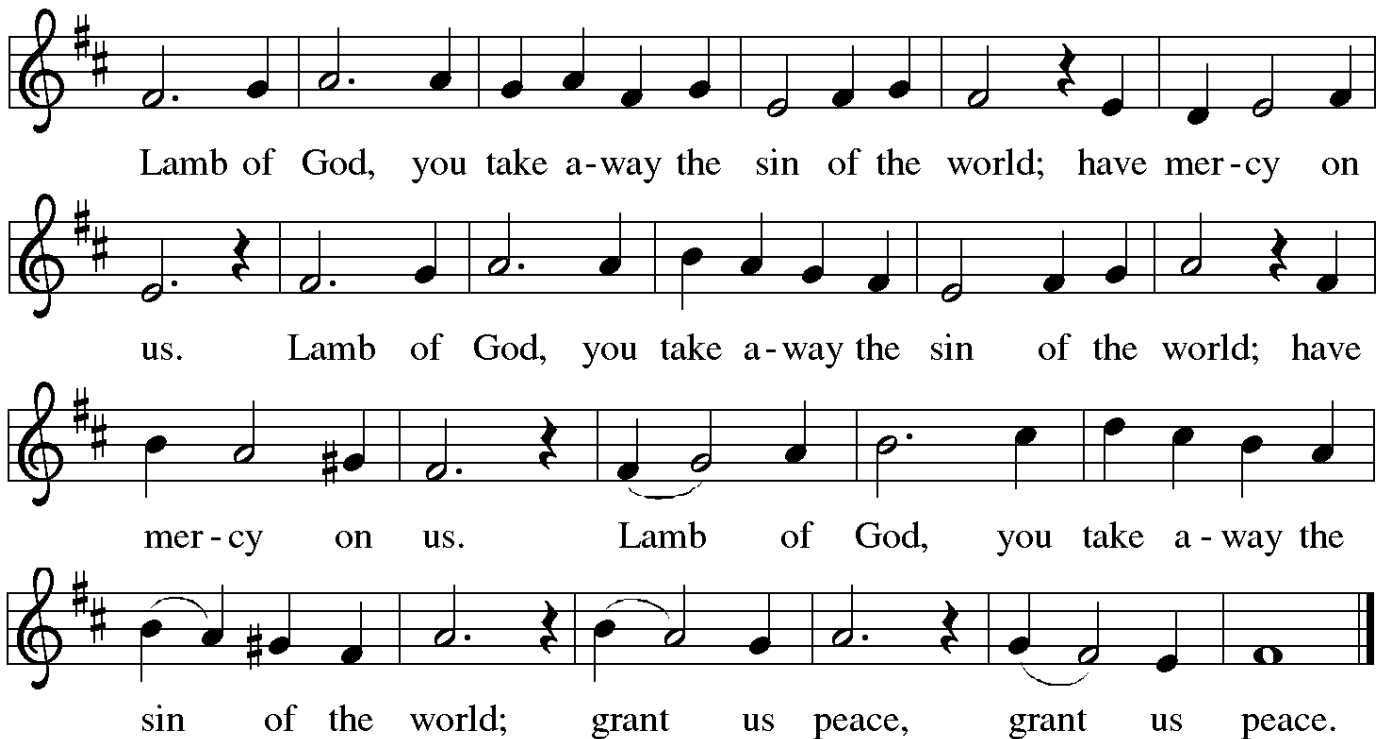
**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

8 a.m. “Communion Song” –Carmen Scialla
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Eat, for this is my body. Drink, for this is my blood.
Do this in remembrance of me.

For I am the living bread of life, the food of all who seek me.
This cup I give is of my blood, the blood of your salvation.

For I am the Lamb, the Son of God, who for your sins was slain.
My death will bring eternal life to those who seek my name.

For I am the way, the truth, and life,
the beginning and the end.

Partake of this, my sacrifice, and rise with me again.

For I am the one who conquered death,
and all your sins I bore.

Forever shall you be set free, and you shall die no more.

10:30 a.m. “Laudare” –Kathleen Wissinger
Chancel Handbells

“Ave Verum” –Karl Jenkins

Michelle Mendoza and Art Van Dyck, duet

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine,

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary,

Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.

*You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the
sake of us.*

Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit cum sanguine

From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood,

Esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine.

Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

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 and keep you.

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

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

10:30 a.m. *During the Sending Hymn, please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.*

Sending Hymn ♦ ELW 733: **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

FAITHFULNESS

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are provided below the vocal lines. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the fourth and fifth lines. The third system contains the sixth and seventh lines. The fourth system contains the eighth and ninth lines. The piano accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment using chords and single notes.

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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Dismissal Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude ♦ “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” –arr. Diane Bish

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

Flowers for worship today are given in memory of Alma Flory
by John Flory and son.



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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.
- 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.
- 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 and water stations 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.

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.

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8 a.m. Jim Dieker

10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg

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Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. John Flory

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8 a.m. Kara Epperson

10:30 a.m. Allison Terry

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8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims

10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown

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