

**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.

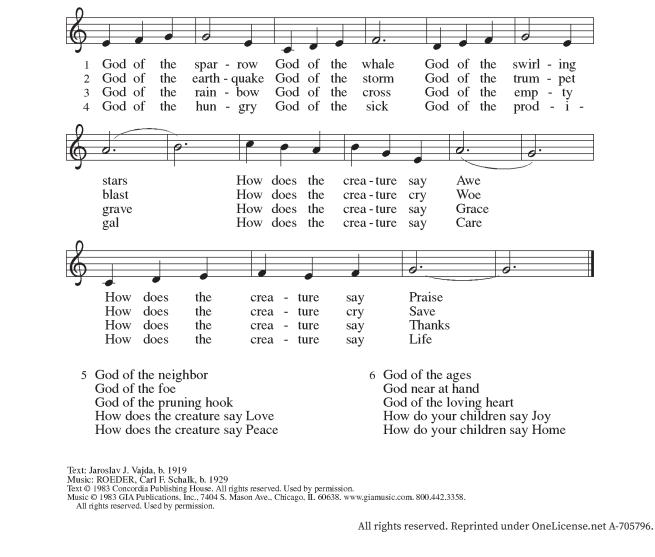
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the lifegiving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

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.** 

ROEDER

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

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



## 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.

<sup>26</sup>Then 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."

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

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to every thing that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm • Psalm 148

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



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens; praise God | in the heights.
<sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, | all you angels; sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.
<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, | sun and moon; sing praise, all you | shining stars.
<sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens, and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name   of the LORD,	
who commanded, and they   were created,	
who made them stand fast forev-   er and ever,	
giving them a law that shall not   pass away.	Antiph
<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD   from the earth,	
you sea monsters   and all deeps;	
<sup>s</sup> fire and hail,   snow and fog,	
tempestuous wind, do-   ing God's will;	
mountains   and all hills,	
fruit trees   and all cedars;	
<sup>10</sup> wild beasts   and all cattle,	
creeping things and   flying birds;	
<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth   and all peoples,	
princes and all rulers   of the world;	
<sup>12</sup> young   men and maidens,	
old and   young together. Antiphon	
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name   of the LORD,	

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup>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

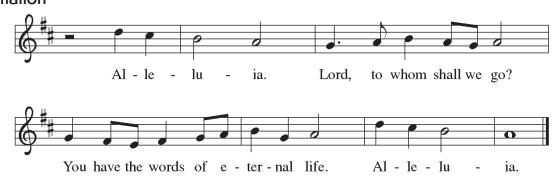
Second Reading + Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from Colossians.

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear 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. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let 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. <sup>17</sup>And 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

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#### Gospel • Matthew 6:25-34

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

[Jesus taught his disciples, saying,] <sup>25</sup>"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? <sup>26</sup>Look 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? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But 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? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup>"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.

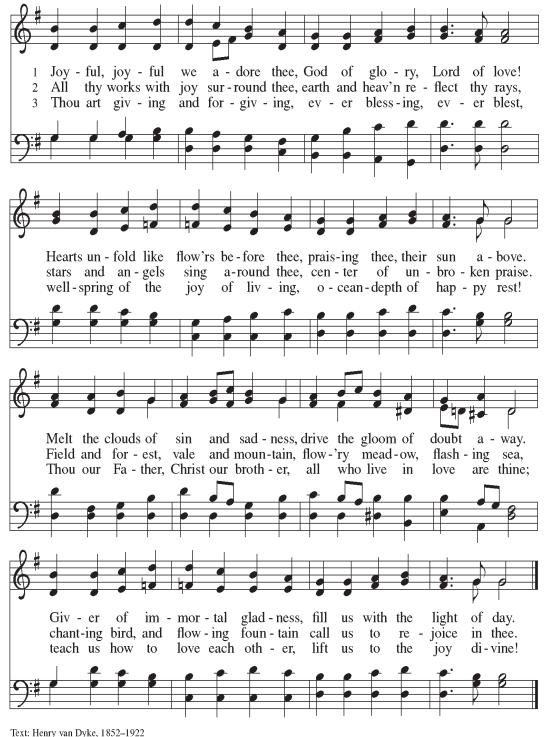
-Lamentations 5:21

Children's Sermon • 10:30 a.m.

Sermon • Pastor Gail Mundt

HYMN TO JOY

#### Hymn of the Day • ELW 836: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



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.



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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.

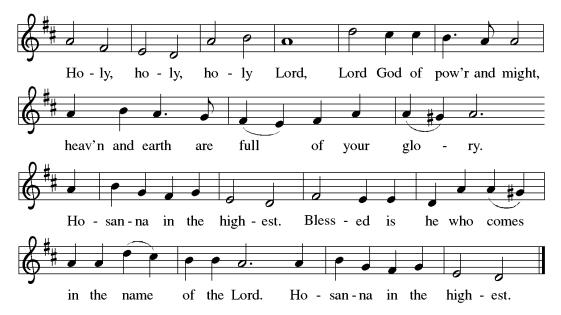
## Great Thanksgiving

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:



## Words of Insititution

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.

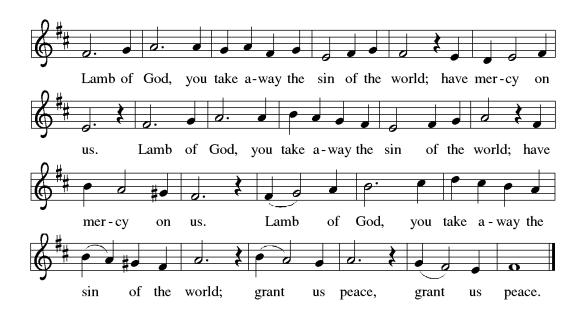
Lord's Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.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



#### 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.

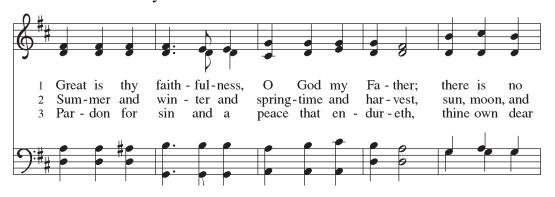
For I am the way, the truth, and life, the beginning and the end. Partake of this, my sacrifice, and rise with me again.

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	
	<ul> <li>Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary,</li> <li>Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of us.</li> </ul>	
	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 May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen.	The assembly stands.
Prayer after Co	ommunion	
-	Gracious God, <b>in you we live and move and have our being. With</b> <b>your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life</b> <b>together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve our neighbors</b> <b>in Jesus' name. Amen.</b>	
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. <b>Amen.</b>	
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





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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.

 $Flowers {\rm \ for\ worship\ today\ are\ given\ in\ memory\ of\ Alma\ Flory\ by\ John\ Flory\ and\ son.}$ 



## 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 <u>Giving page at Augustana's website</u>, <u>augustanadenver.org</u>. 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.

# Worship Ministries

Presider: Pastor Mark Peterson Altar Guild: April Paul Whitehurst

Bus Driver: Tim Libby

Cantabile Accompanist: Tim Garrington

Cantor: Blake Nawa`a Communion Bread:

April Kelly McCartney Communion: 8 a.m. Jim Dieker 10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg Katherine Cruson Communion Linens: April Ellen Kastens Crucifer: 10:30 a.m. John Flory Library: Linda Crow

Livestream Assistant: Paul Blanchard Prayers:

Roger Lipker

Readers: 8 a.m.

10:30 a.m. **Ushers:** 8 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown Robert Brown Emmett Cruson

Jordan Ourada Rosalee Wanchisen Lance Wheeland

Kara Epperson

Allison Terry

Lisa Boe-Sims

## 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 (<u>augustanadenver.org</u>) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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