

	Fifth Sunday in Lent: Is Any Body There? Yes! April 6, 2025 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.	
	<i>Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5</i>	
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Welcome to worship on Sundays in Lent. Each week the pastors will incorporate the theme “Is Any Body There? Yes!” into their sermons and will reflect on themes related to the Body of Christ—Embodiment, Mystery, Beauty, Sabbath, and Mortality.

Our 10:30 a.m. worship is livestreamed weekly especially to include our home-centered members who cannot join us in person. Celebrating our public worship, we also protect our kids in real time on livestream by redirecting the cameras to other views during children’s time and 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 ♦ “Prelude in b minor” —César Franck

Welcome

◆ GATHERING ◆

Confession and Forgiveness

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,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

You may kneel or sit. Silence is kept for reflection.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of
God's abiding love.

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion you have
shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the joyous hospitality you
grant to all people.**

**We oppress others, even though you have set us free again
and again.**

**We fear scarcity, yet squander your abundant gifts of the
earth.**

**Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the
cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

10:30 a.m. *Please stand for the Gathering Hymn and turn toward the back of the sanctuary. As the processional cross enters, follow the cross to the front of the sanctuary.*

Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 597: **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** MELITA



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

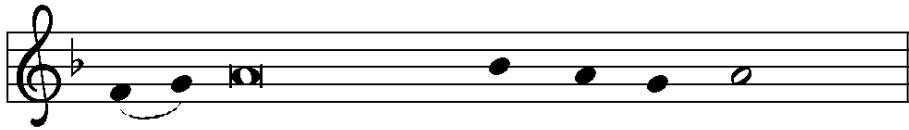


On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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.

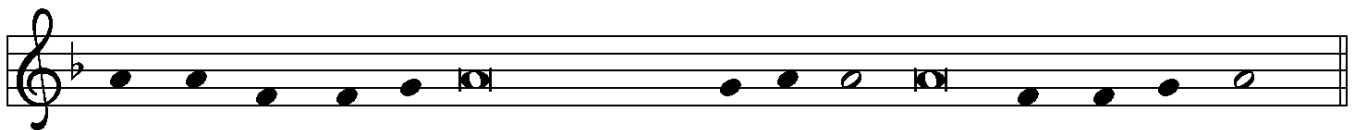
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



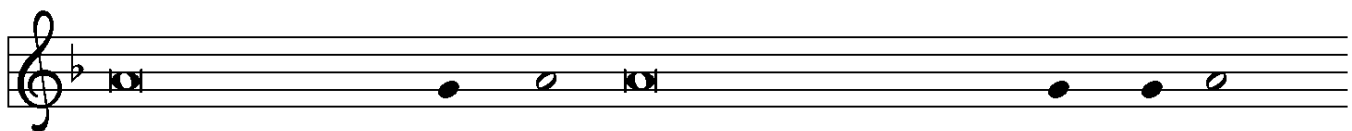
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



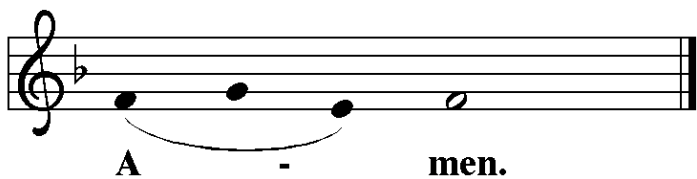
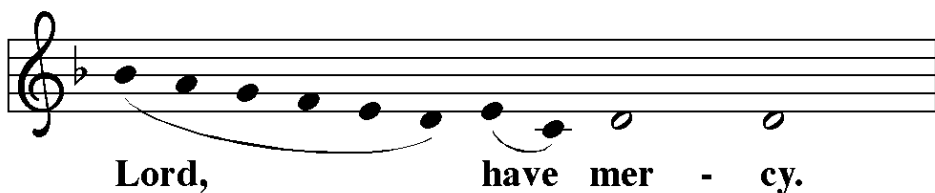
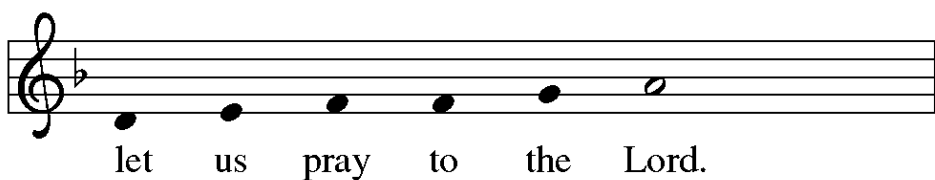
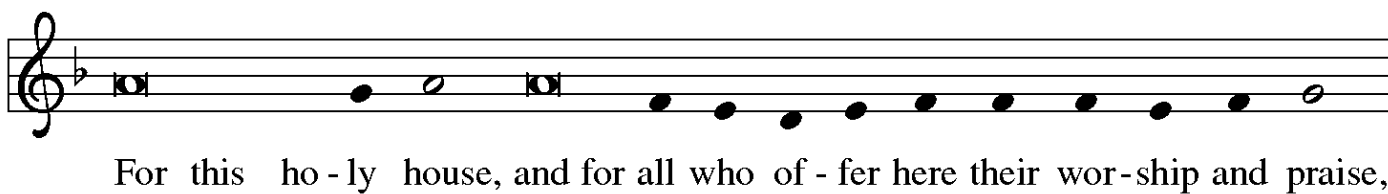
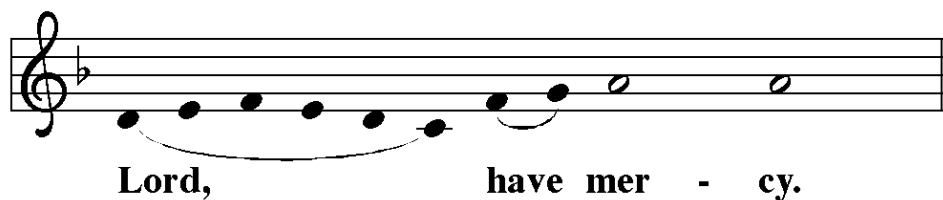
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ 10:30 a.m. “Part of the Plan” –Natalie Sleeth

Cherub Choir

'Twas all part of the plan, since first the world began:
that on the tree He died for me.

'Twas all destined to be, by God's divine decree:
His life he gave our souls to save.

For God ordained from long ago
that Christ the Lord should suffer so,
that by His death the world would know the glory of His rising!

So come now and be glad! Why should your heart be sad?
For God's own Son the victory won.

'Twas all part of the plan, part of the Lord's eternal plan!

Children's Time ♦ 10:30 a.m.

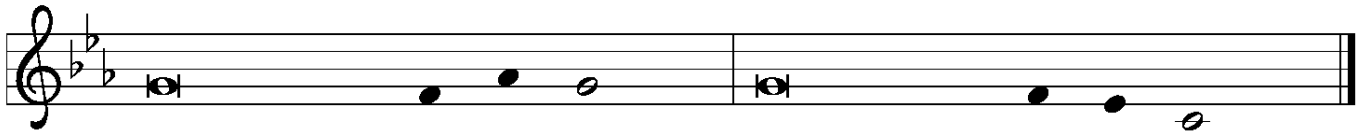
First Reading ◆ Isaiah 43:16–21

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm ♦ Psalm 126

Antiphon: (sung by choir) Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.



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¹ When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great | things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

Antiphon

⁵ **Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.**

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

Antiphon

Second Reading ♦ Philippians 3:4b–14

A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of

Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

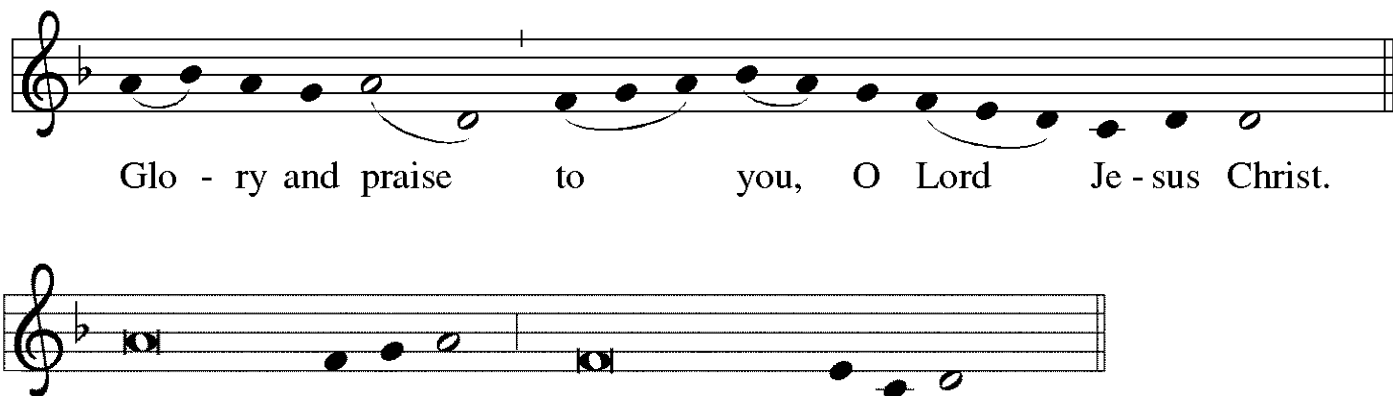
⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain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

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

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: Forgetting what lies behind and
straining forward to what | lies ahead,*
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call
of God | in Christ Jesus.

(Phil. 3:13–14)

The assembly sings the Gospel Acclamation again.

Gospel ♦ John 12:1–8

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

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

bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.
⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Kent Mueller

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ACS 1002: **Holy Women, Graceful Giver: John 12**

ALABASTER JAR



1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,
2 How the fra - grance filled the dwell - ing! How the
3 Lov - ing - ly Christ stilled the scoff - er who would
4 Though dis - dained or though con - test - ed, acts of



ser - vant, and be - liev - er, Mar - y with the oint - ment
act of beau - ty well - ing blest all those with - in the
grasp - ing guard the cof - fer, point - ing to a hid - den
love are nev - er wast - ed: beau - ty is a face of



jar, sought by Christ, by scorn un - daunt - ed, knelt in
place! How the act of pure de - vo - tion, whis - p'ring
trove: not all trea - sures gain and pro - fit, feed the
God. Grace - ful Mar - y, by your giv - ing, you have



love, his feet a - noint - ed for his com - ing bur - ial
of his com - ing pas - sion, blest the heart of Christ with
poor, and feed the spir - it acts of beau - ty, acts of
shown a way of liv - ing: acts of beau - ty, love, and



hour, for his com - ing bur - ial hour.
grace, blest the heart of Christ with grace!
love, acts of beau - ty, acts of love.
good, acts of beau - ty, love, and good.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: ALABASTER JAR, Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

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

You are invited to greet one another with these words: “Peace be with you.” You may additionally shake hands or place your hand over your heart with a small bow to your neighbor.

The assembly is seated.

◆ MEAL ◆

Offering

The many music groups in our congregation draw hearts to know God’s love. Our offering sustains this vital ministry.



8 a.m. “Wondrous Love” –Paul Christiansen
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life to bear
the heavy cross,

what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul that Christ should lay
aside His crown for my soul!

What wondrous love, O my soul!

10:30 a.m. "Way Over In Beulah Land" –spiritual, arr. Stacy V. Gibbs
Chancel Choir

We gonna have a good, good time way over in Beulah Land.
Oh, when we get way over in Beulah Land, I'm singing, way
over in Beulah Land.

Oh, we gonna walk them golden streets.

I'm singing, way over in Beulah Land.

Oh, we gonna have a good, good time way over in Beulah Lan'.

Oh, we gonna drink of the Holy wine.

Singing, way over in Beulah Land.

We gonna have a good time way over in Beulah Land,

When we get to heaven, children; we gonna have a good time
way over in Beulah Land.

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 319: **O Lord, throughout These Forty Days**

CONSOLATION



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and
prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to those who live in fear,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
embracing the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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.**

Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

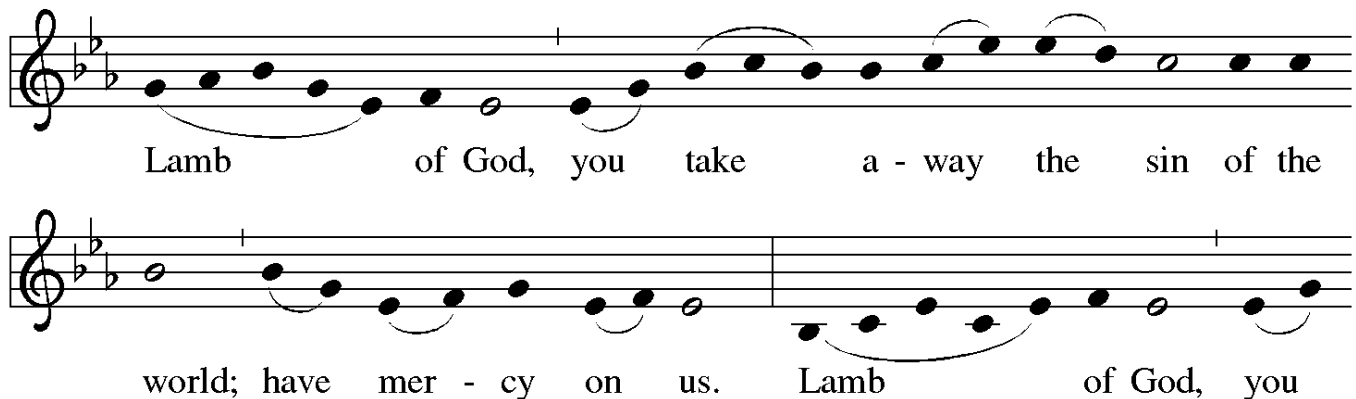
We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. All adults, and children of any age with parental permission, are welcome to commune—both those present in person and on livestream.

- *The ushers will invite you into the center aisle to receive gluten-free bread from the server.*
- *Receive wine (darker color) or grape juice (lighter color) from the server, place the empty cup in the basket or empty tray, and return to your seat.*
- *If you desire a blessing rather than communion, please approach the servers with your arms crossed.*
- *If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher so that communion may be brought to you in the pew.*
- *When you return to your pew you are invited to kneel or sit as you continue to pray and reflect.*

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God



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. A - men.

Communion Anthem

“Panis Angelicus” –César Franck

Susan Patterson and Art Van Dyck, duet

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum,

The angel's bread becomes the bread of men,

Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum

The heavenly bread is the epitome of all symbols,

O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum,

Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish

Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.

the poor, poor, and humble servant.

Communion Hymn ♦ 10:30 a.m. ACS 1025: **If We Live, We Live to the Lord**

IF WE LIVE

All sing the refrain; the cantor sings the verses.

If we live, we live to the Lord. If we
die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or
wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's.

Text: Rolf Vegdahl, b. 1955, based on Romans 14:8, Psalm 103

Music: IF WE LIVE, Rolf Vegdahl

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- 1 Mortal days are like the grass.
They flourish like a flower in the field.
Wind passes over; they are gone,
never to be seen again. *Refrain*
- 2 Everlasting to everlasting is your love, O Lord;
your righteousness for the children's children,
for your faithful ones. *Refrain*
- 3 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Bless God's holy name. *Refrain*

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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

Let us pray.

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to extend your arms of love and grace, that your joyous welcome might nourish the world into community, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

♦ SENDING ♦

Blessing

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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Dismissal Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude ♦ “Fugue in b minor” –César Franck

The postlude closes our worship time together. You are welcome to come up to the organ console for a better view, listen from your pew, or leave quietly while others are enjoying the music.

Flowers for worship today are given in memory of my dad, Wallace Munson, on his birthday by his son, Don Munson, and his family.

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.
- Activity bags for children are available just outside of Christ Chapel. On the south side of the Sanctuary, children are welcome to borrow items from the Worship & Wiggle shelf. Please return the items after worship. 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). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- From Christ Chapel, restrooms and water stations are located at the north end of the hallway leading from Christ Chapel. Restrooms and water stations are also located downstairs beneath the west sanctuary 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.

- Accessible seating for people with assistive health and mobility devices is available on the south side of the sanctuary.
- 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) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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Tim Garrington

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April Kent Mueller

Communion:

8 a.m. A.J. Levy

10:30 a.m. Mitch & Kari Kusek

Communion Linens:

April Mark Caldwell

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

Greeter:

10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown
Robert Brown

Livestream Assistant:

Bill Crossen

Offering:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Janet Flesch
Brian Willoughby

Prayers:

Roger Lipker

Readers:

8 a.m. Robin Hoffman

10:30 a.m. Sharon Schillereff

Ushers:

8 a.m. Jim Gustad

Pat Vaillancourt

10:30 a.m. Jayme Howard
Annie Nessa
Inez Smith
Kathi Schmidt
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