

Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4



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Welcome to worship during this Easter season! Jesus' resurrection is often hard to believe, so we linger in the Easter mystery for 50 days (a week of weeks). We'll wonder what this good

news of new life means in our lives today. Disorientation may rule the moment, but Easter promises that it doesn't rule forever!

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

8 a.m. "Christ Is Alive!" –T. Williams Andrew Peters, organ

10:30 a.m. "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands/Christ is Arisen" –arr. Kirsten Daniel

Augustana Instrumental Ensemble

Welcome

GATHERING +

The assembly stands.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ♣ the One who was, who is, and who is to come, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that restore us to wholeness in the forgiveness of your boundless love.

O Living One, we celebrate your infinite grace.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that cross barriers of our own making, strengthen us to serve our neighbors, and empower us to love our enemies.

O Living One, we celebrate your infinite grace.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open our hearts to restore community, and set your people free by the Spirit's power.

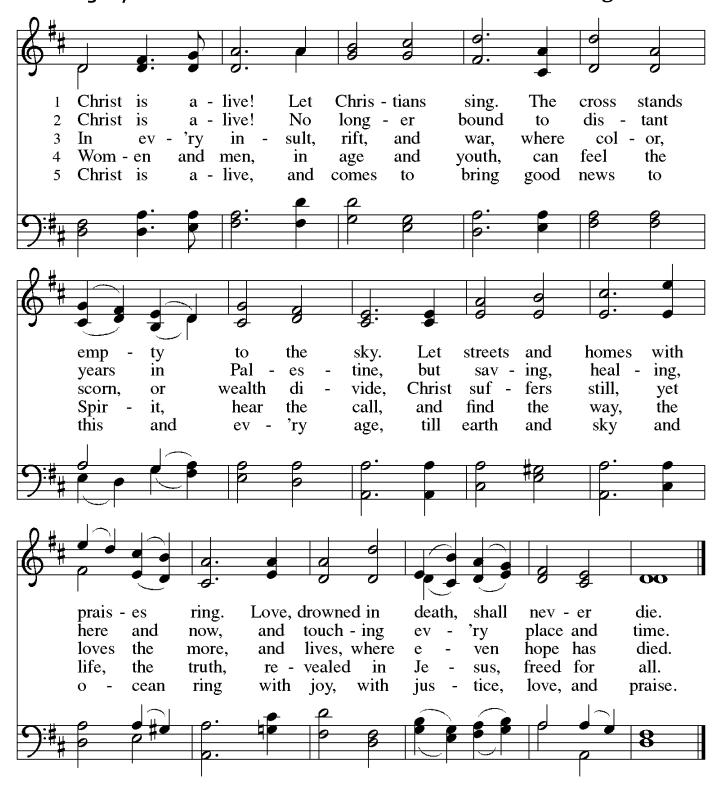
O Living One, we celebrate your infinite grace.

You are granted new life each day through the waters of baptism,

in the name of Jesus, ♥ the Crucified and Risen One. Amen.

10:30 a.m. Please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.

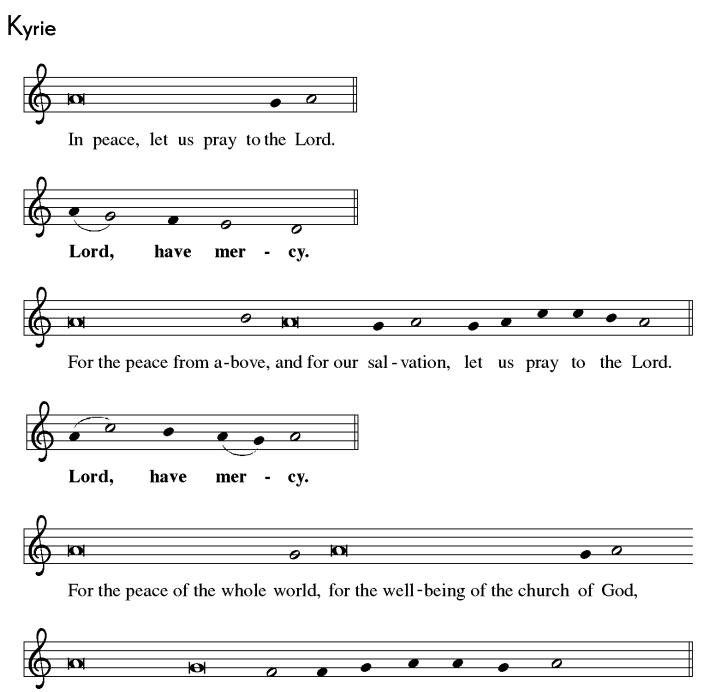
Gathering Hymn • ELW 389: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing TRURO



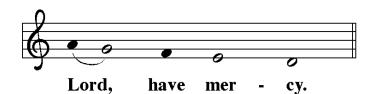
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Greefing The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

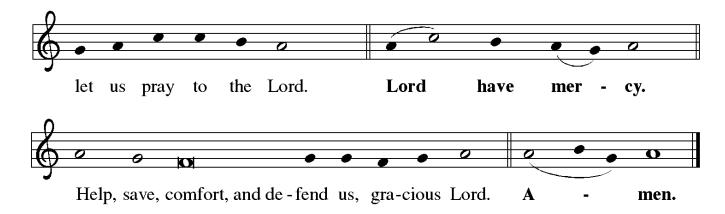


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

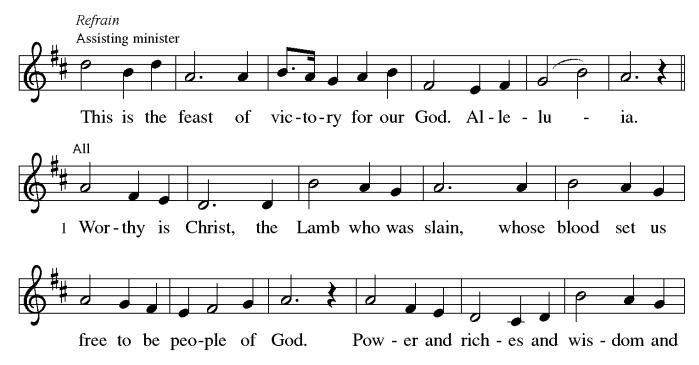




For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



Canticle of Praise







Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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. "My God Is So Great, So Strong and So Mighty"

-traditional

Cherub Choir

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do. The mountains are his, the rivers are his, the stars are his handiwork, too. My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do.

Children's Time + 10:30 a.m.

+ WORD +

First Reading • Acts 9:1-20

A reading from Acts.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found

any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has

authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 30: PH 181: **Come, Sing to God**





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Second Reading Revelation 5:11–14

A reading from Revelation.

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

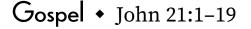
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.





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

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

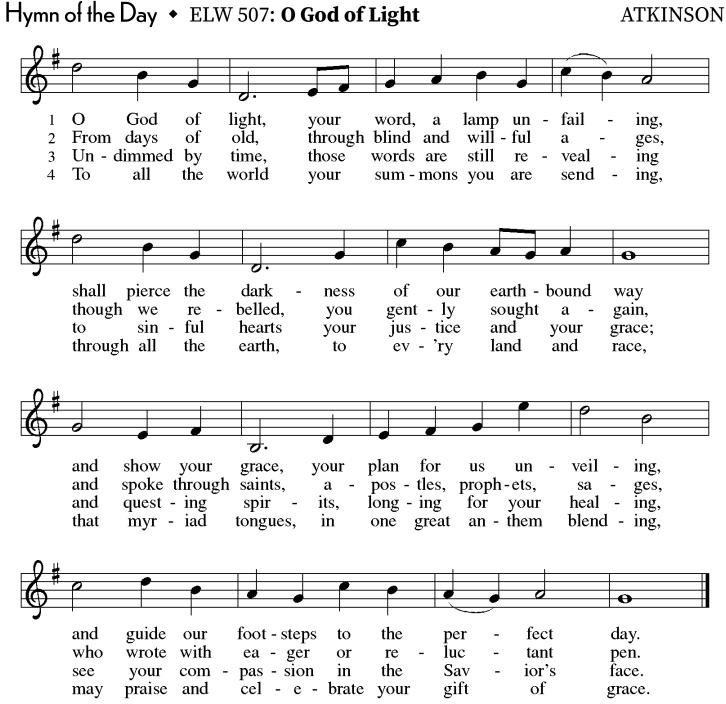
⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands. ATKINSON



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Nicene Creed + 8 a.m.

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.

Blessing of the High School Seniors • 10:30 a.m.

 Anthem • 10:30 a.m. "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" –John Rutter Chancel Choir
 The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

-Numbers 6:24

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: God of grace, **hear 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

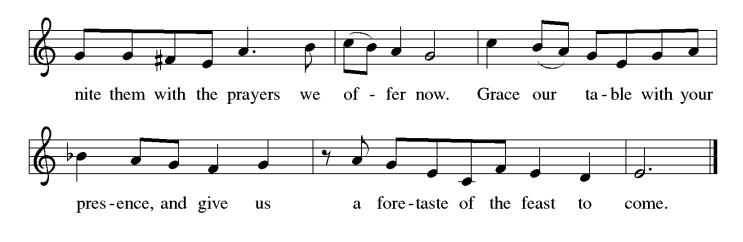
Your offerings make ministry possible as we partner with parents to raise children in the life-giving way of Jesus. Deacon Shanna VanderWel and Children, Youth, and Family Ministry teach about God's resurrection promises and gather the congregation around milestone celebrations that surround youth with love. Thank you!



- 8 a.m. "O God of Light" –H. Barrie Cabena Andrew Peters, organ
- 10:30 a.m. "Welcome Happy Morning/That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" – arr. Kirsten Daniel Augustana Instrumental Ensemble

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 -



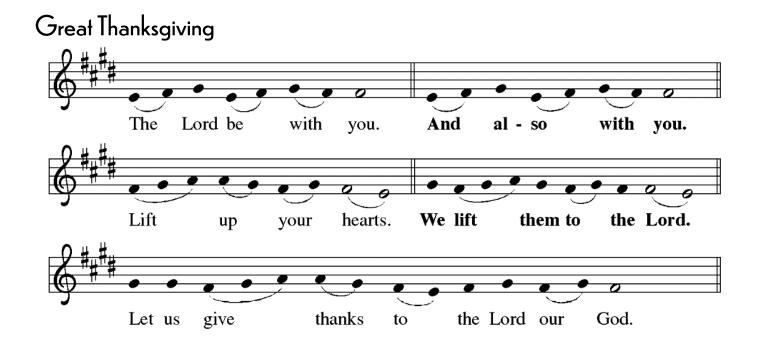
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Offering Prayer

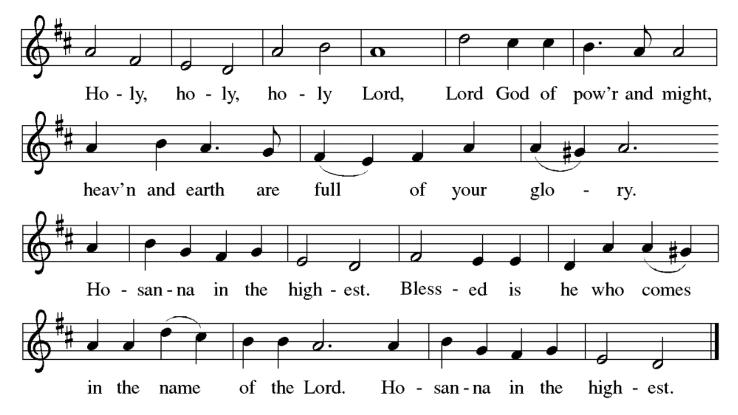
Let us pray.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.





It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify. You formed the earth from chaos. You molded us in your image. With mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus. 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.

Holy God, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food, until we feast forever with the saints in light, bound to you by the love of Jesus, through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, with the Holy Spirit, 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, Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

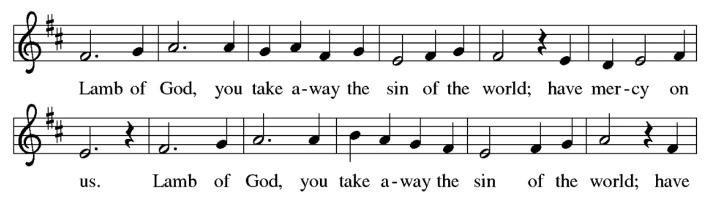
We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. All adults, and children of any age with parental permission, are welcome to commune—both those present in person and on livestream.

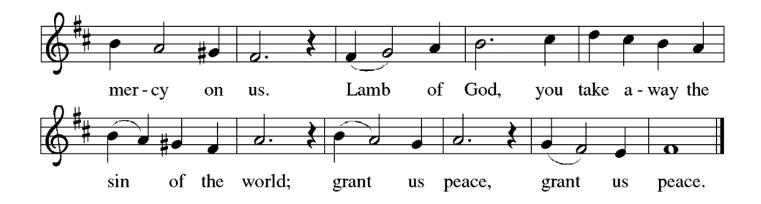
- The ushers will invite you into the center aisle to receive glutenfree bread from the server.
- Receive wine (darker color) or grape juice (lighter color) from the server, place the empty cup in the basket or empty tray, and return to your seat.
- If you desire a blessing rather than communion, please 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





Communion Anthems

8 a.m. "Ave Verum Corpus" –Edward Elgar Augustana Vocal Ensemble

A ve verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,

Jesus, Lamb of God, Redeemer, born of the Virgin Mary's Son, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.

Who upon the cross a victim hast mankind's salvation won.

Cuius latus perforatum very fluxit aqua et sanguine:

From whose side, which man had pierced, flowed the water and the blood:

esto nobis prægustatum, in mortis examine.

by the sacred Body broken, be in life and death our food.

O Clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, fili Mariae. O Jesus, hear us, Song of Mary.

10:30 a.m. "Thou Art the King of Glory" –John Rutter Chancel Choir

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee,

help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints:

in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy Name: ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

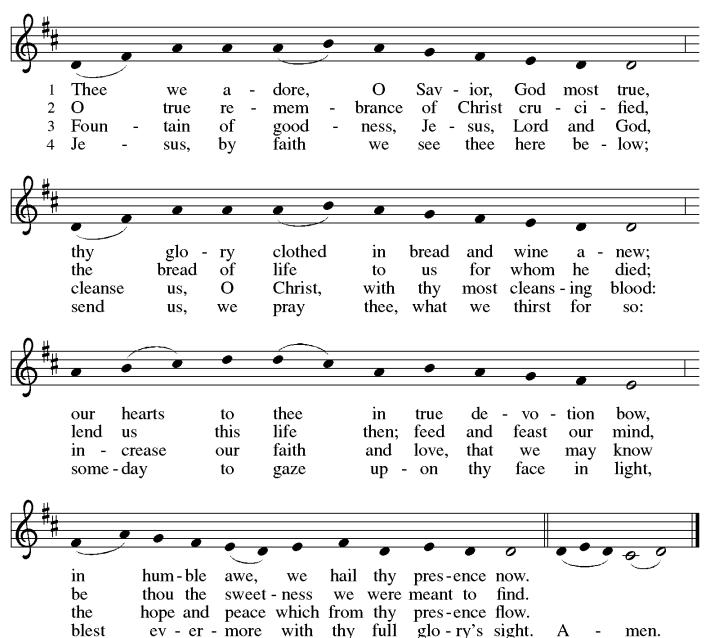
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

-words from 1662 Book of Common Prayer

Communion Hymn • 10:30 a.m. ELW 476: **Thee We Adore, O Savior**

ADORO TE DEVOTE



The cantor sings stanza 1. The assembly sings stanzas 2–4.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274; tr. Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1844–1889, and James R. Woodford, 1820–1885, alt. Music: ADORE TE DEVOTE, plainsong mode V; Processionale, Paris, 1697

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

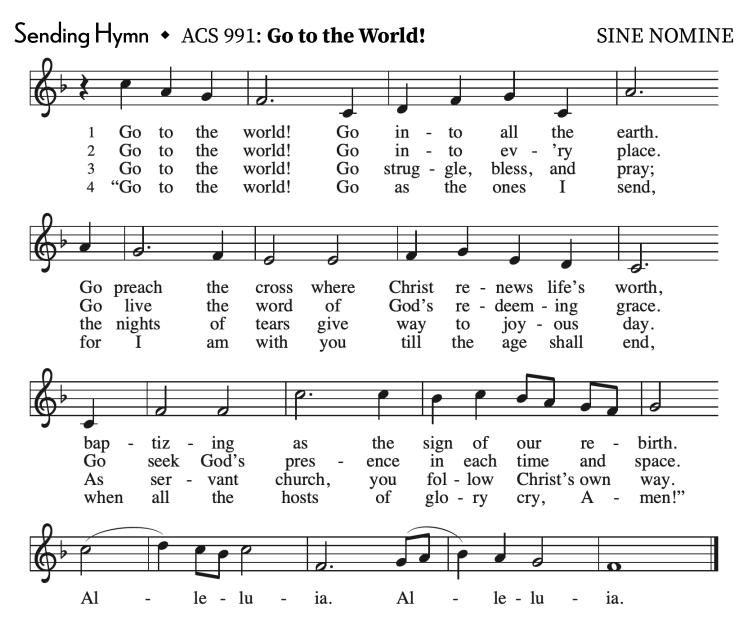
Let us pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, and embody your risen life in a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING +

Blessing The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, ♣ light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. 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.



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Dismissal Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Candles for the sanctuary altar lamp this month are given in memory of Sarah Circle members by Sarah Circle.

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.
- 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.

- 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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Worship Ministries

Acolyte: 10:30 a.m. Ginny Kusek Altar Guild: May Sonja Engebretson **Bus Driver:** Rvan VanderWel **Cherub Choir Director:** Marcia Olson Keith Williamson **Cantor: Communion Bread:** May Carol Troike **Communion:** 8 a.m. Jim Dierker 10:30 a.m. Pat Miller Matt Miller **Communion Linens:** May Ellen Kastens **Crucifer:** 10:30 a.m. Jack Kusek Greeter: 10:30 a.m. Renee Gentes **Livestream Assistants:** Bill Crossen Charlie Dickinson **Offering:** 8 a.m. Jim Dierker Nancy Nyhus 10:30 a.m. Casey King Heather Nelson Nick Massie **Prayers: Readers:** 8 a.m. Kirsten Lamphere 10:30 a.m. Katherine Cruson **Ushers:** 8 a.m. Jim Gustad Pat Vaillancourt 10:30 a.m. Jayme Howard Annie Nessa Inez Smith Kathi Schmidt Brad Uyemura

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