

## Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 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 • "Easter Meditation" -William Haller

Welcome

Mission Moment • Kory Whitaker, Habitat for Humanity

## 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  $\Phi$  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 391: This Joyful Eastertide

**VRUECHTEN** 



Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

### Greeling

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.** 

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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. "I Choose Love" -Mark Miller

Cantabile

In the midst of pain, I choose love.

In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,

I await the sun again, I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.

In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,

I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.

When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,

I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

-Lindy Thompson

Gratitude for Angela Howard and Sharon Schillereff • 10:30 a.m.

## First Reading • Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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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<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.

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. Antiphon

Low voices: <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD | from the earth,

you sea monsters | and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, | snow and fog,

tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;

High voices: 9 mountains | and all hills,

fruit trees | and all cedars;

 $^{\mbox{\tiny 10}}$  wild beasts | and all cattle,

creeping things and | flying birds;

All: 11 sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,

princes and all rulers | of the world;

 $^{12}$  young | 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.

<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 • Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

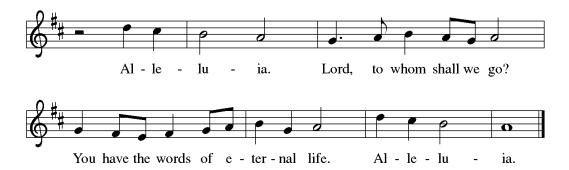
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel • John 13:31-35

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

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

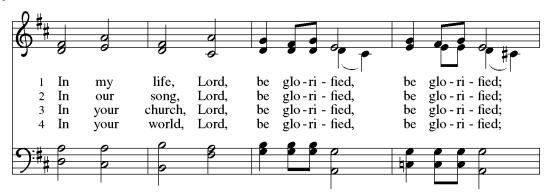
The assembly is seated.

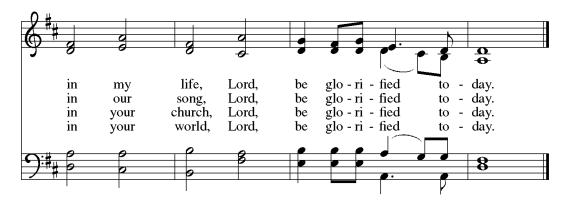
### Sermon ◆ Pastor Karen Ullestad

The assembly stands.

## Hymn of the Day • ELW 744: Lord, Be Glorified

BE GLORIFIED





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## Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

### Peace

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

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.



## Offering

Your offering helps build our partnerships within the community such as Habitat for Humanity, McMeen Elementary School, and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains. Thank you!



8 a.m. "And I Saw A New Heaven" -Edgar Bainton Augustana Vocal Ensemble

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:

for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,

coming down from God out of heaven,

prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;

and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,

neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

-Revelation 21:1-4

"The Beatitudes" -Philip W.J. Stopford 10:30 a.m. **Chancel Choir** 

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peace-makers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you

and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,

for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

-Matthew 5:3-12

The assembly stands.

## Offering Response • ELW 182: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



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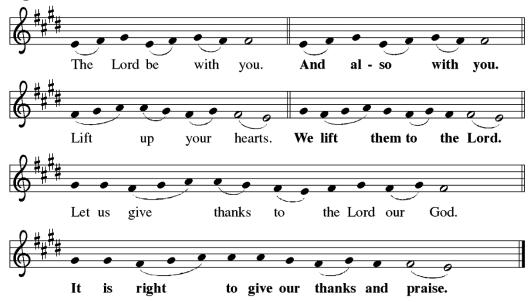
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## Offering Prayer

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.

## Great Thanksgiving



## **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,
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.

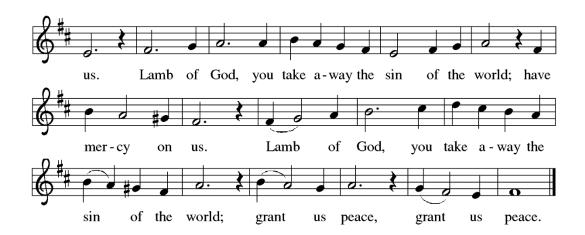
- The ushers will invite you into the center aisle to receive gluten-free bread from the server.
- Receive wine (darker color) or grape juice (lighter color) from the server, place the empty cup in the basket or empty tray, and return to your seat.
- If you desire a blessing rather than communion, please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





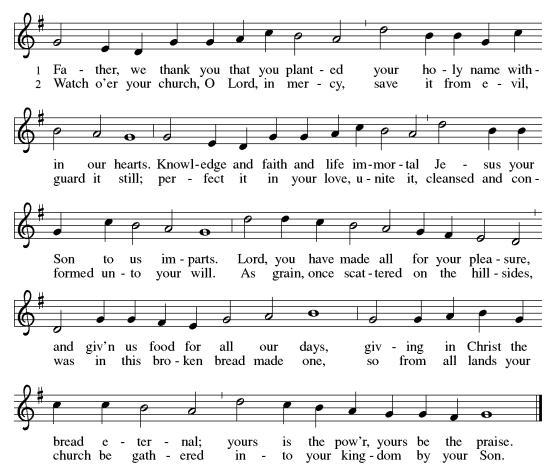
## Communion Music

"Impromptu," op. 142, No. 2 -Franz Schubert Caroline Stratton, piano

### Communion Hymn • 10:30 a.m. ELW 478: Father, We Thank You

RENDEZ Á DIEU

The cantor will sing stanza 1; the assembly sings stanza 2.



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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.

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,

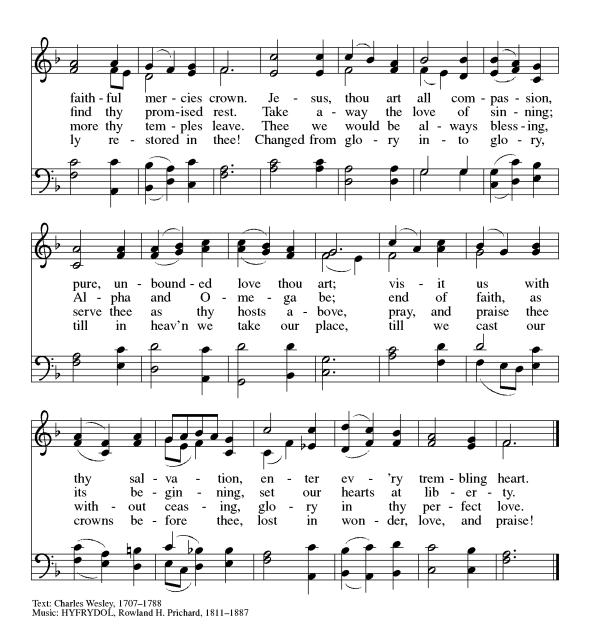
▶ light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. Amen.

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.

## Sending Hymn • ELW 631: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL





Dismissal

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude • "Now the Green Blade Rises" -William Haller

The postlude closes our worship time together. You are welcome to listen from your pew or leave quietly while others are enjoying the music.

Flowers for worship today are given in honor of Angela Howard and Sharon Schillereff and their Music Ministry with Augustana's youth.

### 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.

## Worship Ministries

**Altar Guild:** 

May Sonja Engebretson

**Bus Driver:** 

Henok Yohannes

### **Cantabile Accompanist:**

**Tim Garrington** 

Cantor:

Emily Murdock,

### **Communion Bread:**

May Carol Troike

#### **Communion:**

8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt

Barb Gueldner Brian Paul

Sidney Paul

10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg

Katherine Cruson

#### **Communion Linens:**

May Ellen Kastens

#### **Crucifer:**

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

### **Greeter:**

10:30 a.m. Jena Requist

#### **Livestream Assistant:**

Charlie Dickinson

#### Offering:

8 a.m. Jim Dierker

Nancy Nyhus

10:30 a.m. Casey King

Heather Nelson

#### Prayers:

Heather Frank

#### Readers:

8 a.m. Mark Caldwell 10:30 a.m. Lydia King

#### **Ushers:**

8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims

Kirsten Lamphere

10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown

Robert Brown Emmett Cruson Jordan Ourada Rosalee Wanchisen Lance Wheeland

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### 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.

### Staff

Senior Pastor: Caitlin Trussell

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Deacon Shanna VanderWel

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Andrew Peters

Chancel Choir Director: Kevin Padworski

Augustana Vocal Ensemble:

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Christine Peters

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### **President of the Congregation:**

Roger Lipker

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