
	Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025 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 ♦ "Improvisation on ELLACOMBE"

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.**

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.

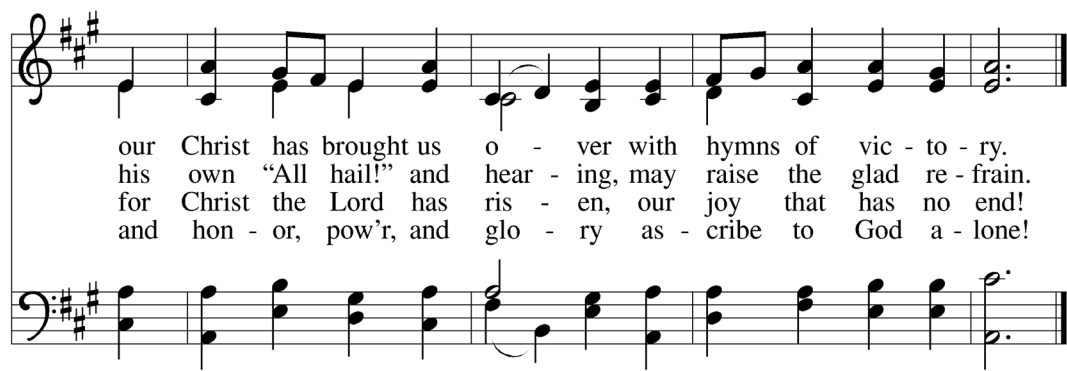
Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 361: **The Day of Resurrection!**

ELLACOMBE

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
 Bountiful God, **you gather your people into your realm, and you
 promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your
 word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another
 and the world you have made, through 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.

Children's Time

First Reading ◆ Acts 16:9–15

A reading from Acts.

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalm ◆ Psalm 67

Antiphon: (sung by choir) Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.



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¹ May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God’s face | shine upon us.

² Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**
for you judge the peoples with equity and
guide all the na- | tions on earth. *Antiphon*

⁵ **Let the peoples | praise you, O God;**
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought | forth its increase;**
God, our own | God, has blessed us.

⁷ **May God | give us blessing,**
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

A reading from Revelation.

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel ♦ John 5:1-9

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

¹ After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷ The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸ Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath.

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Kent Mueller

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 937: **Earth, Earth, Awake!**

STUEMPFLE

The cantor sings stanza 1; the assembly sings stanzas 2-4.



1 Earth, earth, a - wake! Your prais-es sing! Al - le - lu - ia!
2 All na - ture sings of hope re - born! Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Win - ter is past; the night is gone! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Praise we the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! Al - le - lu - ia!



Greet with the dawn your ris - en King! Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ lives to com - fort those who mourn! Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ's light, tri - um - phant, brings the dawn! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the vic - t'ry God has won! Al - le - lu - ia!



Bright suns and stars, your hom - age pay! Al - le - lu - ia!
First fruit of all the dead who sleep! Al - le - lu - ia!
Cre - a - tion spreads its spring-time bloom! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!



Life reigns a - gain this Eas - ter day! Al - le - lu - ia!
Prom - ise of joy for all who weep! Al - le - lu - ia!
Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the King whose rule is love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: STUEMPFLE, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

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Holy Baptism

Rejoice with Remy Patrick Wolfe, son of Thomas and Samantha Wolfe, in his baptism. Welcome him into Christ's family today! Remy's sponsors are Emily Lopez and Michael Lopez.

Presentation In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Promises are made by the parents, the sponsors, and the assembly.

Profession of Faith

The assembly stands.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

We renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

The candidate is baptized.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Please stand as we sing a word of welcome to the newly baptized.

Welcome, Child of God

AR HYD Y NOS

Rain - drops, o - ceans, lakes, and riv - ers; wel - come, child of God.

Moth - ers, fa - thers, broth - ers, sis - ters; wel - come, child of God.

When the world feels wide a - round you, when the dark of night sur-rounds you,

we are here to tend and guide you. Wel - come, child of God.

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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.

◆ MEAL ◆

Offering

Augustana's Memorial Garden offers a place to visit, reflect, and celebrate loved ones and to remember God's resurrection promises. Thank you for your offerings which support this ministry of comfort and hope.



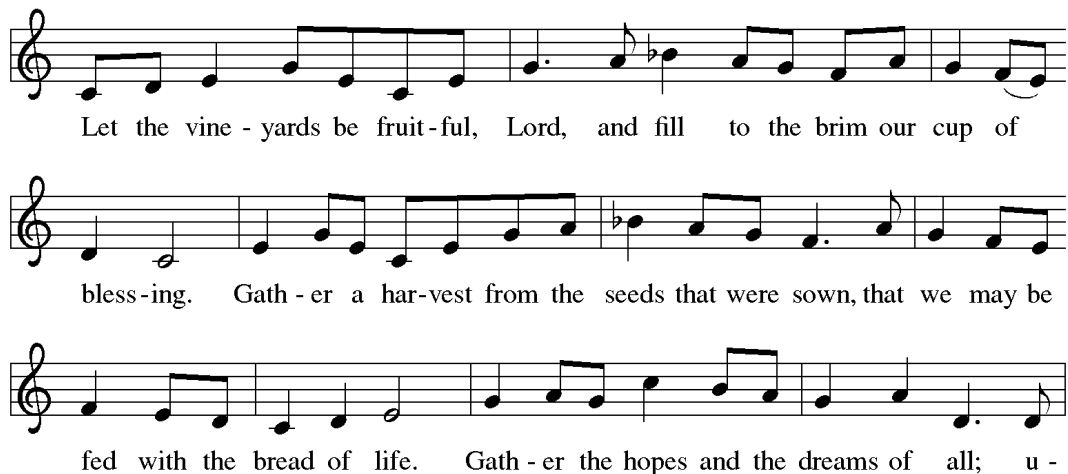
"A Hymn of Resurrection" –Gwyneth Walker
Chancel Choir

I know that my Redeemer lives, and on the earth again shall stand.
I know eternal life He gives, with grace and healing in His hand.
I know His promise of rebirth, the Word He speaks can never die.
Though death shall take my body from the earth, yet I shall see Him by and by.
I know my pathway He prepares for where He is, there I shall be.
Abiding faith, for me He cares, and He at last will come for me! I know eternal life He gives.
I know the grace and healing in His hand.
I know that my Redeemer lives! for here on earth He has come again!
My Savior lives again!

–Jessie B. Pounds

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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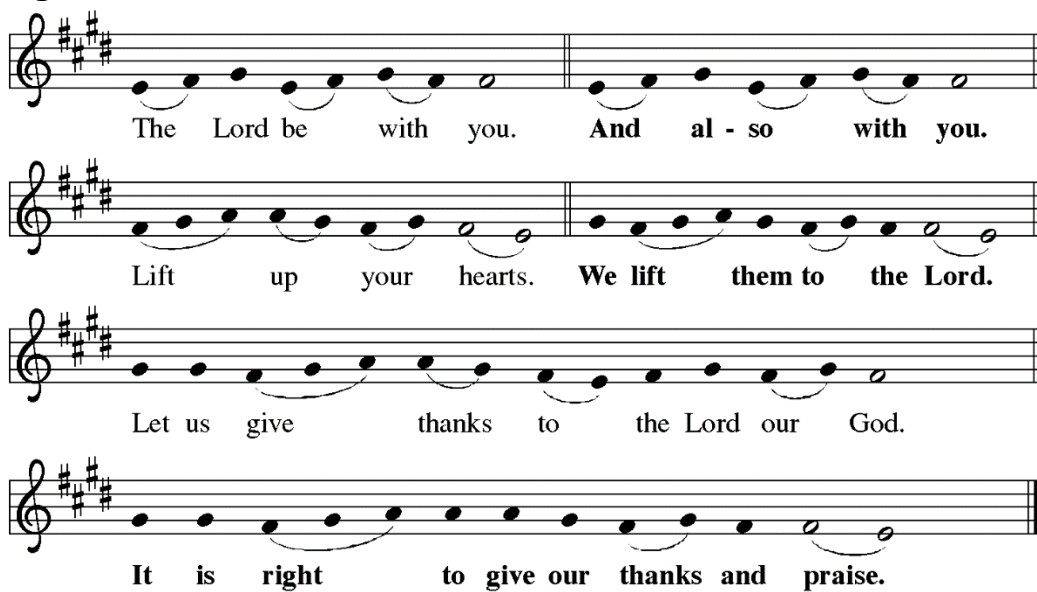
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Offering Prayer

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.

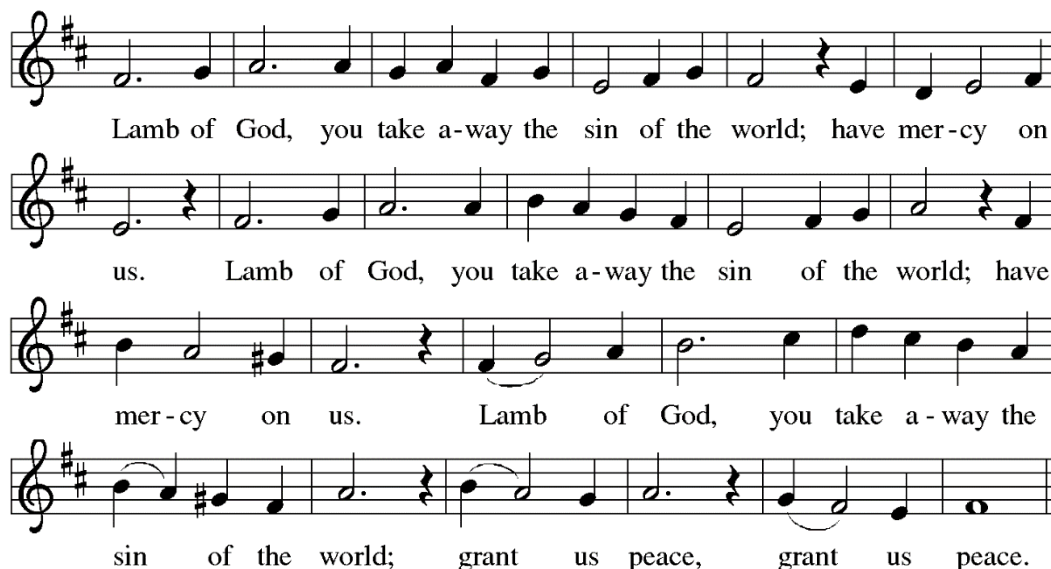
- *The ushers will invite you into the center aisle to receive gluten-free bread from the server.*
- *Receive wine (darker color) or grape juice (lighter color) from the server, place the empty cup in the basket or empty tray, and return to your seat.*
- *If you desire a blessing rather than communion,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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music

“Peace I Give to You” –Taylor Scott Davis

Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you, peace, my peace.

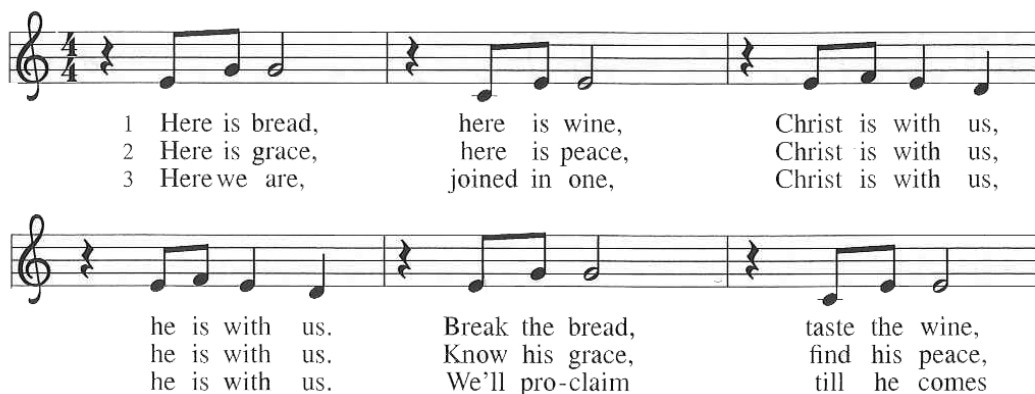
Not as the world gives do I give to you.

Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. Shalom.

–Taylor Scott Davis based on John 14:27

Communion Hymn ♦ ELW 483: **Here Is Bread**

HERE IS BREAD



1 Here is bread,	here is wine,	Christ is with us,
2 Here is grace,	here is peace,	Christ is with us,
3 Here we are,	joined in one,	Christ is with us,

he is with us.	Break the bread,	taste the wine,
he is with us.	Know his grace,	find his peace,
he is with us.	We'll pro-claim	till he comes

Christ is with us here.
feast on Je - sus here.
Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain
In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is
life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,
Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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HERE IS BREAD

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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.**

Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
 who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
 who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Dismissal

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

Postlude ♦ “Thou Art the Rock” –Henri Mulet

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.

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. 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

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8 a.m. A.J. Levy

10:30 a.m. Angie Ourada

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May Ellen Kastens

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10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

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10:30 a.m. Michael Quintana

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8 a.m. Jim Dierker

Nancy Nyhus

10:30 a.m. Casey King

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Prayers:

Marcia Olson

Readers:

8 a.m. Laura Libby

10:30 a.m. Jack Kusek

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8 a.m. Roger Lipker

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10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg

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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.

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