



Ascension of Our Lord

June 1, 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 ♦ "Melody in D Major" –Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

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 393: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they
sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

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1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, **your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time ♦ 10:30 a.m.

First Reading ◆ Acts 1:1–11

A reading from Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 93

Read responsively.

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure
that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began,
your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
**and holiness befits your house, O LORD,
forever and forevermore.**

Second Reading ♦ Ephesians 1:15–23

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,

according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel ♦ Luke 24:44–53

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

⁴⁴ [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 953: **Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands**

CHRIST CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS



1 Be - fore the An - cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and
2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in
3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the



bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and
hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his
prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and



thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and
glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -
serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions



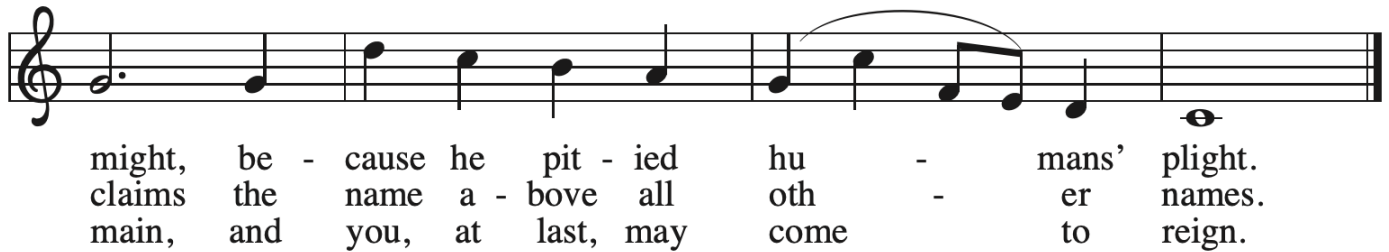
pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,
ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.
clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,



for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence
Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the
you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the



of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and
tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -
great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -



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Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

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

The ministry and witness of the Rocky Mountain Synod includes 155 congregations, seven campus ministries, two outdoor ministries, a public policy office, numerous social ministry organizations, the Office of the Bishop, and the synod council. Thank you for your offerings which support our partnership in this regional ministry.



8 a.m. “Jesus, My All, To Heaven is Gone”

–spiritual, arr. K. Lee Scott

Blake Nawa`a, tenor solo

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, I'll never turn back no more;
He whom I fix my hopes upon, I'll never turn back no more.
No more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more.

His path I see, and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more;
The narrow way, till him I view, I'll never turn back no more.
No more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more.

–John Cennick, 1718–1755, alt.

10:30 a.m. “Sing a New Song!” –Allen Pote

Summer Choir

Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing and rejoice for God is our strength and our salvation.
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Lift up your voice and sing unto God with joy!

Begin the music and strike the tambourine.
Play upon the lute and the harp.
Blow the trumpet, celebrate this festival day,
and dance into the promise!

–Allen Pote based on Psalm 81 and 92

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 -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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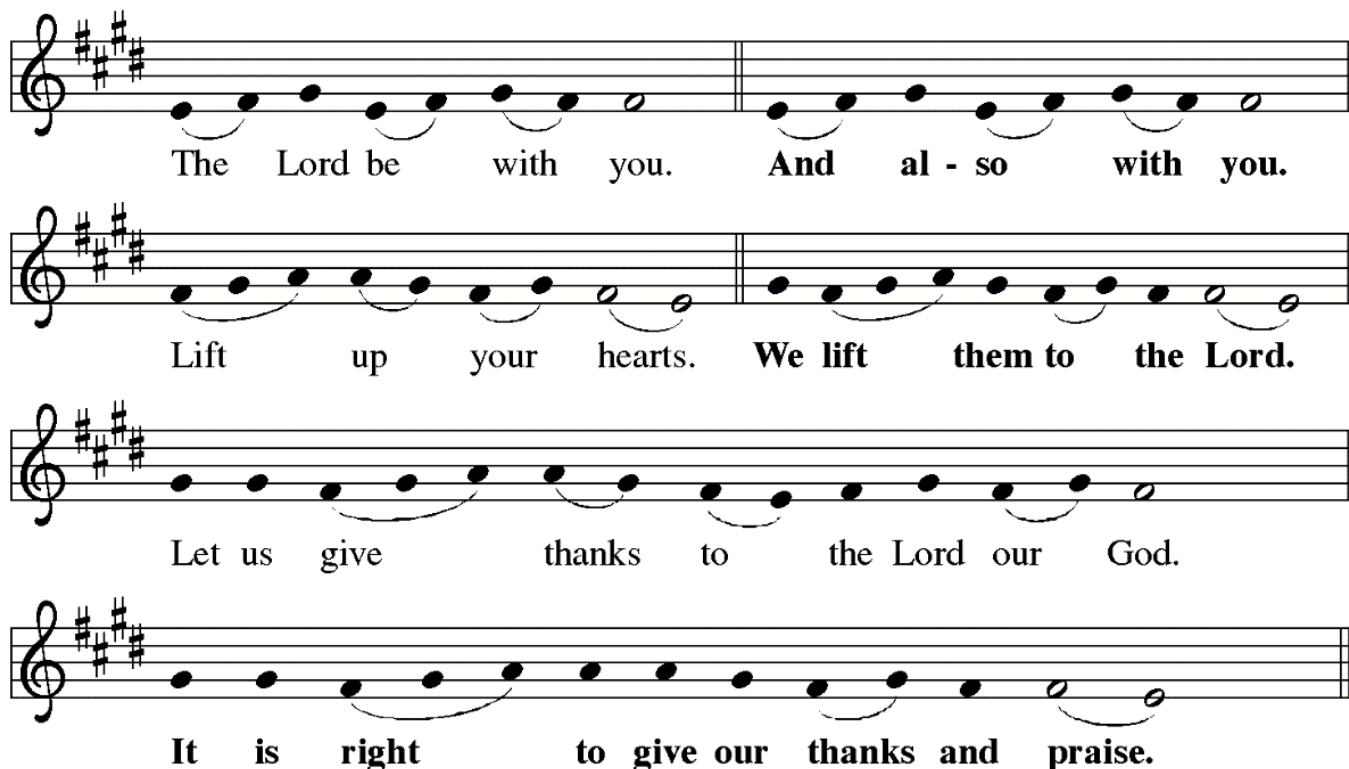
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Offering Prayer

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



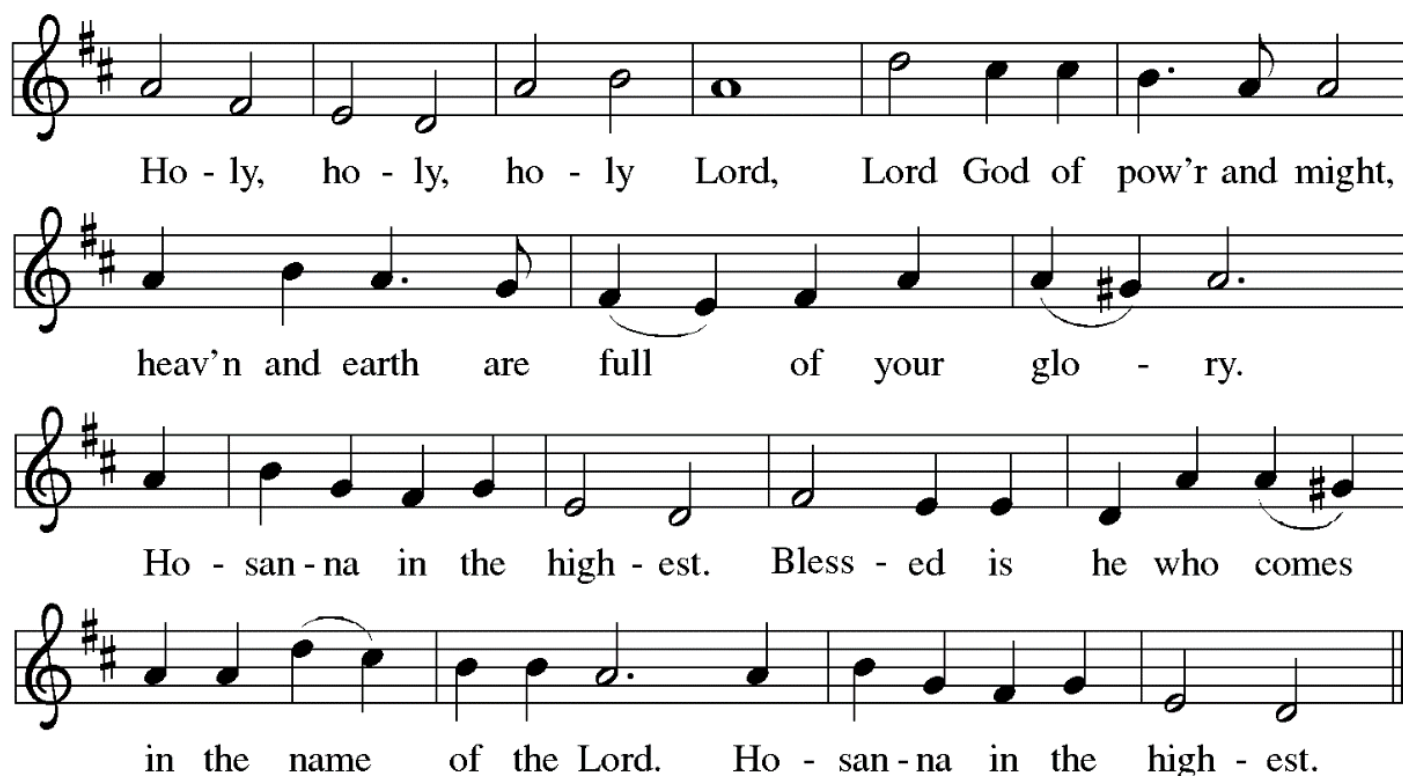
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

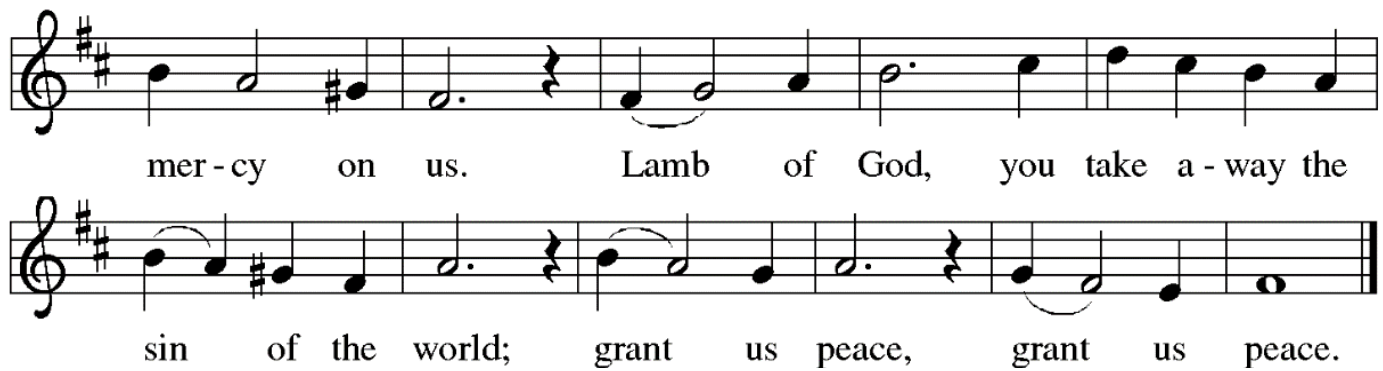
The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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



Communion Music

“The Heart Worships” –Gustav Holst

Blake Nawa`a, tenor solo

Silence in Heaven, silence on Earth, silence within!

Thy hush, O Lord, o’er all the world covers the din.

I do not fear to speak of thee in mortal kind

and yet to all thy namelessness I am not blind.

Only I need and kneel again Thy touch to win;

Silence in Heaven, silence on Earth, silence within!

–Alice M. Buckton

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 482: I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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

Postlude ♦ “Allegro in D Major” –Frank Bridge

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 honor of the baptismal birthday of Reina VanderWel by her 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. 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.

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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.

Worship Ministries

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10:30 a.m. Ginny Kusek

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Ryan VanderWel

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Blake Nawa`a

Communion Bread:

June Margaret Frieberg

Communion:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Arianne Theiss
Michael Theiss

Communion Linens:

June Kay Cruson

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Jack Kusek

Greeter:

10:30 a.m. Janice Schulz
Renee Gentes

Livestream Assistant:

Paul Blanchard

Offering:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. Jo Martin
Betty Boyd

Prayers:

Mark Caldwell

Readers:

8 a.m. Nancy Nyhus
10:30 a.m. Paula Pace

Ushers:

8 a.m. Jim Gustad
Pat Vaillancourt
10:30 a.m. Jayme Howard
Annie Nessa
Inez Smith
Kathi Schmidt
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