

Peter and Paul, Apostles

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

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Welcome to Worship as we celebrate two great figures of the early church, Peter and Paul, who represent the spread of the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews). According to tradition, they were martyred on this date. The witness of Peter and Paul inspires us as we seek ways to faithfully proclaim the good news of Jesus in our place and time.

In the summer months, we welcome many visitors who find more time for church. Please fill out the worship slips on the front of your bulletin and let us know your thoughts and questions by putting the worship slip in the offering plate as it's passed around. We also enjoy our Summer Choir that includes anyone who wants to sing that Sunday with a practice before worship begins, and Wednesday evening S'more Fun and Worship in Augustana's park downhill from the church building. Come and connect with others as we enjoy our summer together!

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 ♦ "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" –traditional Indian melody; arr. Blanche Lewis
Nikki Evans, handbell solo

Welcome

◆ GATHERING ◆

The assembly stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrating God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from your abundant life. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in following your way. In your mercy, forgive us. Break our bonds and show us the path of life. Amen.

You are God's beloved children. Through ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **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 708: **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

CHEREPONI

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.
1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

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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

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, **we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he 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.

◆ WORD ◆

First Reading ◆ Acts 12:1-11

A reading from Acts.

¹About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church.

²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.)

⁴When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

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

Psalm ◆ Isaiah 55:10-12

Read responsively.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
**¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
**the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Second Reading ♦ 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18 (a letter attributed to the Apostle Paul)

A reading from Second Timothy.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

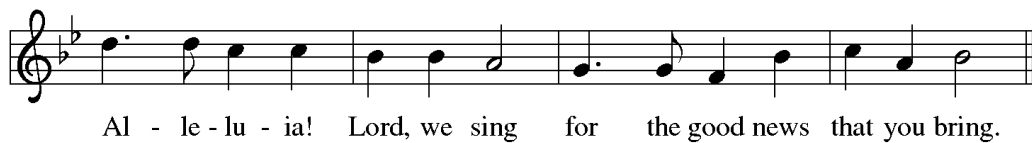
¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel ♦ John 21:15–19

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

¹⁵ When 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.

Silence for reflection.

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 1038: **God, We Gather as Your People**

WELCOME BE OUR SONG



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



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Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

God 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

Children and youth from Augustana enjoy camp at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp this summer. Your giving helps support their time there and the outdoor ministries that deepen their faith and lead some of them to become deacons and pastors. Thank you for your gift!



“I Need Thee Every Hour” –John Ness Beck

8 a.m. Andrew Peters, organ ◆ 10:30 a.m. Summer Choir

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

—Annie S. Hawks

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ◆ ELW 691: Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

BARBARA ALLEN



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.

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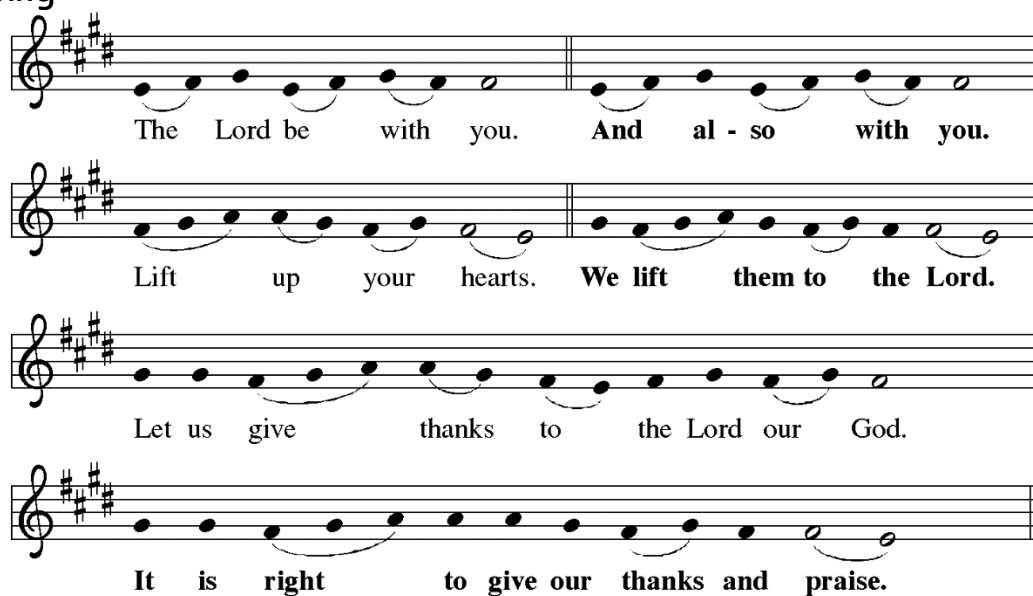
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

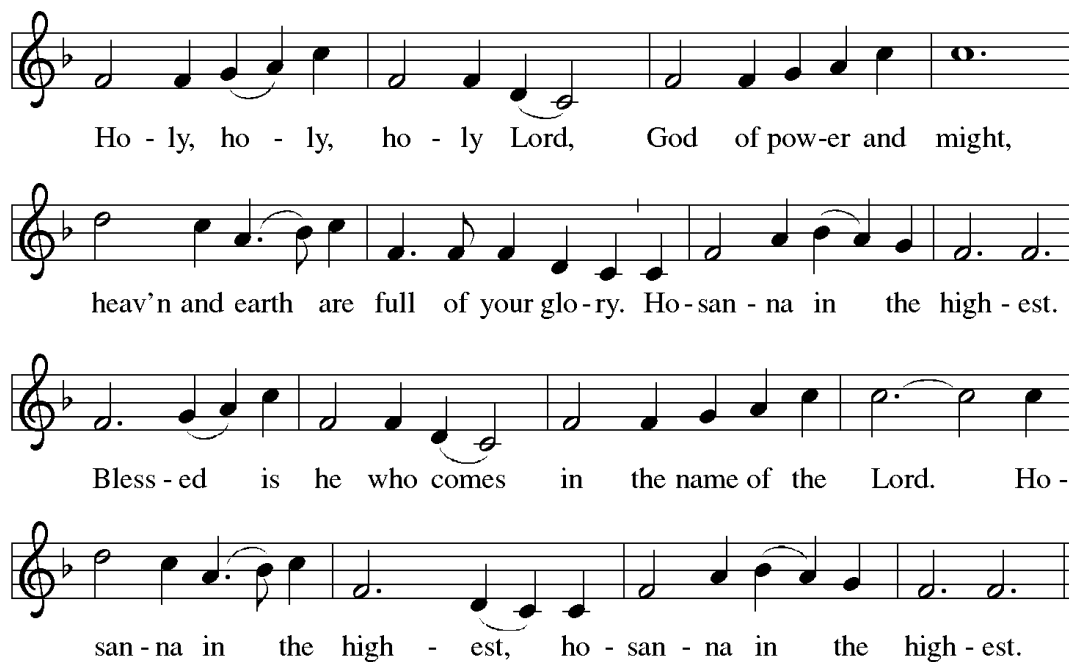
Creator God, **in your generosity you bring forth an abundant harvest and all that is good. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, gracious creator,
Endless is your mercy and eternal your steadfast love.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age,
Including now the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who proclaimed your good news in word and deed, in his ministry on earth,
and through the mystery of his death and resurrection.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the prayers of Jesus Christ who prays for us;
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, gracious God, 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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Solo

“Compassion” –Jason W. Krug
Nikki Evans, handbell solo

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.

Holy God who is love, you gathered us to your table where we feasted on your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves, to love our enemies and pray for them, and to proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

◆ SENDING ◆

Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of Jesus Christ guide you on his way;
and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you and ✠ give you peace. **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 555: Oh, Sing to God Above

ROSAS



1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet-ing,
2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless-ing,



a song of grate-ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing:
a song of grate-ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press-ing:



you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen-dor;
cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,



de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won-der.
and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

Refrain / Estribillo



Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a -

bove: Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu -

ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al-le - lu - ia!

Last time

Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al-le - lu - ia!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude ♦ “Recessional on LAUDA ANIMA” –Sueda Luttrell and Arnold Sherman

Nikki Evans, handbell solo

The postlude closes our worship time together. You are welcome to 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

Altar Guild:

June Bill & Rhonda Crossen

Bus Driver:

Michael Graham

Communion Bread:

June Margaret Frieberg

Communion:

8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt

10:30 a.m. Cathy Miller

Heather Nelson

Communion Linens:

June Kay Cruson

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

Livestream Assistant:

Nancy Nyhus

Offering:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Jo Martin

Betty Boyd

Prayers:

Kisanet Yohannes

Readers:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Betty Boyd

Summer Choir Accompanist:

Christelle Menth

Ushers:

8 a.m. A.J. & Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Grace Crook

Wil Crook

Bill Crossen

James Kastens

Craig Tamminga

Miles Tamminga

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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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