



Second Sunday of Easter  
Youth Sunday  
April 12, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4*

  
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***Welcome to worship!*** Today we celebrate our High School Seniors, our vibrant Children, Youth, and Family Ministry, and the 10-year ministry of Deacon Shanna VanderWel, Director of Youth and Family Ministry. Deacon Shanna concludes her ministry with Augustana today and goes on leave from call to spend more time with her family. The youth, Deacon Shanna, and our Children, Youth, and Family Ministry prepared a youth-led worship to celebrate all these good things.

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*Our 10:30 a.m. worship is livestreamed weekly, especially to include our home-centered members and friends who cannot join us in person. Celebrating our public worship, we also protect our kids in real time on livestream by distancing the cameras 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** ♦ “Joyful Praise” –Hal H. Hopson  
Chancel Ringers

Welcome

◆ GATHERING ◆

*The assembly stands.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, on the evening of Easter, the disciples were gathered behind locked doors. And Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Jesus does not wait outside until we get our faith together.

**He comes right through the door.**

So let us be honest before God and one another.

Risen Lord, **we confess that we do not always live as Easter people.**

We hold on to fear.

**We struggle to trust.**

We have sinned in what we have done and left undone.

**Come into the rooms we close off.**

Speak your peace to us again.

**Breathe new life into us. Amen.**

Listen to this good news:

The risen Jesus comes into locked rooms and speaks peace.

This is God’s promise to you: Our sins are forgiven.

Christ meets us where we are.

**Christ’s peace is for us. Thanks be to God!**

*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 768: **Lead Me, Guide Me**

## LEAD ME, GUIDE ME



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

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*Refrain*

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

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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.

All

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.

*Final refrain*



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 and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Children's Time

◆ WORD ◆

### First Reading ◆ Acts 2:14a, 22–32

A reading from Acts.

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading ♦ 1 Peter 1:3–9

A reading from First Peter.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice

with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, word of life. **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 ♦ John 20:19–31

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

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I

see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

Sermon ♦ Finley Zumwalt

*Silence for reflection.*

## Hymn of the Day ♦ ACS 1005: Ask the Complicated Questions

RESTORATION



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.  
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,  
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,  
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes  
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing  
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from  
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.  
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.  
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.  
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

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## Blessing of the High School Seniors

### Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:*

Merciful God, **receive 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

*This morning Augustana’s youth lead our 10:30 a.m. worship and include favorite songs from their experiences at Lutheran camps. Your offerings support youth faith formation resources, staff, and volunteers at Augustana, Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, and Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp. Thank you!*



*The assembly is invited to sing this camp-style-led hymn with Augustana’s youth during the offering.*

### **Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,  
mount of thy unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

*Acapella:*

Here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

*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



bles - sing. 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.

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## Offertory Prayer

Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with this bread and wine, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

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

## 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 in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. 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.*

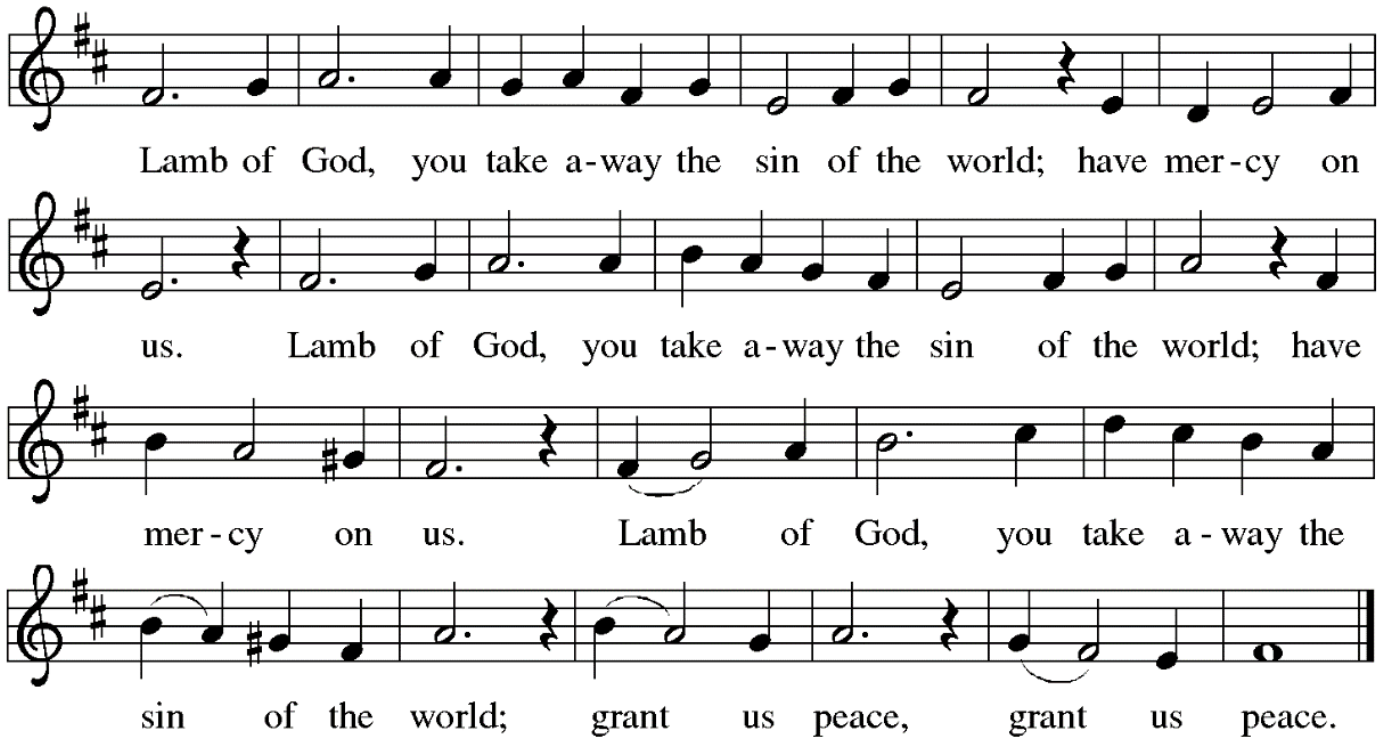
- *The ushers will invite you into the center aisle to receive gluten-free bread from the server.*
- *Receive wine (darker color) or grape juice (lighter color) from the server, place the empty cup in the basket or empty tray, and return to your seat.*
- *If you desire a blessing rather than communion,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

Our communion bread is gluten free, nut free, and egg free. (Ingredients: Whole Grain Rice Flour, Whole Grain Sorghum Flour, Rice Bran Oil, Ground Golden Flax, Modified Tapioca Flour, Psyllium Powder, potato Starch, Tapioca, Molasses, Apple Cider Vinegar, Sugar, Yeast, Salt, Cellulose Gum, Guar Gum.) [bluehummingbirdfoods.com](http://bluehummingbirdfoods.com)

## Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

### Alleluia!



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

“Panis Angelicus” –Cesar Frank

Elise Earhart, soprano; Steven Aguilo-Arbues, piano

## 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 One, **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

◆ SENDING ◆

## Gratitude and Godspeed Litany for Deacon Shanna VanderWel

**Blessing** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, our source of lavish grace,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

## Sending Hymn ♦ Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters I will be with you  
And the waves, they will not overcome you  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you  
I have called you by name, you are mine

### **Chorus:**

*Low voices:* For I am the Lord your God, (*High Voices: repeat*)  
*Low Voices:* For I am the Lord your God (*High Voices: "I am . . ."*)  
The Holy One of Israel, Your savior  
*Low Voices:* I am the Lord (*High Voices: Do not fear*)  
*Low Voices:* I am the Lord (*High Voices: Do not fear*)

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

**Postlude** ♦ Impromptu in G flat major, Op 90, No. 3 –Franz Schubert  
Caroline Stratton, piano

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

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**Flowers** for worship today are given in honor of the baptismal birthday of Cora VanderWel by her family.

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# 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.
- 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 young and old are welcome to borrow items from the Worship & Wiggle shelf. Please return the items after worship. Families are welcome to supervise their children in Augustana's nursery at any time on Sundays as well as use the Cozy Corner in the sanctuary narthex if a change of scenery is needed during worship. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom.
- Faith Formation for all children and youth is available Sundays, 9:30–10:15 a.m., in the education building. Adult Forum is offered 9:15–10:15 a.m.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the Giving page at Augustana's website ([augustanadenver.org](http://augustanadenver.org)). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- We invite you to share prayer requests as we prepare our weekly Prayers of Intercession. Each Sunday, the Prayers of Intercession also make space for worshipers to name prayer concerns, either silently or aloud. Names included in the Prayers of Intercession are usually spoken for two Sundays. Requests received by Thursday at noon are included in the coming Sunday's prayers; those received later are held by the Care Team and pastors and will be included the following week. To submit a prayer request, use the back of your worship slip, or contact Augustana's office.
- 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.
- If you'd like assistive listening, you may now use your smart phone to connect to the audio feed through an app. You may then listen through your own Bluetooth device (ear buds or hearing aids) or wired earphones. If you do not have a smart phone, you may request a receiver device from the ushers. Printed instruction sheets are available in the narthex, or use the QR code.
- 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.
- 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 YouTube channel for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website ([augustanadenver.org](http://augustanadenver.org)) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

# Worship Ministries

## **Acolyte:**

10:30 a.m. Pastor Caitlin Trussell

## **Altar Guild:**

April Paul Whitehurst  
Karen Ullestad

**Bus Driver:** Tim Dickinson

**Cantor:** Kent Mueller

## **Chancel Ringers:**

Kari Kusek, Interim Director

## **Communion:**

8 a.m. Robin Hoffman

10:30 a.m. Youth

## **Communion Linens:**

April Mark Caldwell

## **Crucifer:**

10:30 a.m. Pastor Michael Tassler

## **Offering:**

8 a.m. Jo Martin  
Alan Motes

10:30 a.m. Casey King  
Heather Nelson

## **Prayers:**

8 a.m. Kirsten Lamphere

10:30 a.m. Hattie Warren

## **Readers:**

8 a.m. Kirsten Lamphere

10:30 a.m. Sid Paul  
Shaan Reddy

## **Ushers:**

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

10:30 a.m. Aaron Beazer  
Griffin Brown  
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