

ALLELUIA

Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

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Welcome to this Easter celebration! Jesus' resurrection is often hard to believe. So, beginning today, we will 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!

Happy Easter and a Warm Welcome to Newcomers!

A warm welcome to you, and to children and adults of all ages, abilities, and attributes, with the unconditional welcome we first received from Jesus. Knowing that there are many reasons we end up at church on Easter Sunday, we hope you experience moments of peace and grace as Jesus' resurrection is celebrated. Communion is for all. Yes, even you. Check out the communion details in this bulletin. Scan the code for more information about Augustana's welcome.



Our 11 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 adjusting 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

“I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” from *Messiah* –George Frideric Handel

Emily Murdock, soprano; Denise Lanning, guest organist

Welcome

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The assembly stands. 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.

Entrance Hymn ♦ ELW 365: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The joy and peace of God 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.

God of mercy, **we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, 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

Reading ♦ Acts 10:34–43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

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 ♦ Matthew 28:1-10

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

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 379: Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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Holy Baptism

Rejoice in the baptism of Ada Autumn Sillstrop, child of Ian and Laura Sillstrop. Welcome, child of God! Ada’s sponsors are Robin Boe, Lara Arce, Diane Siegle, and Teresa Sillstrop.

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

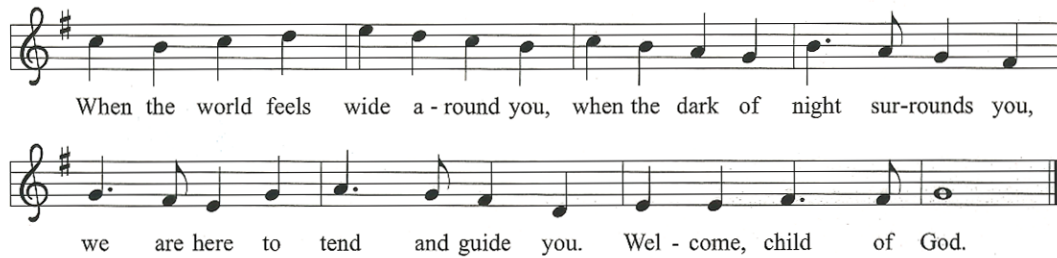
AR HYD Y NOS



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.



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Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

You are invited to greet one another with these words: "Peace be with you." You may additionally shake hands or place your hand over your heart with a small bow to your neighbor.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Your generosity makes possible the many and various ways this church supports the community and the world—through aid to those in need, education in the Early Learning Center, presence to those who are ill, and a safe and vibrant place to share and experience the love of God. Thank you!



Now the Vault of Heaven Resounds –John A. Behnke

Chancel Choir, Augustana Brass

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
 In praise of love that still abounds:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
 Repeat their song of glory here:
 "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
 Set heart and will on things above
 That we conquer through your triumph;
 Grant grace sufficient for life's day
 That by our lives we truly say:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Eternal is the gift he brings,
 Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Now still he comes to give us life
 And by his presence stills all strife.
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
 And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Be to the Father and our Lord,
 To Spirit blest, most holy God,
 All the glory, never ending!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

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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, 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.**

The assembly is seated.

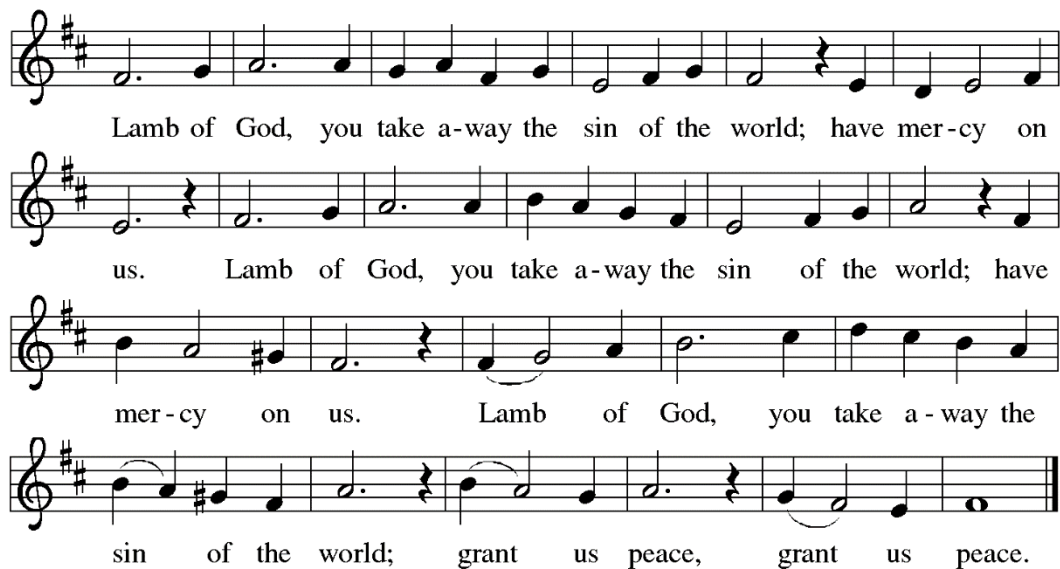
Holy Communion

- *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 a wafer of bread from the server. Hold your wafer and move to the next server. Dip your wafer in either the wine (darker color) or grape juice (lighter color). This is called intinction.*
- *Please let the server know if you need a gluten-free wafer. We will offer you the container so that you may touch it yourself. The wafer is full communion on its own if you'd rather not dip it into the wine and grape juice that have touched other wafers.*
- *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.*

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. **Alleluia!**

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 ♦ “Exaltation” –Matthew Compton Augustana Ringers

Communion Hymn ♦ ELW 449: **We Know That Christ is Raised**

ENGELBERG



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Prayer after Communion

The assembly stands.

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.**

Blessing

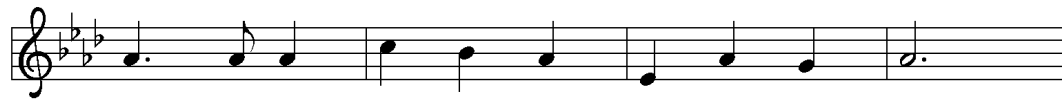
God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
 Jesus Christ, our source of lavish grace,
 and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
 ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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

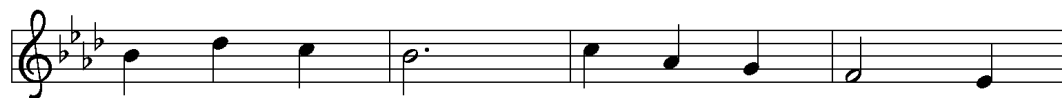
During the Sending Hymn, worshipers who wish to sing along with the choir for the “Hallelujah Chorus” are invited to come to the front of the church using the side aisles. Music will be available on tables at either end of the altar.



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.



Refrain
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

“Hallelujah Chorus” from *Messiah* –George Frideric Handel

The new Paschal Candle for the Easter Season and the 2026-27 church year is given by Paul Gilbertson and Ruthie Swenson in memory of their parents, Rev. Victor and Wilma Gilbertson and John and Ruth Skarsvaag, and in loving memory of their departed mates, Phyllis Gilbertson and Larry Swenson.

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.
- 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. The Cozy Corner is available in the sanctuary narthex if a change of scenery is needed during worship. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom.
- 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.
- We invite you to share prayer requests as we prepare our weekly Prayers of Intercession and hold one another before God. 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. All prayer concerns are received with care and entrusted to God's mercy. To submit a prayer request, use the back of your worship slip, or contact Augustana's office.
- Restrooms and water stations are 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 above.



- 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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Alec Bell, Trumpet
Darren Kramer, Trombone
Spencer Mallott, Trombone

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