



Fourth Sunday of Easter
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Setting 3, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

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Welcome to worship during this Easter season! Beginning with Easter Sunday, 50 days of the church year are spent celebrating and contemplating the resurrection. If God is a resurrecting God, then what might new life look like for you? We gather to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In prayer, song, preaching, and holy communion, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

Prelude

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" –C.V. Stanford
Daniel Romero, organ

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with your mercy.

The love of Christ brings healing, hope, and new life. May we be strengthened with these gifts on our journey, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ✠ **Amen.**

Gathering Song

ELW 645: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn. c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

Greeting

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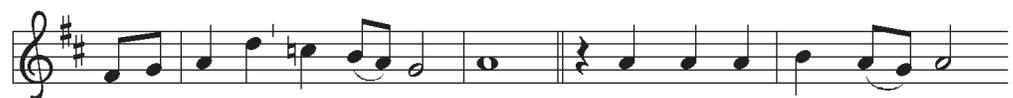
The joy and peace of God be with you all.

And also with you.

Canticle of Praise



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

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

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:5–12

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners (Peter and John) stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

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

Psalm

“Psalm 23” –C. Hyton Stewart

1. The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
3. He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name’s sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
6. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Second Reading

1 John 3:16–24

A reading from First John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

John 10:11–18

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

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Ann Hultquist

Hymn of the Day

ELW 780: Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain
All

All: Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from

death in - to life. life.

Leader

All: 1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I
 All: 2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
 All: 3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
 lead me by path-ways of righ-teous-ness and truth, my
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader

AVE: 4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

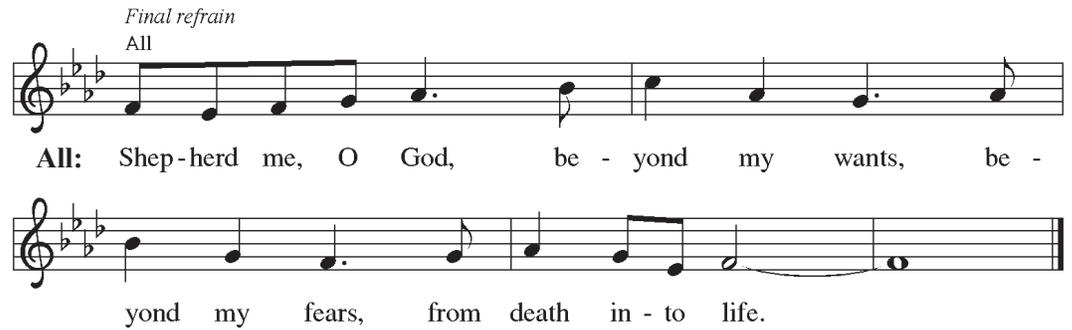
ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader

All: 5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain
All



All: Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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 Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen
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Recognition of High School Seniors

Emma Graham
 Bethany Lutz

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Peace

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

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

Offering

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” –Virgil Thomson
 AVE

My Shepherd will supply my need:
 Jehovah is His Name;
 In pastures fresh He makes me feed,
 Beside the living stream.
 He brings my wandering spirit back
 When I forsake His ways,
 And leads me, for His mercy’s sake,
 In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,
 Thy presence is my stay;
 A word of Thy supporting breath
 Drives all my fears away.
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
 Doth still my table spread;
 My cup with blessings overflows,
 Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
 Attend me all my days;
 O may Thy house be my abode,
 And all my work be praise!
 There would I find a settled rest,
 While others go and come;
 No more a stranger, nor a guest,
 But like a child at home.

—paraphrase of Psalm 23, Isaac Watts

Offertory Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

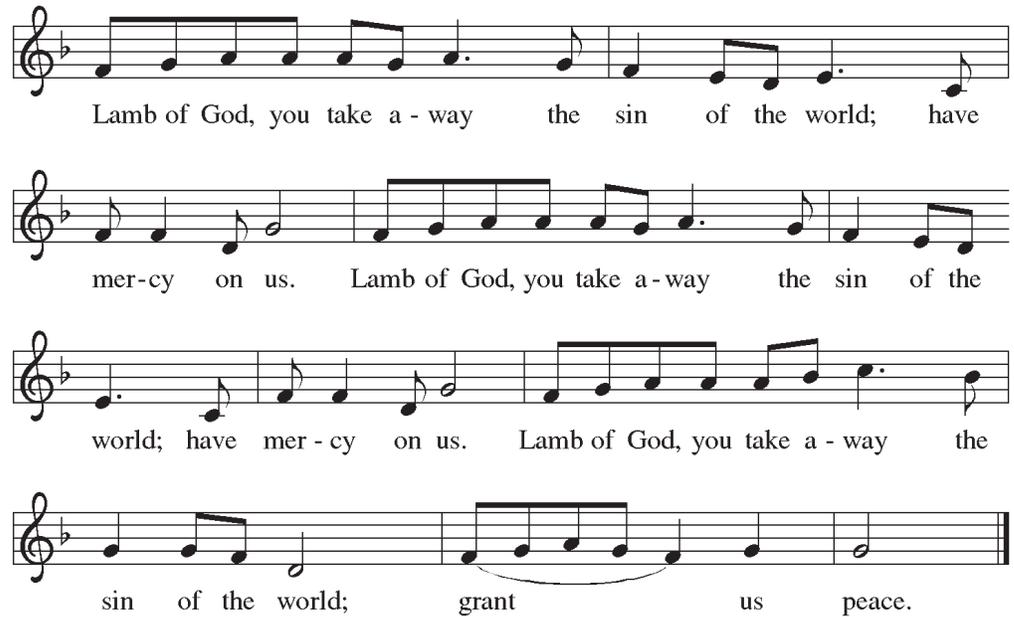
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the Body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth burning with justice, peace, and love.
We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
Amen.

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

We are connected by the Holy Spirit to God and to each other across time and place through our baptisms. In this same Spirit, we share bread and wine with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. You may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home. We invite you to share this bread of life and cup of blessing as we all are one even though we gather separately for now.



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.

Prayer after Communion

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

ELW 789: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Dismissal

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

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

“Prelude to the Vidi Aquam” –Lode Van Dessel
Daniel Romero, organ

Welcome!

- To download a copy of today's sermon, visit Augustana's website, www.augustanadenver.org, and click on [Online Worship/Devotions](#).
- Secure online gifts may be made through the [Giving page at Augustana's website, www.augustanadenver.org](#). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.

Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

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Please visit www.augustanadenver.org/worship/ for news and registration for **in-person worship** starting in May!

Online Bible Studies with Pastors

This study will be on hiatus for the summer beginning Sunday, May 2. Watch Augustana's publications and website for news about study opportunities this fall. [Sign up here](#) for updates through our weekly email, the Augustana ePistle.

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

Faith Formation for grades PreK–12 will meet under the tent in Augustana's Courtyard, 9:15–10 a.m. on Sundays through May 16, 2021, except for grades 5 and 6 which will continue to meet via Zoom.

Weekly Faith Formation videos for children age 4 through 4th grade are available via [Augustana's website \(www.augustanadenver.org\)](http://www.augustanadenver.org) through April 25.

Contact **Shanna VanderWel** (shanna@augustanadenver.org) about Faith Formation opportunities for children and youth.

Online Coffee Hour

Join us for coffee and conversation via Zoom, Sundays, 10–10:30 a.m. [Sign up here](#) to access the Zoom link through our weekly email, the Augustana ePistle.

We Are One @ 1:00

Since Augustana will be offering in-person worship, Augustana's online devotion, "We Are One @ 1:00," will conclude at the end of April. You can revisit these twice-weekly videos on Augustana's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/augustanadenver/).

Listen to Dial-a-Care!

Listen to a 3-minute devotion recorded daily by Augustana staff and members (303-996-2733).



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