

	<p>Ascension of Our Lord May 16, 2021 8 a.m. (Courtyard) and 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed)</p>
	<p>Setting 3, <i>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</i></p>
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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!

Congregational singing is not advised as of yet. Please listen to AVE during the liturgy and hymns as we worship together. You are welcome to hum along. It is anticipated that this restriction will end once a larger percentage of people are vaccinated in the community.

Prelude

- 8 a.m. Adagio, from Sonata I, Op. 65 –Felix Mendelssohn
 Daniel Romero
- 10:30 a.m. “Song of Praise,” from *A Simple Suite* –Kevin McChesney
 Augustana Ringers

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 393: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



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!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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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



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

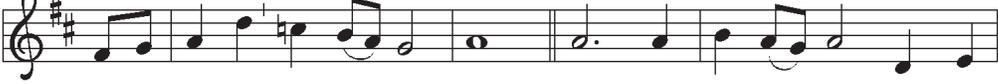


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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

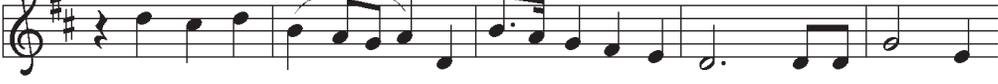


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain



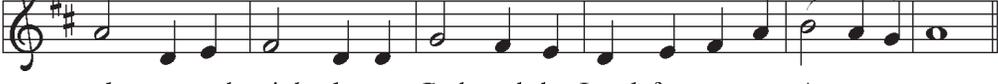
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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.

Final refrain

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

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

A reading from Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴While 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; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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.”⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.¹¹They 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 47

The refrain will be sung first by the cantor, then by the assembly, and again by the assembly after the verses as indicated.

Refrain:

God has gone up with a shout.

God has gone up with a shout.

Psalm 47:5

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- ¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.
- ²For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:
a great king over | all the earth,
- ³who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;
- ⁴who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves. *Refrain*
- ⁵God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram’s horn.
- ⁶Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises. *Refrain*
- ⁷For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.
- ⁸God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.
- ⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15–23

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray 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, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, ²¹far 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. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

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

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

Sermon

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day

ELW 838: **Beautiful Savior**



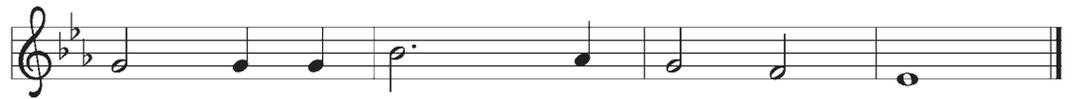
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Recognition of Ordination Anniversaries

10:30 a.m. Today we recognize and give thanks to God for the years of dedicated service given by these pastors, all members of Augustana:

Pastor Ron Swenson, 60 years

Pastor John Pederson, 45 years

Pastor Bonita Bock, 40 years

Pastor Ron Glusenkamp, 40 years

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

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

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

Offering

Your offering helped fund the ministry of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in 2020. Even with COVID restrictions, they welcomed 818 campers and 62 summer staff.

“God is Gone Up” –Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov/adapted by Blake Nawa`a
AVE

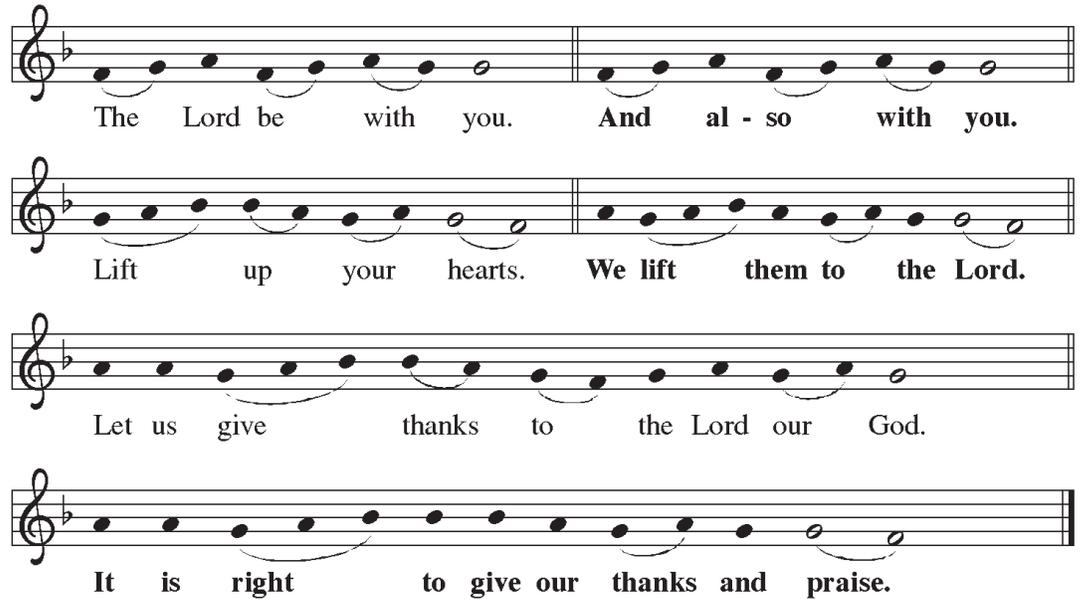
God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia.

–Psalm 47

Offertory Prayer

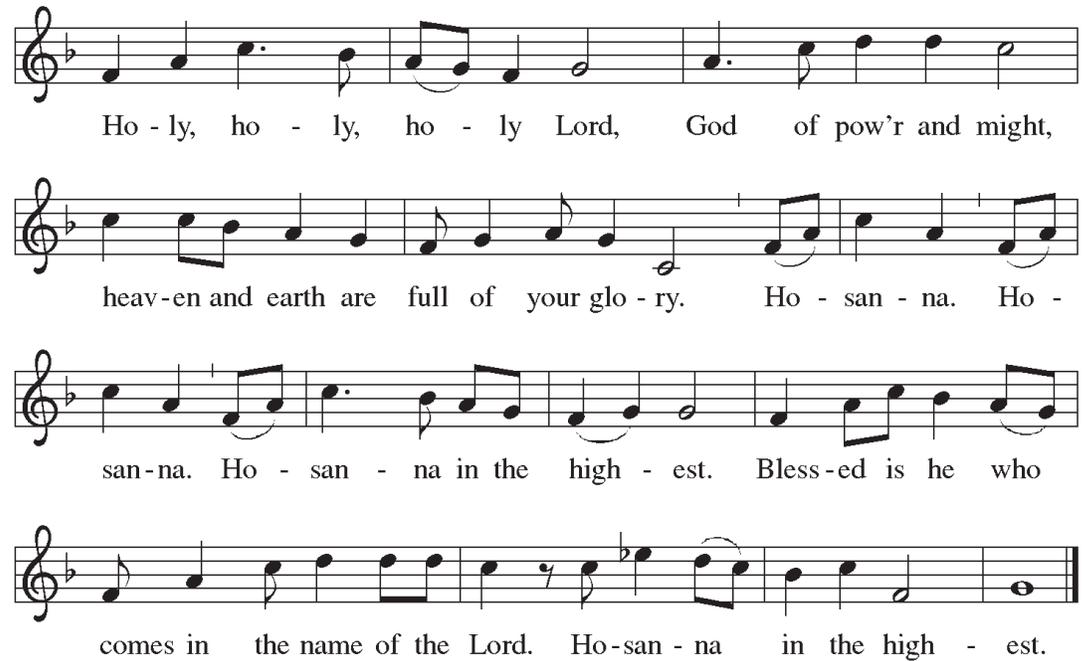
God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

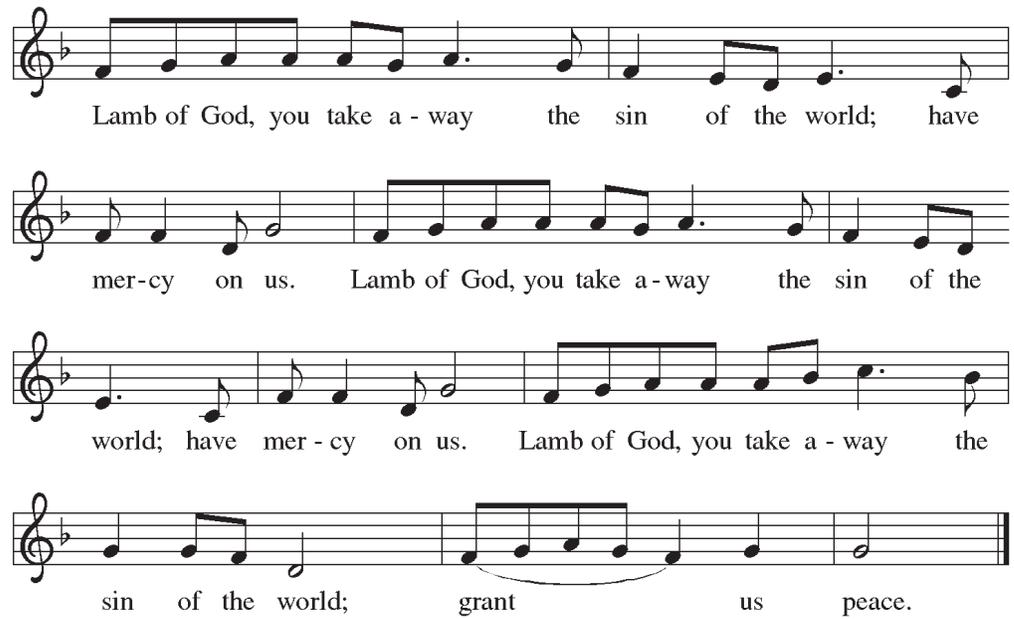
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is 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. If you are worshipping with us on livestream, 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 in Christ. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of God.

We rejoice with these two young people receiving their First Communion at 8 a.m. worship this morning!

Caroline E. Stratton, daughter of Brandon and Anne Stratton
Elise Anne Earhart, daughter Zach and Sarah Earhart



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.

10:30 a.m. "Song of Joy," from *A Simple Suite* —Kevin McChesney
Augustana Ringers

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 392: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

- 8 a.m. "Sortie" –Alexandre Guilmant
Daniel Romero, organ
- 10:30 a.m. "Fantasy on *Hyfrydol*" –Hal Hopson
Augustana Ringers



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Ordination Anniversaries

We give thanks to God today for our brothers and sister, leaders and servants in the Body of Christ.

Pastor Ron Swenson, celebrating 60 years of ordination: He was ordained in Seattle in June 1960 as part of the Augustana Synod annual meeting. He served in rural and suburban churches in Minnesota, then in Switzerland at Geneva Lutheran, back to Salem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud, MN, and finally at Augustana in Denver 1980–1998.

Pastor John Pederson, celebrating 45 years of ordination: He was ordained at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis in October 1975. He served in White Bear Lake, MN, then Trinity Lutheran Church in Ft. Collins 1978–1998, then at Augustana in Denver 1998–2014. John studied philosophy at Harvard and theology at Andover Newton prior to receiving his Masters of Theology at Luther Seminary.

Pastor Bonita Bock, celebrating 40 years of ordination: She served a number of years as a parish pastor after receiving her Masters of Divinity from Luther Seminary, was the Director of The Urban Servant Corps in Denver, then the Co-Director of Wartburg West in Denver and a faculty member of the Religion Department of Wartburg College. She was also an adjunct professor at Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

Pastor Ron Glusenkamp, celebrating 40 years of ordination: Ron received his Master of Divinity from Christ Seminary-Seminex. He served congregations in Wichita, Kansas City, and St. Louis. He was Senior Pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cherry Hills Village 2006–2014, and he was the director of the ELCA's Always Being Made New campaign 2014–2020. That campaign raised \$250 million dollars in gifts for a wide variety of ministries that are part of the ELCA.

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.

Sunday Worship—In-Person or Livestreamed

Join Augustana on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/augustanadenver/) or YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8QQ4ybjC4GuBH_mdvVRCdA) for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website (www.augustanadenver.org) for downloadable worship resources and past worship videos.

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

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.

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