

AES MINISTRIES ~ AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 3, 2026 10:30 AM

"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today! All are welcome at the Lord's Table

PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

RIGHT COLUMN, ELW p. 94

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily
magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

One of the following or another confession is prayed.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned
from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

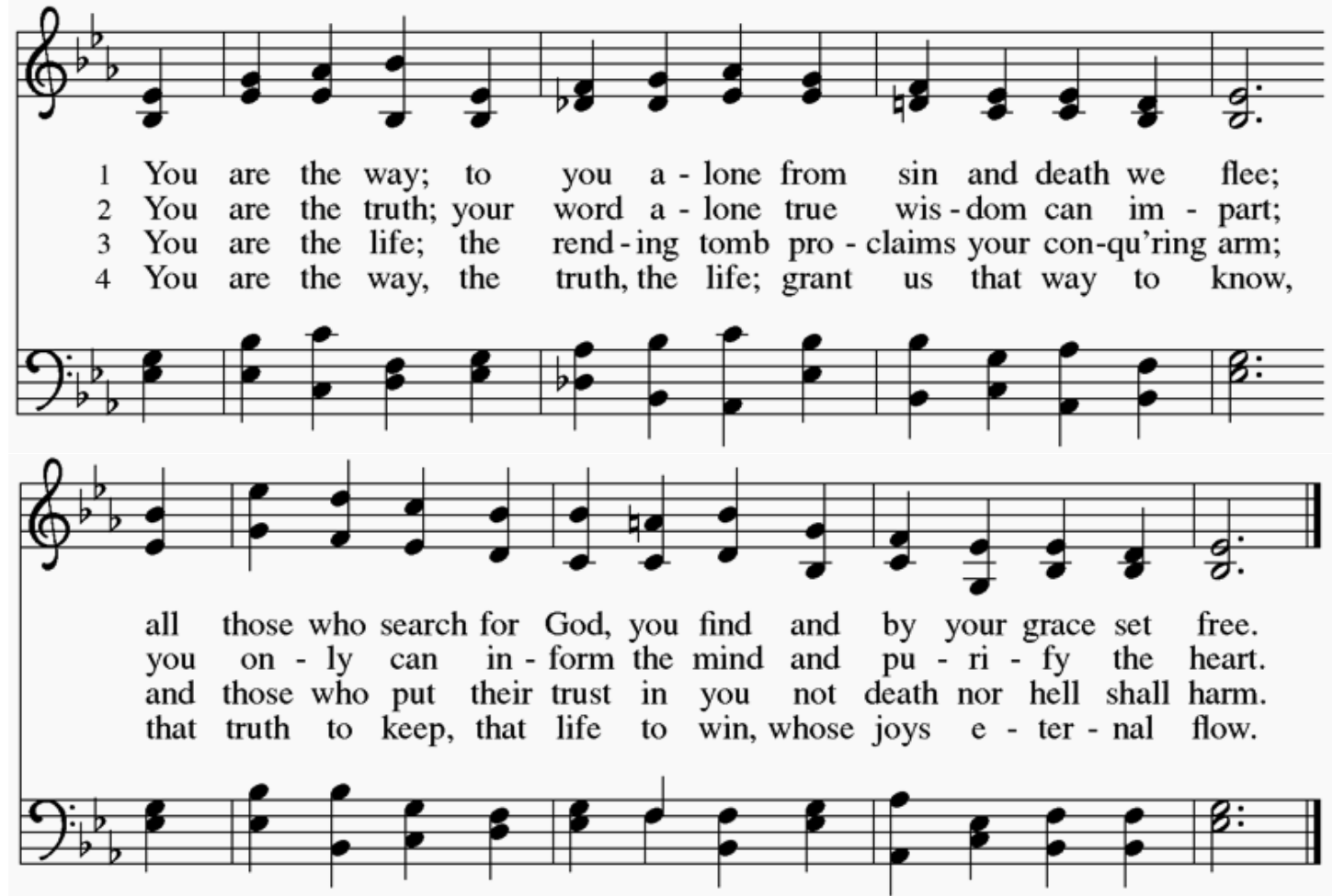
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"You Are the Way"

ELW #758



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

GREETING

ELW p. 138

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 7:55-60

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God**

PSALM: 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 14th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE**HYMN OF THE DAY**

"This is My Father's World"

ELW #824

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

APOSTLE'S 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.

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your Mercy . . .

C: Hear our Prayer

Prayer Concerns: *The Family and Friends of Peggy Guillen, Laikyn, Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Mike Larson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Darryl Jensen, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Tom Anderson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, Dennis Madison, Linda Madison, and Emma Overson.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

"Give Thanks"

Insert in Pew

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, - give thanks to the

4 Am Bb F/A F Eb
 Ho - ly One; - Give thanks - be-cause He's giv - en Je - sus Christ, His

8 1. Gm7/C C7 Am/C 2, 3. Gm7/C C7 C/Bb Am7 VERSE Dm7 C/D Dm7
 Son. Give Son. And now let the weak say, "I am

12 Gm7 Bb/C C Bb/D C/E Fmaj7 Am/E Dm7 C/D Dm7
 strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of what the Lord has

16 $E\flat$ Last time to Coda $E\flat/D$ 1. Gm^7/C C^7 $C/B\flat$ 2. Gm^7/C C^7 Am/C
 done for us; And us. Give
 D.S. al Coda

19 Gm^7/C C^7 $B\flat/C$ F $Fmaj^7$ Gm^7/F F
 us. Give thanks.

ENDING

Offertory Prayer

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HOLY COMMUNION

Here at Augustana we are committed to the inclusion of all God's people, with no exception. Therefore, we practice open communion, welcoming all to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Juice (light color) and wine (dark red) are both available. Individually wrapped gluten free wafers are available as well. If you would like to receive communion, but are unable to physically come forward, please indicate that to an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Words Of Institution

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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.**

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

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BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!”

ELW #389

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Activities this week: May 4 – May 10

Monday 6:00 pm – (A) Education Committee Mtg
Tuesday 9:30 am – Rebecca Circle
2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
Wednesday 9:00 am – Martha Circle
Sunday Mother’s Day
9:00 am – (E) Communion Worship
9:30 am – (A) Coffee Hour
10:30 am – (A) Communion Worship
11:30am – Radio Broadcast on 1370AM

Church Announcements

- † **Thank You Deacon Lyla for being our pulpit supply today!**
- † The **St. James Historical Society** will have an Open House TODAY from 1-4 pm. Everyone is invited!
- † A Celebration of Life was held for **Peggy Guillen** on Friday, May 1st at 11:00 am at Augustana. Peggy passed away on April 24th, 2026.
- † Order forms for the **Youth Beef Bouquet Fundraiser** are in the newsletter and are on the table in the narthex of each church. Order from May 1st – June 7th.
- † **All forms and first payment for the National Youth Gathering are due on Monday, May 4th.** Payments can be made out to AES Youth and mailed to the church office, placed in the drop box in the back of Augustana, or turned in during regular office hours.
- † **Rebecca Circle will meet Tuesday, May 5th at 9:30 am.**
- † Join us for **Senior Recognition Sunday, May 17th**, during Coffee Hour at 9:30 AM in honor of our seniors. Everyone is welcome to come celebrate with us.
- † **BLESS A CAMPER:** If you are able and want to help our youth go to summer camp at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, please consider taking an envelope from the poster.
- † **Pr. Mandy will be on vacation** Monday, April 27th – Sunday, May 10th.
Deacon Lyla Klee is on call and will be our pulpit supply for May 3rd and 10th.
- † The **St. James Ambulance Association invites you to Donkey Basketball!!** May 4 at the St. James High School Event Center. Doors open at 6p and the games begin at 7p. This promises to be a night of laughter and hijinks as local teachers, students, law enforcement, firefighters, EMS members, hospital staff and maybe a politician or two take part in a few games of basketball seated on the backs of donkeys!! Concessions will be available. Also look for the 50/50 raffle and grab your First Responder Fan Club t-shirt!! Come on out for a great time and support your local WeeWoo (ambulance) Crew! Presale tickets are \$10 and are available at Pioneer Bank, First National Bank and St. James High school. At the door tickets will be \$15.