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Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 8:00 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The tomb is dark, but empty

C: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

P: The stone has been rolled away

C: The one you are looking for has overcome death

P: The burial clothes are put aside

C: The one you are looking for is alive!

P: Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed!

Let us worship our Risen Savior!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

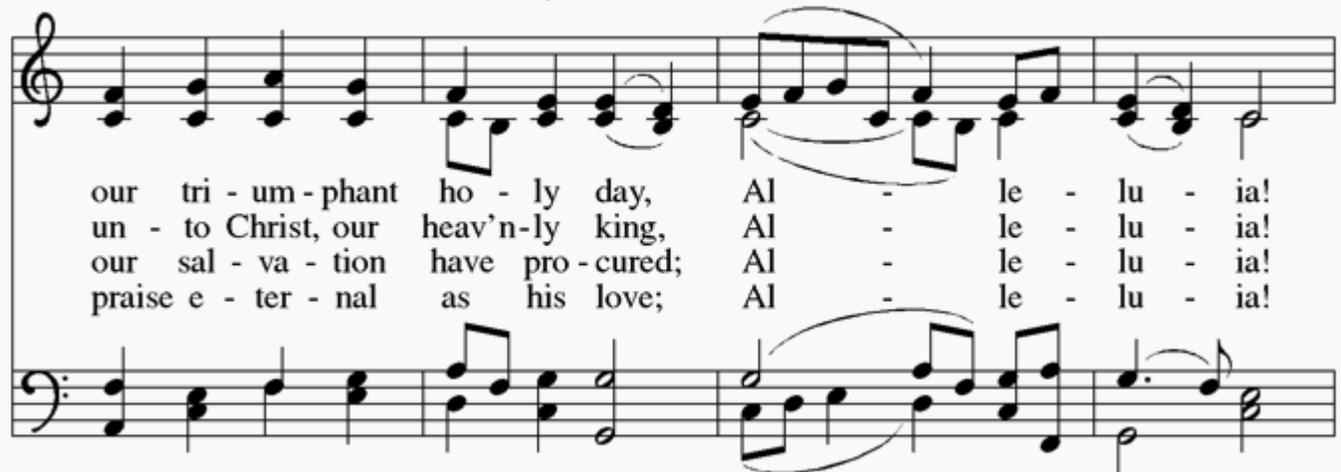
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

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 life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**



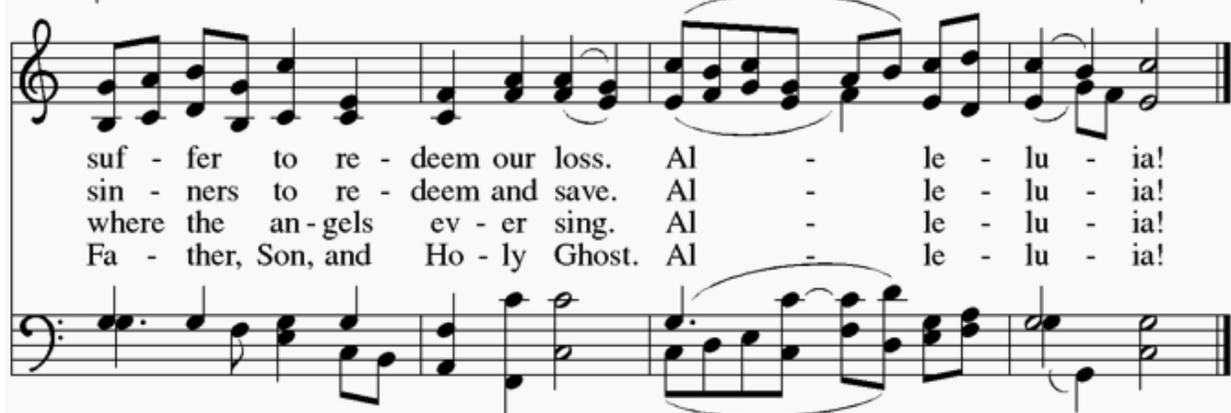
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . .

C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

PSALM: PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

L: ¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

C: ²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

L: ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

**C: ¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

L: ¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

**C: ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

L: ¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

**C: ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

L: ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**C: ²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

L: ²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

C: ²³**This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

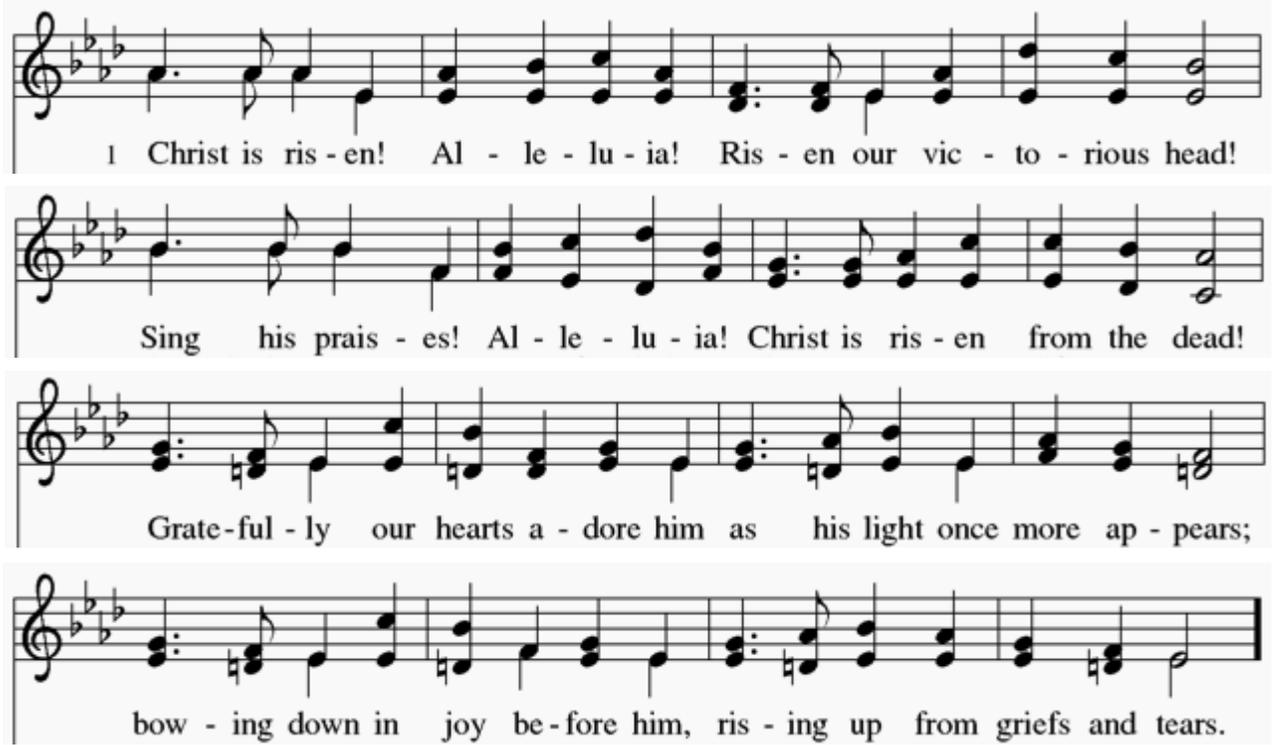
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”* vs. 1 & Refrain ELW #382



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

L: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 28th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Now All The Fault of Heaven Resounds”

ELW #367

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

EASTER PRAYERS

L: Lord in your Mercy . . .

C: Hear our Prayer

Prayer Concerns: Lindsey Kulseth, Debbie McGuire, Roger Hagen, Nolan O'Connor, Darrell Ask, Brenda Watson, 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.

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!”

vs. 1 ELW #369

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!

Offertory Prayer

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution (Continuous Communion)

ELW p. 154

Communion Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW #471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
 sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Communion Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

ELW #677

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Communion Hymn

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW #857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
 I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
 You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
 to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
 from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Post Communion Prayer

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is risen! C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Church Announcements

- ✠ **If you ordered a Easter Lily or Pastel Mum, you may take your plant after worship. Thanks!**
- ✠ **The Church is closed Monday, April 6th in observance of Easter. The office is closed April 8th.**
- ✠ **There will be a meeting for the National Youth Gathering on Sunday, April 12th at 6:30 pm. 1 Parent must attend with their Youth.**
- ✠ **Joint worship service Sunday, April 12th, 9:00 am at Augustana. Bishop Dee Pederson is joining us during worship, during coffee hour she is presenting detailing her work with the South African partnership.**

Activities this week: April 6 – April 12

- Monday Church Closed
9:30 am – (A) Rebecca Circle
- Tuesday 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
- Wednesday Office Closed
6:00 pm – (A) ROAR
6:00 pm – (A) Committee Meetings
7:00 pm – (A) Council
- Thursday Office Closed
7:00 pm – (E) Council
- Sunday 9:00 am – (A) Joint Worship – Bishop Dee Pederson
10:00 am – (A) Coffee Hour
11:30 am – Radio Broadcast on 1370AM
6:30 pm – (A) National Youth Gathering Meeting