



# *Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day Augustana Lutheran Church*

*March 31, 2024*

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**Prelude**

**Angela Iversen**

## **GATHERING**

**Introit:** Alleluia Festivalé — Celebration Choir

### **Announcements**

#### **Announcement of the Day**

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

**\*Opening Hymn**                      “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” #365

#### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**P:** Gracious God,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie (p.98)**

**\*This is the Feast (p.101)**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**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.**

## **WORD**

**First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### **Response to the Reading**

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Special Music**

*Celebration Choir “Acclamation for Easter” — Paige*

### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

### **Response to the Reading**

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** (p.102)

**\*Gospel Announcement and Spoken Response**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

*Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know

that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

### **\*Spoken Gospel Response**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

Pastor Chuck Meyer

*Silence for reflection.*

**\*Hymn of the Day** "The Day of Resurrection!" #361 v.1,3,4

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession —**

We pray for: the Bauer family; Lois Daniels; Dan Graben; Pastor Barb Hansen; Terry Heck; Con Heider; Nancy Henry; Alex Hexom; Dennis Holton; Olivia Kallaos; Richard Lacy; Marlene Levine; Diane Lindgren; Angie Lopez; Charlie McAllister; Terry McAllister; Kari Meyer; Becky Moos; Jamie Neilson; Tom Peterson; Gene Roach; Clyde Robinson; Dan Robinson; Linda Roth; Dick Sea; Lori Shannon; Marge Swanson; Steve Trobaugh; Victoria; Cody Wall; Craig Walsh; and those affected by disasters and diseases throughout the world. Let us pray for all of the caregivers that give of their time and gentle care for those who are ill.

We also pray for the families of the church: Jessie, Lane, and Chase Koons; Tim Laros; Mike, Constance, and Ingrid Larson;

Jerry and Sue Levay; Chris Levine.

A: Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

## **OFFERING**

**\*Offering Prayer**

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

**\*Great Thanksgiving** (p.107)

**\*Proper Preface**

**\*Sanctus** (p.108)

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord's Prayer** (p. 112)

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

**\*Invitation to Holy Communion**

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Lamb of God** (p. 112)

**Distribution**—*We believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the Supper of our Lord, in the forms of bread and wine. We also believe that admission to the sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper at Augustana Lutheran Church. Receive the bread in your hands. Gluten free hosts are available if you prefer. The wine will be served in a small glass. Grape juice is*

available if you prefer. Those who do not partake of Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

### **Distribution Hymns**

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

#377

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

#392

### **\*Post-Communion Blessing**

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Gracious God,

in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace,

you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world  
in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

**Halleluiah Chorus** *If you'd like to join the choir in singing the Halleluiah Chorus, please come up to the front of the church.*

## **SENDING**

### **\*Blessing**

The God of all,

who raised † Jesus from the dead,

bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit

to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” #389 v.1,2,4,5

### **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

**Angela Iversen**

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**Easter Sunday, March 31 Worship Leaders**—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Dave Madsen; Musician: Angela Iversen; Technical Assistant: Team Hexom; Altar Guild: Debbie and Terry McAllister; Acolyte: Elie Iversen and Madeline Hexom

**Sunday, April 7 Worship Leaders**—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Dave Madsen; Musician: Angela Iversen; Technical Assistant: Team Hexom; Altar Guild: Debbie and Terry McAllister; Acolyte: Elie Iversen and Madeline Hexom

**Attendance for Sunday, March 24—49**

**Easter Lilies**—Please take you Easter Lilies home with you after today’s service.

**Spring Clean-out!!!**—Time to rejuvenate several rooms in our church and spruce up our facility. We need to clear out items that have not been used in several years, or have outgrown their purpose. As we clear out, we will be placing items on chrome shelving racks. The shelves are located outside of the Augsburg Room in the lower level of the church. If you see something you’d like to have, please feel free to take it home with you! Items on the shelves will be donated or disposed of after two weeks, and new items will be placed. Keep checking it out and help us spring clean the church!



## **This week at Augustana**

### **Sunday, March 31, 2024**

8:30am Easter Breakfast

9:00am Adult Choir

10:00am Holy Communion

*Easter Sunday*

### **Monday, April 1, 2024**

5:00pm Just For Kix

6:00pm Beth Moore Bible Study

*Pastor Vacation*

### **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

5:00pm Just For Kix

*Pastor Vacation*

### **Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

5:00pm Just For Kix

*Pastor Vacation*

### **Thursday, April 4, 2024**

5:15pm Just For Kix

*Pastor Vacation*

### **Friday, April 5, 2023**

*Pastor Vacation*

### **Saturday, April 6, 2024**

*Pastor Vacation*

## **Next week at Augustana**

### **Sunday, April 7, 2024**

8:45am Children's Choir, Adult Sunday School

9:00am Adult Choir, Children's Sunday School, Confirmation

10:00am Holy Communion

*Pastor Vacation*

### **Monday, April 8, 2024**

10:00am Piece Corps

5:00pm Just For Kix

6:00pm Beth Moore Bible Study

### **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

5:00pm Just For Kix

6:45pm Church Council

### **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

10:00am Women's Bible Study

5:00pm Just For Kix

### **Thursday, April 11, 2024**

5:15pm Just For Kix

**Welcome to all visitors; we've been expecting you!** Please worship with us regularly! If you are looking for a church home and would like to attend a new member class, please check the appropriate box on the Fellowship Register as it is passed your way. The register will be handed out during the announcements. Please sign it, check the appropriate boxes, and pass it along. When all have signed, please send it back toward the center aisle.

**There are several ways to find out more about Augustana!** Copies of the *Trumpeter*, Augustana's monthly newsletter, are available in the entryway for visitors. Look for us on the web at [www.augustanasc.org](http://www.augustanasc.org). Check us out on Facebook! Augustana Lutheran, Sioux City is the name of our page.

### Congregational Mission Statement

A welcoming, caring congregation offering opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, and fellowship.

We express our faith and love to others in the name of Jesus Christ.



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