



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Augustana Lutheran
Church
April 21, 2024

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Prelude

Heidi Graben

GATHERING

Announcements

***Camp Call to Worship**

We worship together
In the name of the Father
In the name of the Son
In the name of the Holy Spirit
C: The Three in One!

***Opening Hymn** "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" #531

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

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)

***Prayer of the Day**

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.

WORD

First Reading: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The Lord | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear
no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R

Response to the Reading

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Celebration Choir "Canticle of Hope" — Larson

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

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 reas-

sure 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.

Response to the Reading

P: 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 5:14-16 (New Living Translation)**

¹⁴“You are the light of the world — like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise [God].

Matthew 5:14-16 (The Message Translation)

“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand — shine!

Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God.”

***Spoken Gospel Response**

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Youth from St. Luke, St. Mark, and Living Faith

Silence for reflection.

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn of the Day**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” #502

***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; Barbara Freese; Dan Graben; Pastor Barb Hansen; Terry Heck; Con Heider; Nancy Henry; Alex Hexom; Stan Hinzmann; Dennis Holton; Olivia Kallaos; Richard Lacy; Marlene Levine; Diane Lindgren; Angie Lopez; Charlie McAllister; Terry McAllister; Becky Moos; Jamie Neilson; Tom Peterson; Gene Roach; Clyde Robinson; Dan Robinson; Linda Roth; Shelly Schossow; 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: Steve and Amy Macfarlane; Dave and Mary Madsen; David Mara; Bryce Matsuo; Judy Matsuo.

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

***Sharing of the Peace**

OFFERING

***Offering Prayer**

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
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: The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

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

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

#778 v.1,2,3

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

#764

***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**

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the
† Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #545 v.1,2

***Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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Today, Sunday, April 21 Worship Leaders—Presiding Minister: Pastor Andy Nelson; Musician: Heidi Graben; Technical Assistant: Team Iversen; Altar Guild: Ginny Ericson and Darla Williams; Acolytes: Tyler Welp and Klara Winter

Sunday, April 28 Worship Leaders—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Marlene Levine; Musician: Shannon Peterson; Technical Assistant: Team Hexom; Altar Guild: Ginny Ericson and Darla Williams; Acolytes: Alex Hexom and Kaylyn Winter

Attendance for Sunday, April 14—53

April Benevolence—April brings our food drive. This food will go to the pantry at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Financial donations will also be appreciated. These will go to the Foodbank of Siouxland.

Mary Elizabeth Daycare Center Garden—I would like to engage more members in the growing project at Mary Elizabeth Day Care. I need more help to do that. Watering, weeding, pruning, just the ongoing care of a garden. There is some interaction with the children who are cared for there if you are lucky. Please contact me (712-253-6242) if you are willing to help with this.
Dr. Dick Hettinger

RE-Event—Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. – noon, is the annual RE-Event sponsored by the City of Sioux City for electronics, old alkaline batteries, etc. It will be held at the Citizen's Convenience Center east on 28th Street, with is actually an extension of Outer Drive and more commonly known as "the dump." Since we no longer have an outlet for batteries as explained in the April issue of The Trumpeter, I will take the batteries that we have collected there IF the batteries are at church before Sunday, April 21. After that date, there will not be a collection basket for them. Contact me if you have any questions. Dick Lindblom

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, April 21, 2024

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

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

10:00am Holy Communion

Pastor Vacation Day

1:00pm Just For Kix

Monday, April 22, 2024

10:00am Piece Corps

5:00pm Just For Kix

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

5:00pm Just For Kix

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

5:00pm Just For Kix

Next week at Augustana

Sunday, April 28, 2024

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

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

10:00am Holy Communion

Monday, April 29, 2024

5:00pm Just For Kix

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

5:00pm Just For Kix

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

10:00am Women's Bible Study

5:00pm Just For Kix

Thursday, May 2, 2024

5:00pm 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. 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.

