



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Augustana Lutheran

Church

May 11, 2025

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An asterisk (*) invites the congregation to stand.

Prelude

AWE Musicians

GATHERING

Announcements

Announcement of the Day

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***Opening Hymn**

“I Rejoiced” (Insert)

***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. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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** (Screen)

***Prayer of the Day**

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Response to the Reading

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music *Celebration Choir "A Home of Grace" — Martin*

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,

standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Response to the Reading

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** (Screen)

***Gospel Announcement and Spoken Response**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 10:22-30**

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Fa-

ther has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.³⁰ The Father and I are one."

***Spoken Gospel Response**

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Chuck Meyer

Silence for reflection.

***Hymn of the Day** "Shepherd Me, O God" #780 v.1,2,3,5

***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: Jeanne Alingh; Lily Bodammer; Jackson Bullock; Ginny Ericson; Dan Graben; Terry Heck; Con Heider; Fred Hexom; Dennis Holton; Lois Irwin; Steve Kolker; Theresa Krusko; Marlene Levine; Erika McCarthy; Becky Moos; Candy Noonan-Johnson; Craig Nordaker; Jane Nordaker; Tom Peterson; Clyde Robinson; Dan Robinson; Linda Roth; Shelly Schossow; Dick Sea; Lori Shannon; Marge Swanson; Amy Swenson; Tony Warstorm; 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: Nicole Page; Jamison and Dawn Painter; Ron and Norma Parker; Abbie Parker; Steve and Gay Parker.

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

***Sharing of the Peace**

OFFERING

Special Music

AWE Musicians "Alleluia, Love is Alive"

***Offering Prayer**

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

MEAL

***Great Thanksgiving (Screen)**

***Proper Preface**

***Sanctus (Screen)**

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer (p.145)**

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 to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God (Screen)

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

"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

#782

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

#768

***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**

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“Go Make a Difference” (Screen)

***Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

AWE Musicians

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GOD’S LOVE MADE REAL!

Today, Sunday, May 11 Worship Leaders—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Fred Hexom; Musician: AWE Musicians; Technical Assistant: Team Levine; Altar Guild: Susie Strohbeen and Christi Bullock; Acolyte: Elie Iversen

Sunday, May 18 Worship Leaders—Presiding Minister: Pastor Chuck Meyer; Assisting Minister: Dave Madsen; Musician: Heidi Graben; Technical Assistant: Team Iversen; Altar Guild: Susie Strohbeen and Christi Bullock; Acolyte: Klara Winter

Attendance for Sunday, May 4—57

May Benevolence—Augustana has been promoting and supporting Camp High Hopes for a long time because it is fulfilling the admonition to love and care for our neighbors. Hundreds of kids, teens and adults have passed through their gate to be shown a great time, to be taught and to be cared for by the camp staff. We can help in their efforts by making a contribution to the Camp that is to be used for their most critical need whatever that is when they get our gift. Please be generous for the place where smiles happen.

City-Wide VBS—City-Wide VBS is June 23-26, 2025 and will be held at St. John Lutheran Church. Scan the QR code to register your child (ren) online. The theme is Lava Lava Luau: Controlling Our Emotions. The meal starts at 5:30pm and programming happens from 6:00-8:00pm. Talk to Pastor Chuck if you have any questions!



Yellow Pew Envelopes—As a reminder, the yellow pew envelopes are specifically for HVAC donations. This helps us stay organized during the fundraising process, thanks!

Century II Potluck—The Century II Potluck will take place on Sunday, June 1, 2025. We will need people to make dishes, set up, serve, and help clean up. If you are able to help, the sign-up sheet is available! Set up is at 4:00pm, the meal will be served around 5:00pm, and cleanup around 6:00pm.

Evening of Thanksgiving—The Western Iowa Synod invites you to an Evening of Thanksgiving for the ministry of Bishop Lorna H. Halaas. Join us Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Sioux City. There will be dinner and dessert along with stories celebrating the past twelve years. Please RSVP by May 30 to cstmarkoffice@gmail.com or call 712-276-2418. Tickets are \$20 per person, payable at the door. If you are unable to attend but would like to send a greeting, please mail it to St. Mark Lutheran Church, 5200 Glenn Avenue, Sioux City IA 51106.



This week at Augustana

Sunday, May 11, 2025

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

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

10:00am Holy Communion

Monday, May 12, 2025

10:00am Piece Corps

5:00pm Just For Kix

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

5:00pm Just For Kix

6:45pm Council

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

5:00pm Just For Kix

7:00pm 150th Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2025

5:00pm Just For Kix

Saturday, May 17, 2025

8:00am Saints Basketball

Next week at Augustana

Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

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

10:00am Holy Communion

Monday, May 19, 2025

5:00pm Just For Kix

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

5:00pm Just For Kix

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

5:00pm Just For Kix

Thursday, May 22, 2025

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 you sign in. The register can be found in three places in the narthex as you enter the nave. Please sign it and check the appropriate boxes.

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.

