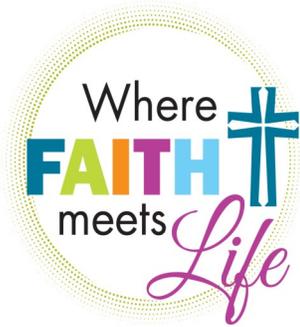


Welcome to worship at **Augustana** Lutheran Church

May 15, 2022 8:30 & 9:45 am

Baccalaureate Sunday



Fifth Sunday of Easter

The joy of Easter cannot be contained to one day. As Easter is the most holy celebration in all of Christian faith, it requires more than one day to observe. We remember that the resurrected Christ walked on earth for forty days until his ascension into heaven. Therefore, the church continues to celebrate Easter with white paraments and festive worship the entire time. Our alleluias and Easter greetings rightly continue in this season.

Prelude *Spirit in the Wind* Lee J. Afdahl
Rejoice Ringers

Welcome

Solo (9:45) *Love Grows Here* Don Besig
Sarah Nesheim, high school senior

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Opening Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* ELW #385

Call to Worship

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: Your steadfast love, O Lord, is better than life.

C: Therefore, our lips will praise you.

P: We will bless you as long as we live.

C: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

P: For you have been our help

C: and in your presence we sing for joy.

Hymn of Praise *This Is the Feast* ELW pg. 149

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.

Prayer of the Day

Ever-living God, you hold all things together in heaven and earth. We live and move and have our being in You. Guide all your children in the Spirit of your truth and peace, that we may more fully know and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

Anthem	(8:30)	<i>I Will Do My Best for Jesus</i> Chorister Choir	Joseph Marton
	(9:45)	<i>Oh, How Good It Is</i> Senior Choir	Getty/Townsend

Gospel

Acts 17:16-31 NRSV

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new. Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Remember Who You Are

Pastor Deb Kielsmeier

Sermon Questions:

When have you been tempted to forget who you are in Christ?

How does being God's child inform your identity? Your actions?

*Our Hymn of the Day
reminds us that through-
out all the seasons of life,
we belong to Christ.
We are made one as
“branches” of “Christ the
Vine” with God’s people
throughout all time and
place.*

Hymn of the Day

O Blessed Spring

ELW #447

Apostles’ 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.**

Recognition of the Graduates (9:45)

RESPONSE AND MEAL

We respond to the Word, and God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Prayers of the People

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Offering

Be Thou My Vision
Rejoice Ringers

Paul A. McKlveen

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW #885

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

**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**

“Can a mother forget the baby at the breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you. See I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.”
Isaiah 49:15-16a

Distribution

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

ELW pg. 154

Communion

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

ELW #656

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Benediction

The God of love keep you in his grace through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Eternal Life, and comfort you in the Holy Spirit that you will be Christ’s witness and light in the world. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

In Thee Is Gladness

ELW #867

The Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

In Thee Is Gladness

J.S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner
Pastor Deb Kielsmeier
Kathy Andrews, Choir Director
Andy Jacob, Organist &
Bell Director
Kim Zemple, Chorister Director

Lay Reader:

(8:30) Jeffrey Thompson
(9:45) Nicholas Reisig

**Baptized into the Christian Faith
this week:**

~Cash Raymond Loewen-Angeski,
son of Dillon Angeski & Kristina
Loewen. Sponsors for Cash are
Joshua Gaworski & Maya Loewen.

The White Roses on the Altar today are to celebrate the lives of Andrea Seashore, who died on May 7, and Lawrence (Larry) Hagen, who died on May 9.

Following worship we invite you to stop at the Information Center. It is staffed with individuals eager to answer any questions you may have. You are welcome to pick up our monthly newsletter, Augustana Life, at the Information Kiosk in the Narthex. It is also available online at augustana.com.

Augustana is using the Narrative Lectionary as a basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read Philippians 1:1-18a.

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