



**REJOICE  
WORSHIP**

**Rejoice Worship  
10 a.m.  
April 12, 2026**

**Augustana Lutheran Church  
Pastor *Amy Kelly*  
Musicians *Kaele and Craig Peterson***

## **GATHERING SONG** *“Spirit of the Living God”*

### *Verse 1*

Spirit of the living God  
Spirit of the living God  
We only want to hear Your voice  
We're hanging on ev'ry word  
Spirit of the living God  
Spirit of the living God  
We want to know You more and  
more  
We're hanging on ev'ry word

### *Chorus*

'Cause when You speak and  
when You move  
When You do what only You can  
do  
It changes us  
It changes what we see and what  
we seek  
When You come in the room  
When You do what only You can  
do  
It changes us  
It changes what we see and what  
we seek  
You're changing ev'rything

### *Verse 2*

Spirit of the living God  
Spirit of the living God  
We're leaning in to all You are  
Ev'rything else can wait  
Spirit of the living God  
Spirit of the living God  
Come now and breathe upon our  
hearts  
Come now and have Your way

### *Bridge 1*

When You move You move all our  
fears  
When You move You move us to  
tears  
When You move You move all our  
fears  
When You move You move us to  
tears

### *Bridge 2*

When You fall we fall on our  
knees  
When You fall we fall at Your feet  
And when You fall we fall on our  
knees  
And when You fall we fall at Your  
feet yeah

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### *Ending*

Spirit of the living God  
Spirit of the living God  
We only want to hear Your voice  
We're hanging on ev'ry word

## *“How Great is Our God”*

### *Verse 1*

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

### *Chorus*

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

### *Verse 2*

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

### *Bridge*

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

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## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Everyone come! You who are thirsty, come. You who are struggling to make ends meet, come. You who squander all you have, come. You who are longing to share with others, come. Come and listen!  
God draws near and gives renewing water. God enters in and offers strength to the weary. God teaches us again how to share as community. God helps us to be a new people grounded in promise.  
Everyone come! Come and know the renewing love of God.

**C: We come today to worship. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**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.

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: 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.**

## **OPENING HYMN** *"Death was Arrested"*

### *Verse 1*

Alone in my sorrow and dead in  
my sin  
Lost without hope with no place  
to begin  
Your love made a way to let  
mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my  
life began

### *Verse 2*

Ash was redeemed only beauty  
remains  
My orphan heart was given a  
name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet  
rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my  
life began

### *Chorus*

Oh Your grace so free washes  
over me  
You have made me new now life  
begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring  
down on us  
You have made us new now life  
begins with You

### *Verse 3*

Released from my chains I'm a  
pris'ner no more  
My shame was a ransom He  
faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He  
called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my  
life began

### *Verse 4*

Our Savior displayed on a  
criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though  
Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our  
freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested  
and my life began

### *Bridge*

Oh we're free free forever we're  
free  
Come join the song of all the  
redeemed  
Yes we're free free forever amen  
When death was arrested and my  
life began

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## CHILDREN'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

#### Acts 2:14a, 22-32

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

<sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

## Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."

<sup>3</sup> As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I keep the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

<sup>10</sup> For you do not give me up to Sheol  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

<sup>11</sup> You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## “Sanctuary”

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a  
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

### John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

*Pastor Amy Kelly*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

### *Verse 1*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### *Verse 2*

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### *Verse 3*

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### *Verse 4*

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### *Ending*

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## **\*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.**

## **PRAYERS**

Petitions will end with the words, "God of mercy,"  
Congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer.**"

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

**P:** The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

## OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Give Thanks"



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: People of God, people of life. We gather as a holy communion, for a meal that has been shared countless times, in countless places, and in countless ways.

The first times this meal was shared, Jesus was gathered around a table with a ragged collection of people – outcasts, betrayers, the power-hungry, the fragile, lonely, lost.

The first time this meal was celebrated, Jesus promised that it was for all time, that whenever the bread was broken and the wine was poured, wherever the story was told around a table, he would be there.

Today we remember the story as it's been told a thousand times over; we eat the bread, we drink the wine, and we affirm that we belong at this table and that Jesus is here.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: When Jesus ate with his friends, he took bread and after blessing it he broke it and gave it to them saying: Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this to remember me.

Then he took the cup, and said take and drink, this cup is poured out for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin, whenever you drink it, remember me.

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break the bread and share the cup. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

## **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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*We commune together following The Lord's Prayer.*

## **TABLE PRAYER**

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest,  
and let these gifts to us be blessed.  
Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us; may the love of God go with us this day now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG** *“Mighty to Save”*

### *Verse 1*

Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

### *Chorus*

Saviour He can move the  
mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

### *Verse 2*

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

### *Bridge*

Shine your light and let the  
whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine your light and let the  
whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

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**P:** Go in peace, Rejoice in the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## AUGUSTANA'S CALENDAR

Sun	4/12	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Rejoice Worship; Meal following worship
Tue	4/14	9:30 a.m. 12 p.m.	Ruth Circle at Marilyn Trost's home Deborah Circle at Augustana
Thu	4/16	<b>*Pastor Amy Continuing Ed.*</b> 9 a.m.	Piecemakers Quilting
Sun	4/19	9:15 a.m. 10 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship

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