

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 3, 2026**



**CONFIRMATION  
SUNDAY**

**10 a.m. Worship**  
**Augustana Lutheran Church**  
**Pastor *Amy Kelly***  
**Accompanist *Anne Hintz***

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. (\*stand if able)*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*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** “*Borning Cry*”

ELW #732



1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.  
2 “When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
3 “In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I’ve be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell.”  
I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”  
I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.”

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**\*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 ELEISON

*Refrain*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im -  
 3 For peace in our hearts, for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you

health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;  
 passionate re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;  
 peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;  
 cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;

for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,  
 that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
 that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S WORD

**WORD**            *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

### **Psalm 31:1-5,15-16**

- <sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.
- <sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.
- <sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
- <sup>4</sup>take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.
- <sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
- <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

### **1 Peter 2:2-10**

- <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
- <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:  
"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."
- <sup>7</sup>This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

P: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “Sanctuary”

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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 score includes measure numbers 1, 3, and 6. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

## **\*GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

### **John 14:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **MESSAGE**

*Pastor Amy Kelly*

## **FAITH STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION STUDENT**

*Shepherd Hintz*

## HYMN OF THE DAY “Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW #781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION

*Congregation representative presents confirmand making affirmation.*

R: I present Shepherd Hintz who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Shepherd whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished him in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The minister addresses the confirmand making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: Confirmand: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Confirmand responds:** I do and I ask God to help me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support this young person and pray for him in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help us.**

*Confirmand making affirmation may kneel.*

*Families of the confirmand are invited forward for the blessing.*

## **PRAYER & BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMAND**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin and raise us to eternal life.

P: Gracious God, stir up in Shepherd the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Confirmand stands and faces the congregation.*

R: Let us rejoice with our confirmand with thankfulness for their life in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end with the words, "Lord, in your mercy,"  
The congregation is invited to respond: **"Hear our prayer."**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

## OFFERING

### \*OFFERTORY "Give Thanks"

W&P #41

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!

*Last time*

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. **C: Amen.**

## MEAL

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

## GREAT THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSITUATION

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should in all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



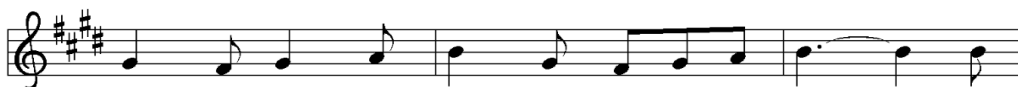
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: You are indeed Holy, Almighty and Merciful God. You are most holy and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved that world that you gave your only Son...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **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**

*All are welcome at Christ's table, you will be ushered forward.*

*Grape juice is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers, please request.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN "We Remember You"



In bro - ken bread and the cup that we share, we re - mem - ber You. In  
bro - ken bread and the cup that we share, we re - mem - ber You. We re -  
mem - ber You, Je - sus. We re - mem - ber Your love for us. We re -  
mem - ber the blood You shed. We re - mem - ber You.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

May God the Father prepare your journey,  
Jesus the Son guide your footsteps,  
The Spirit of Life strengthen your body,  
The Three in One watch over you,  
on every road that you may follow.

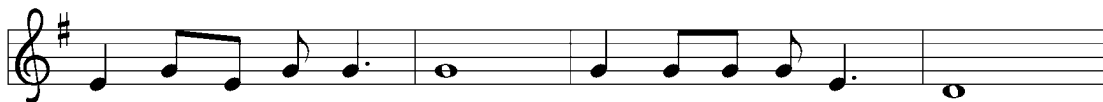
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *"This Little Light of Mine"*

ELW #677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## AUGUSTANA'S CALENDAR

|     |      |                            |  |
|-----|------|----------------------------|--|
| Sun | 5/3  | <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> |  |
|     |      | 9:15 a.m.                  | Coffee Fellowship  |
|     |      | 10 a.m.                    | Worship; followed by coffee and cake honoring confirmand |
| Thu | 5/7  | 9 a.m.                     | Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall                  |
|     |      | 12 p.m.                    | Bible Study  |
| Sun | 5/10 | 9:15 a.m.                  | Coffee Fellowship  |
|     |      | 10 a.m.                    | Rejoice Worship; Meal following worship                  |

*Please see the Kiosk for details on other happenings this week*

**May 17 is Senior Recognition Sunday** – Worship is at 10 a.m.

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