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Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park and Lutheran Campus Ministry

Sunday, April 26, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

During this time of shelter-in-place, we still worship together online. You can find the link to our worship channel <u>on our website</u>. The video will be available starting at 8:30am on Sunday morning.

Be Not Afraid



Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community
Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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The Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings of the Day

The Acts of the Apostles: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord

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and Christ.		

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that

God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Pascha Nostrum

Christ our Passover has been sacri- | ficed for us; therefore | let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of mal- | ice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sin- |cerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; death no longer has do- |minion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, | once for all; but the life he | lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves | dead to sin, and alive to God in | Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised | from the dead, the first fruits of those who | have fallen asleep.

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For since by a hu- | man came death, by a human has come also the resur- | rection of the dead.

For as in Ad- | am all die, so also in Christ shall | all be made alive.

A Reading from the Epistles of Peter: 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke: Luke 24:13-35

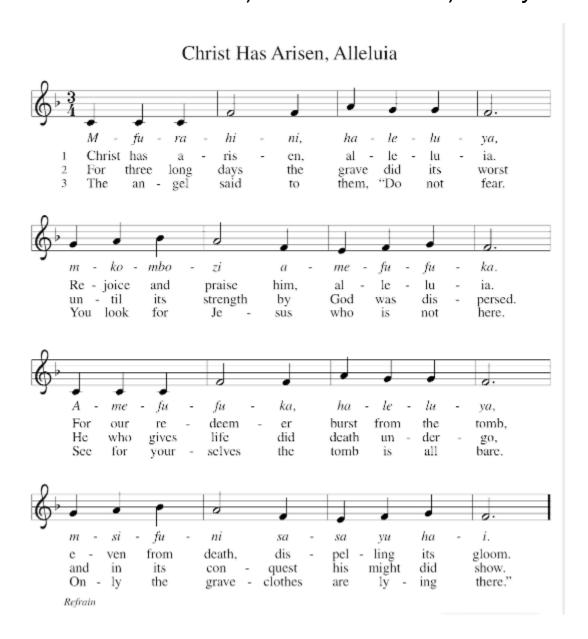
The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

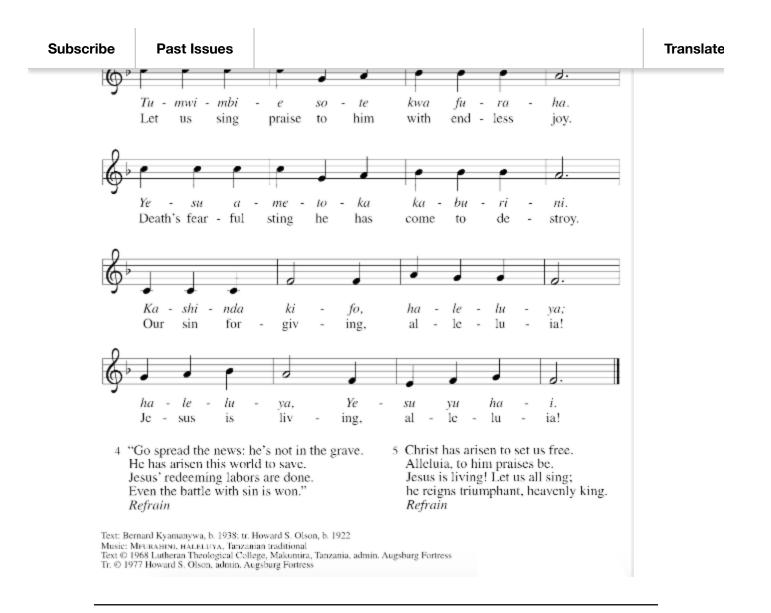
¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two

[disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn #364 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia: Mfurahini, haleluya





In Our Prayers

Caleb Tompsett, grandson of Bill and Chris, recovering from surgery for a pediatric brain tumor

The friends and family of David Parker, friend of Padraig McGuire and husband of Dale, died of COVID-19

Bennie Currie, mourning the loss of his cousin to COVID-19

Jeanette Bordelon, awaiting surgery

Dorothy Goede, mother of Pastor Goede, in hospice care

LaShauna Ferguson, recovering from what was probably COVID-19

John Albright, recovering from surgery

Q, friend of Cantor McGuire, undergoing a dangerous pregnancy

Worcester, and Norma Rolfsen, nurse practitioner

Deb Burnet, Joe Klonowski's mother, a doctor working hard at UC Hospitals

Kimi, a friend of Joe Klonowski and Emily Kleeman, working hard at UC Hospitals

Kevin Rist, father of Erika, a doctor working hard in Wausau, WI Karl, a friend and coworker of Joe Klonowski, diagnosed with COVID-19 Ernest Johnson, pastor of Storehouse Church, recovering from multiple surgeries

Mark van Scharrel, husband of Pastor Julie Ryan, advanced cancer Frank Showers, undergoing treatment for cancer

Please do not hesitate to <u>email the office</u> with any prayer requests that you would like included next week

Please share the peace and make an offering

Did you know that sharing the peace is meant to reconcile us before we share the Holy Supper? We can't do that in person right now, but we can the rest of the week. Please take time soon to call or email someone. It helps build community and keeps us strong.

At the end of worship, please remember to make an offering. The people we employ depend on your generosity during this difficult time. You can arrange an <u>ongoing electronic offering through our website</u>. Setting up a free <u>PayPal</u> account allows you to make an offering of any size with a debit or credit card; the email address you need is treasurer@augustanahydepark.org. You can, of course, also send a check to Augustana, 5500 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL, 60637.

A note on communing this Easter season

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In this season of Easter, we invite you to commune during the worship service. If you would like to read about communing at home, please visit Augustana's website at augustanahydepark.org to read essays and reflections by several members.

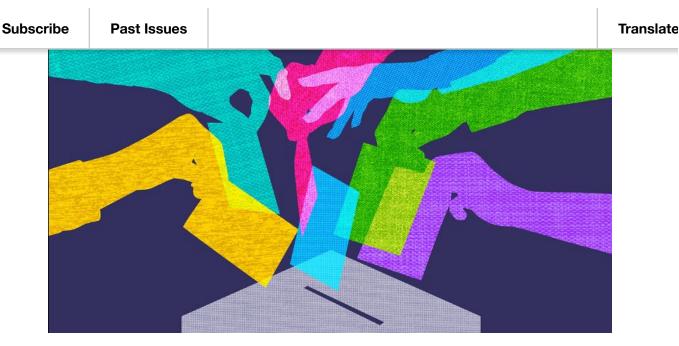
Last week we ate in the simplest way possible. Our blessing for the bread and wine, our table grace, was just Jesus' words recorded in the gospels and in Paul's letters, this is my body, this is my blood. This is all that's needed for the elements to be blessed and for Christians to commune together.

To prepare to commune this Sunday morning, you'll want to have on hand bread on a plate and either wine or grape juice in a cup. When assisting ministers learn what to do before and after communion, we always tell them that they are just setting the table – putting out the cups and plates we'll need for the meal, making the table look nice by veiling the chalice, getting ready the way you would for any dinner party.

Jesus is our guest at this dinner, and as he tells his disciples who share the last supper with him, the bread and wine are the way God graces us with divine presence. Jesus asks us to eat and drink together, promises to be present with us and fill us with grace as surely as we are filled with bread and wine.

Communing at home? Take a picture!

We would love to receive pictures of the bread and wine that you're using at home for your Communion so that we can vary the images we display in our videos. If you feel that you set a nice Communion table, please snap a picture and <u>email it to Caroly</u>n.



Our national church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is preparing a social message on government and civic engagement. Messages and statements guide what pastors teach and what we ask of our church's lobbyists in Washington. Until May 27, you are invited to provide feedback on how to strengthen the draft of the message.

To offer feedback on the draft "Social Message on Government and Civic Engagement: Discipleship in a Democracy," please fill out the <u>survey</u>. You may also choose to email comments to <u>draftsocialmessage@elca.org</u>. In light of the feedback, the message draft will be revised and presented to the ELCA Church Council for a vote in June.

Read the draft.



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