

Augustana Lutheran Church (ELCA)

2710 NE 14th Ave ~ Portland, Oregon, 97212 ~ www.augustana.org ~ 503-288-6174

Rev. Dr. W. J. Mark Knutson

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude *jazz trio instrumental*

Welcome

Opening Song “That’s What Friends Are For” Burt Bacharach/Carol Bayer Sager

Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Calls to Worship

Be with Us, Great Spirit

Leader: We are your children.

People: **We have heard you in the winds, seen you in the sunrise;
We have felt your kindness in the seasons.**

Leader: Great Spirit, we know you! We hear you speak!

People: **We know this very moment you are near to us as the air surrounds us
and fills our lungs with life.**

Leader: Be with us, Great Spirit. Show us the way you would have us go!

From Family Prayer by Sister Kevin Marie Flynn. Used by permission.

We Are All Related

Leader: We share our stories.

People: **Each of us brings a unique story and gifts from the Creator.**

Leader: Our stories are about journeys of faith.

People: **We walk a path of righteousness.**

Leader: We share our path with all creation.

People: **We are all related.**

From Eastern Cherokee prayer tradition by Z. Susanne Aikman (Eastern Cherokee) @ 1992

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

Pastor: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breath your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

P: Let us pray together the prayer of the day:

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Lesson Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

Second Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

Mission Moment

Children's Time

The Reading of the Gospel John 10:11-18

Gospel Acclamation (All)

Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me. *Alleluia.* (John 10:14)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Leader: (*reads the gospel*)

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Song

“Throw It Away”

Abbey Lincoln

Sermon

“Love in Action”

Rev. Dr. W. J. Mark Knutson

Hymn of the Day

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

ELW 619

Verse 1

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!

Verse 2

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule his church in love.

Verse 3

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

Verse 4

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

Verse 7

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

Verse 8

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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 of the People

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Benediction

Closing Song **“Bless the Beasts and Children”** Barry de Vorzon/Perry Byokin, Jr.

Go in peace; serve the Lord!

Postlude *jazz trio instrumental*

Ringing of the Peace Bell

Lighting of candles and recitation of prayer list

10:00 a.m. service Musicians include: Marilyn Keller, George Mitchell, Ron Steen, Kevin Deitz, Dr. Walter Krueger

11:30 Spanish language Service with leaders/musicians Francisco Aguirre, Oscar Amaya, Carlos Guevara, Elvio Gonzalez, Jackeline Luna, Dora Reyna, Aranza and Miranda Aguirre

Assisting Ministers: Francisco Aguirre, Andrea Robideau, Susan Johnson

Livestream/Tech Crew (rotating): Ben Joy, Dave Schmidt, Jenny Schmidt, Lane Johnson, Andy Fort, Jon Jensen, Francisco Aguirre, Marilyn Keller, Glen Jacobs, Terri Svetich, Ken Petersen, Andrew Kindschuh, Mark Wells, Nate Fort, Joe Paterno, Keri Haslebacher, Katelyn Haslebacher, Brandon Knutson (remote), Ayn Frazee (remote), Rev. Tom Campbell-Schmitt (remote), Tamrah Knutson (remote), Rick Gordon (advisor); Rebecca Dodson (webpage); Mark Knutson (advisor)

Bell ringer, Property, Tellers: Ansel Johnson, Glen Jacobs, Judy Embler

Offerings to support the ministry of Christ’s church at Augustana are welcome and vital to our serving the community. Please mail them to:

**Augustana Lutheran Church
2710 NE 14th Ave., Portland OR 97212
or donate online at www.augustana.org**