

Welcome! The season of fall brings a return to routine for many of us. But the Sunday scripture readings for this time remind us that following Jesus is meant to be anything but routine. We will hear again and again how God works through the most unlikely people. The amazing grace of Christ comes to us in Biblical stories of the redemption of the lost and also in being found ourselves. In this new season and always, God's gift of grace frees us to love ourselves and to love and serve others with joy.

Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date. **WiFi use:** All the bandwidth possible is needed to livestream the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please turn your cell phone off, turn off the WiFi, or put it in airplane mode while the service is going on. Thank you!

Prelude • "Arabesque No. 1" –Claude Debussy Madoka Asari, piano

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♥ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

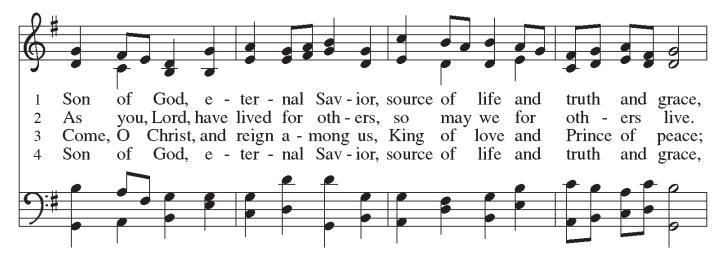
Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✤ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn • ELW 655: Son of God, Eternal Savior IN BABILONE Please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.





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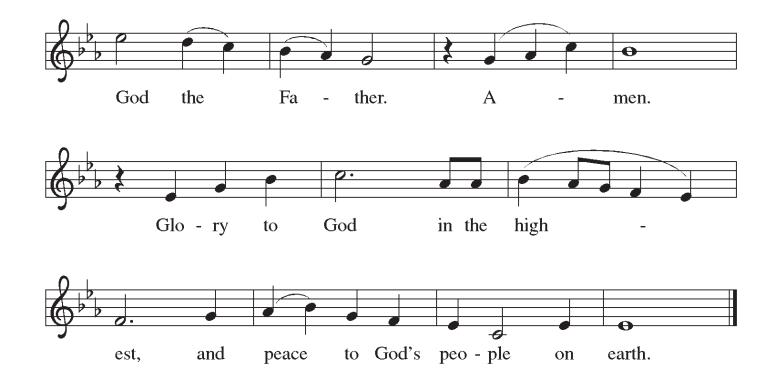
Greeling The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**











Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

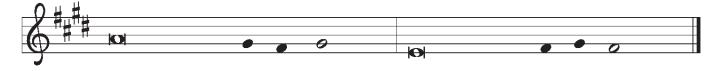
First Reading Amos 8:4–7

A reading from Amos.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm ◆ Psalm 113:1–8

Antiphon: (sung by choir) The Lord lifts up the poor from the ashes.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the above tone.

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD; praise the name | of the LORD. ²Let the name of the | LORD be blessed, from this time forth for- | evermore. ³From the rising of the sun to its | going down let the name of the | LORD be praised. ⁴The LORD is high a- | bove all nations; God's glory a- | bove the heavens. Antiphon ⁵Who is like the | LORD our God, who sits en- | throned on high, ⁶but stoops | to behold the heavens | and the earth? ⁷The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust and lifts up the poor | from the ashes, ⁸enthroning them | with the rulers, with the rulers | of the people. Antiphon

Second Reading • 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel Acclamation

A reading from First Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

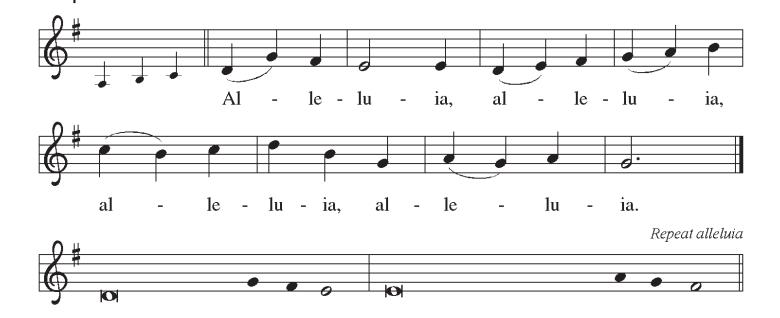
there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



The assembly stands.

Cantor: Live your life in a manner worthy of the gos- | pel of Christ;* strive side by side for the faith | of the gospel. (Phil. 1:27) The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 'He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

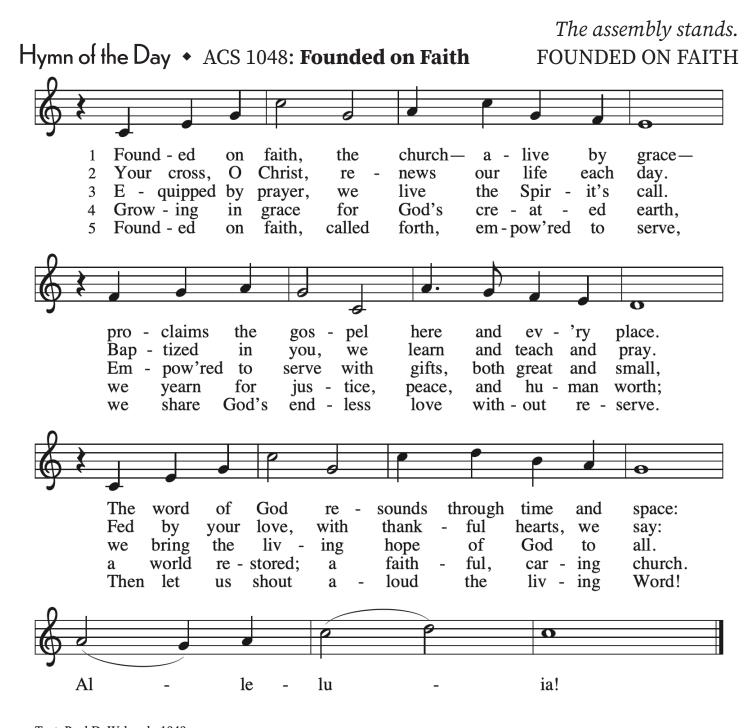
¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Sermon + 10:30 a.m.

Sermon • Pastor Caitilin Trussell



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Holy Baptism

Rejoice with **Oliver Cecil Carlson**, son of **Toby and Fides Carlson**, in his baptism. Welcome him into Christ's family today! Oliver's baptism sponsors are Zach and Jenny Carlson.

Presentation God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. *Promises are made by the parents, the sponsors, and the assembly.*

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Profession of Faith

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? **We renounce them.**

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

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **We renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

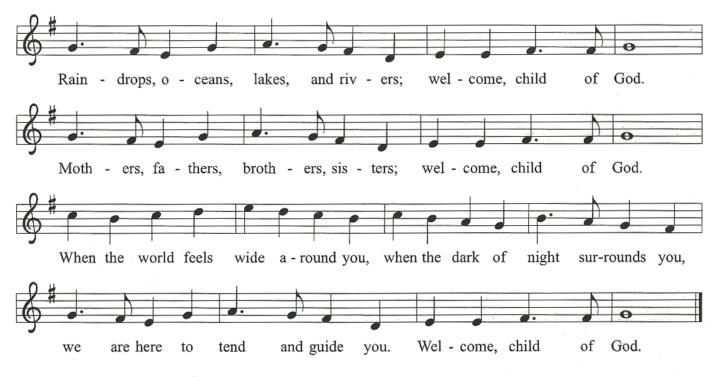
We give you thanks . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The candidate is baptized.

Let us pray. We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The assembly welcomes the newly baptized:



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Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you. You may share a sign of peace with the peace sign or a wave or a hand over your heart.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

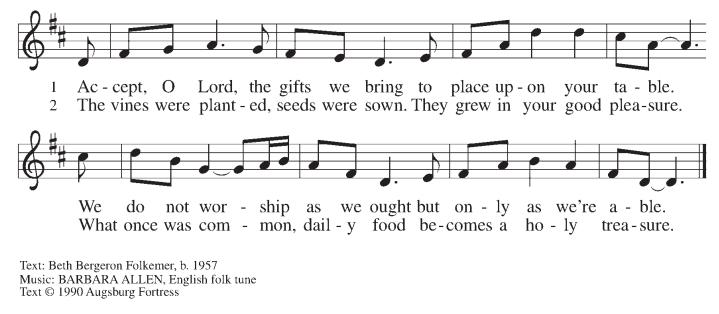
This morning, children, adults, and youth will gather for Faith Formation, which helps all ages know the love of Christ. Your giving makes the teaching ministry of staff and volunteers possible. "Be Thou My Vision" –Philip Stopford

Chancel Choir and Kirsten Daniel, flute Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art: Thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord: Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;

be Thou my armor and be Thou my might: Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my high tower, raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, or man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, through all my days: Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart, high King of heaven my treasure Thou art.

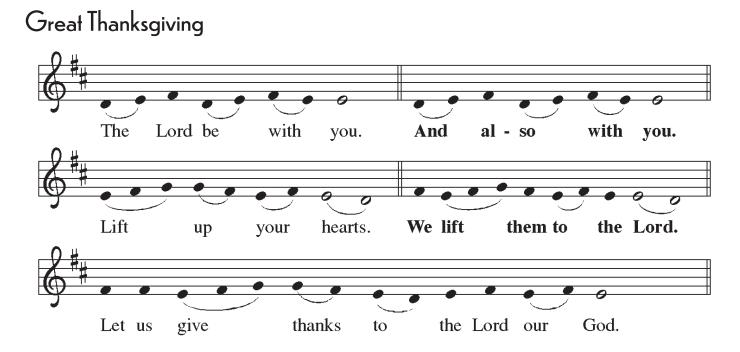
High King of heaven when the battle is done; grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun: Christ of my own heart whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Offering Response • ELW 691: Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring BARBARA ALLEN

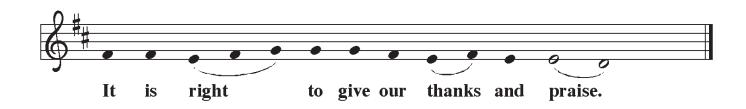


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Offering Prayer

Gracious God, **in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**





Eucharistic Prayer

We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, redeemer, our keeper. For the universe beyond our knowing, for lands and seas and all their animals, and for friends, strangers, and family, for homes, workplaces, grocery stores and schools. We praise you for your covenant people, and for centuries of faithful followers of Christ. We praise you for your Son Jesus who saves us from sin and who loves the world unconditionally. Who on the night before he died took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith: **Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for your Holy Spirit. Nourish us with this meal, inspire us to serve and put grace into action, helping to renew the world with your mercy and love. We praise you, God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

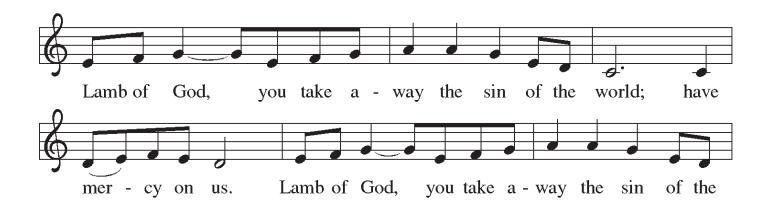
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

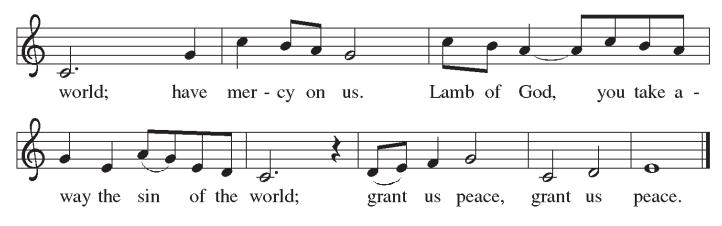
Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning. We share this meal with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in this sacrament. All the bread used is gluten-free, and both wine and grape juice are available in the tray of glasses. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms when you come forward. (If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home.)

If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of God.





"Reverie" –Claude Debussy Madoka Asari, piano

Blessing after Communion

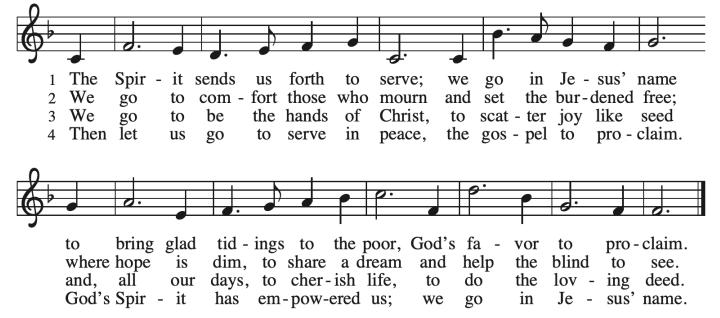
The assembly stands.

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road of life that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ♥ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. Amen. Sending Hymn • ACS 988: The Spirit Sends Us Forth SANTA MONICA Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.



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Dismissal Go in peace, with Christ beside you. Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Songs Without Words," Op. 19, No. 3 – Felix Mendelssohn Madoka Asari, piano

You are welcome to sit by the piano during the postlude.



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God's work. Our hands.

Welcome!

- How good to have you here! Thanks for signing the worship registration slip and placing it in the offering plate.
- Large-print copies of the service bulletin are available from Augustana's ushers.
- Children are welcome in worship! Children's bulletins and crayons are available on Augustana's entrance tables. Just outside of Christ Chapel and on either side of the sanctuary there are activity bags for children. Please return the bags when worship is finished. Childcare is available in the nursery, 9 a.m.-noon, for newborns through children age 5, and the Cozy Corner is available to parents at the west sanctuary entrance. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom and in the family bathroom on this floor.
- Faith Formation for all children and youth is available Sundays, 9:30– 10:15 a.m., in the education building. Adult Forum is offered 9:15–10:15 a.m.
- For a copy of this morning's sermon, inquire in Augustana's office.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the <u>Giving page at Augustana's</u> <u>website, www.augustanadenver.org</u>. You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Restrooms are located downstairs beneath the west entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are

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- An elevator is available at the Fairfax Street entrance.
- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.
- The Ammerman Library is open and staffed every Sunday.
- Please make sure your cell phones are silenced during worship.
- Parents, for the safety and well-being of all our children, we ask that you attend your children at all times.
- If you would like to leave your bulletin for recycling, please place it at the end of the pew.

Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

Worship

- Worship in person at 8 a.m. in Christ Chapel or at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- Join Augustana on our Facebook page or YouTube channel for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website (www. augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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