



First Sunday after Christmas
January 1, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

Augustana
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship on this First Sunday of Christmas. While most of our culture (and maybe we ourselves) have moved on from the Christmas season, the church continues the Twelve Days of Christmas until January 6.

Our gospel today is a jarring reminder that Jesus was born into a world where leaders didn't hesitate to use violence. Jesus' birth doesn't remove the power of evil from our world, but the light and love of Christ gives us hope as we remember all innocent people who suffer unjustly today. We are sent from this worship to live out that hope in this new year.

Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate, so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date.

Prelude ♦ "Glory to God in the Highest" –Giovanni Pergolesi

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, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation. **Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

God of life, you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In ✠ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. Amen.

Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 294: **In the Bleak Midwinter**

CRANHAM

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.

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

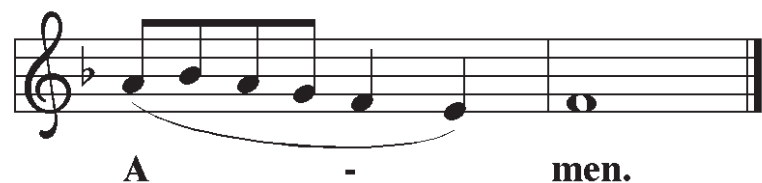
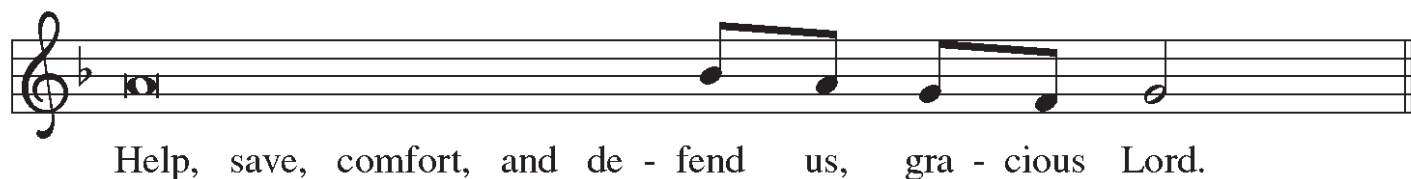
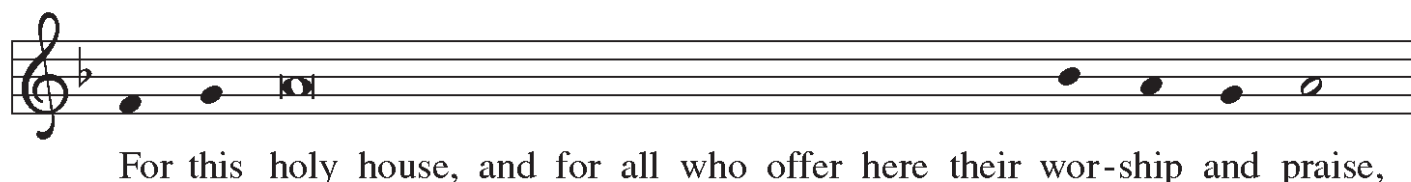
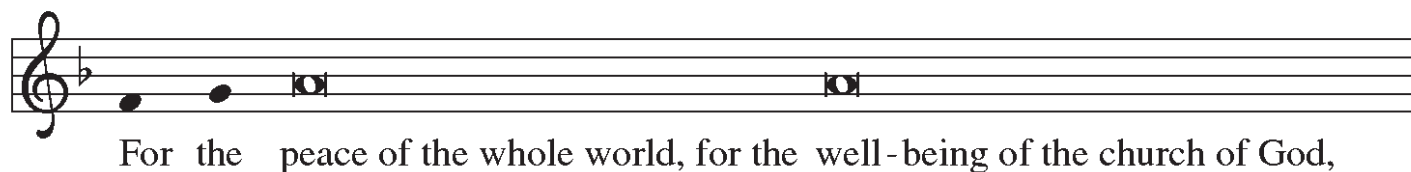
Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

Greeting 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.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



Canticle of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



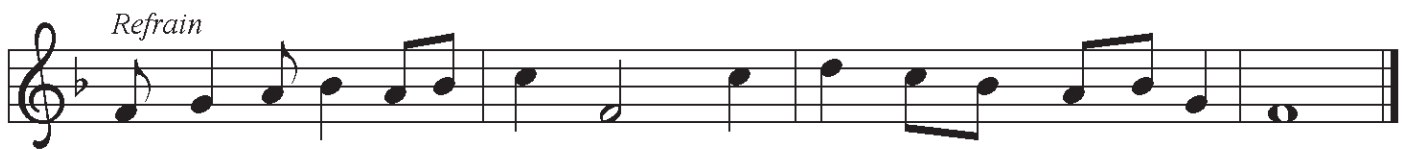
3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. Fill us with the hope of Jesus' birth through the power of the Holy Spirit and make us instruments of your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading ♦ Isaiah 63:7–9

A reading from Isaiah.

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely”;
and he became their savior
⁹in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm ♦ Psalm 148: PH 256: **Let the Whole Creation Cry**


SALZBURG

Jacob Hintze, 1678


Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

As in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861


Stopford A. Brooke, 1881



1. Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high."
2. Men and wom - en, young and old, Raise the an - them man - i - fold;



Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing, "God is our e - ter - nal King."
Join with chil - dren's songs of praise, Wor - ship God through length of days.



Praise God, all ye hosts a - bove, Ev - er shin - ing forth in love;
From the north to south - ern pole Let the might - y cho - rus roll:



Second Reading ♦ Hebrews 2:10–18

A reading from Hebrews.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Cantor: Let the peace of Christ rule | in your hearts,
and let the word of Christ dwell | in you richly. (Col. 3:15, 16)

The assembly sings the gospel acclamation again.

Gospel ♦ Matthew 2:13–23

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around

Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they
are no more.”

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.”

²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 282: It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876
 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: God, in your mercy, **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

*Together we give thanks for the gift of a new year! May
our generosity reflect what we have already received
from God, so that others come to know the love of Christ.
Scan the code to donate securely through Augustana's
website.*



“Amid the Cold of Winter” –Bret Rhoades
Art Van Dyck, bass solo

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim filled the winter air.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,

in the bleak midwinter, long time ago.

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem has sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yes, what can I give Him? I would give my heart.

The assembly stands.

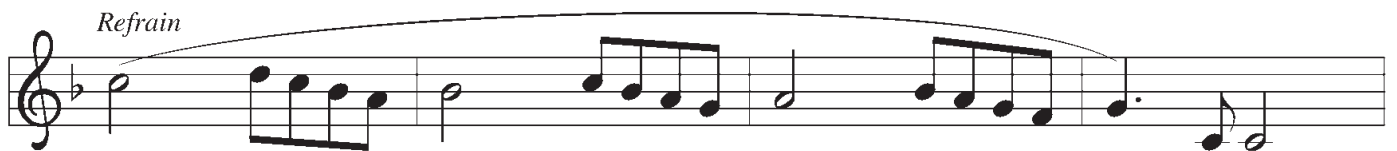
Offering Response ♦ ELW 289: Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA



3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Refrain

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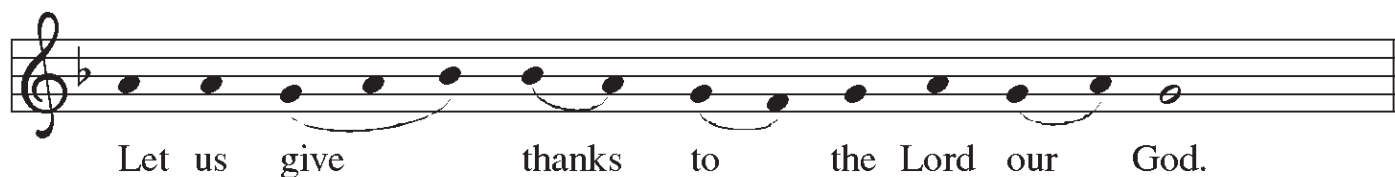
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Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

Offering Prayer

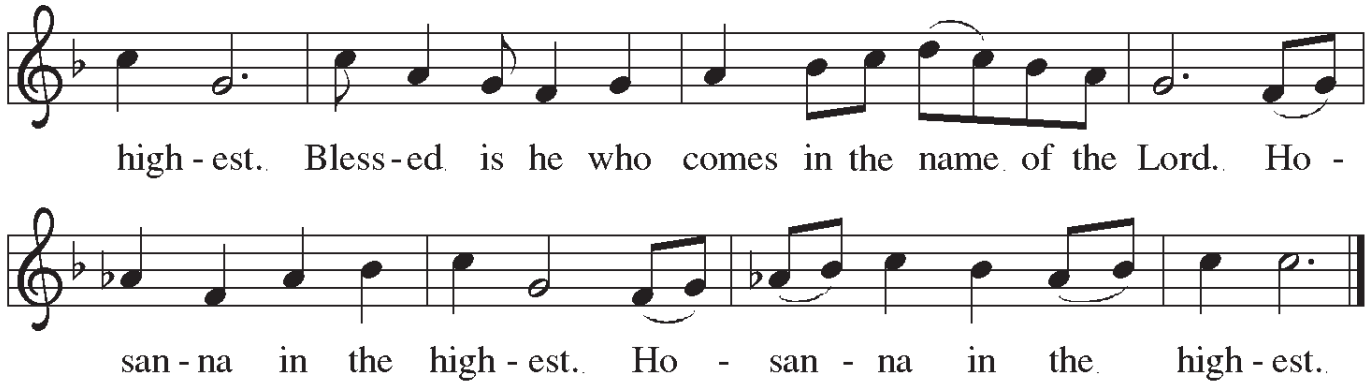
God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. **Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



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





Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus 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.

Again, after supper, he 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.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now 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.

Today we will receive Holy Communion by intinction. You'll be given a wafer, which you are invited to dip in either the wine (dark liquid) or the grape juice. You may receive only the wafer if that is your preference. If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home. We invite you to share this bread of life and cup of blessing as we all are one in Christ.

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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

“En Prière” –Gabriel Fauré

Art Van Dyck, bass solo

Si la voix d'un enfant peut monter jusqu'à Vous, Ô mon Père,
 Écoutez de Jésus, devant Vous à genoux, La prière!
 Si Vous m'avez choisi pour enseigner vos lois Sur la terre,
 Je saurai Vous servir, auguste Roi des rois, Ô Lumière!
 Sur mes lèvres, Seigneur, mettez la vérité Salutaire,
 Pour que celui qui doute, avec humilité Vous révère!
 Ne m'abandonnez pas, donnez-moi la douceur Nécessaire,
 Pour apaiser les maux, soulager la douleur, La misère!
 Révèlez Vous à moi, Seigneur en qui je crois Et j'espère:
 Pour Vous je veux souffrir et mourir sur la croix, Au calvaire!

*If the voice of a child can reach up to you, O my Father,
 To be heard by Jesus kneeling before You, A prayer!
 If you have chosen me to teach your law On Earth,
 I would know how to serve you, august King of kings, O Light!
 On my lips, Lord, place the salutary Truth,*

*So that those who doubt, with humility will revere you!
Do not abandon me, but give me the Grace necessary to
overcome evils, and to relieve pain and misery!
Revel yourself to me, Lord in whom I believe and hope!
For You I want to suffer and die on the Cross, on Calvary!*

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 our redeemer, you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have
gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers
of your peace. Make us shine with the good
news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

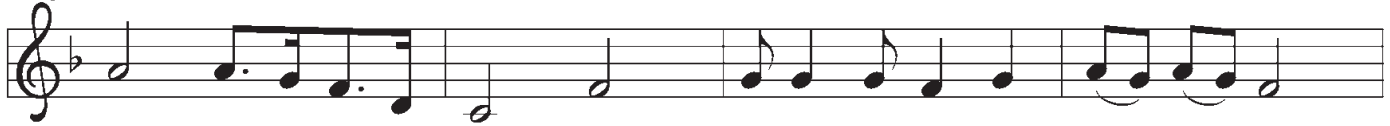
God bless you and keep you, ✠ Jesus grant you
grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon
your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ♦ ELW 290: **Go Tell It on the Mountain**

GO TELL IT

*Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary,
facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.*

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.

Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

Dismissal Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude ♦ “Music for the Royal Fireworks” –George F. Handel

You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.



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Welcome!

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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 (augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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