

Welcome to worship with Augustana! Advent, the first season of the church year, invites us to have a sense of expectation for Jesus' coming into our world. We often prepare during this season by "getting ready": planning, organizing, and checking off our many to-do lists. As always, Advent calls us to instead slow down, take notice, and wait. As the candlelight increases around the Advent wreath, we pray to know the light of Christ in our world and in our own lives.

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 • "Adagio" from *Sonata No. 3* –Benedetto Marcello Kent Mueller, cello

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 Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. **Blessed be God's name forever.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

God of new beginnings, we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✤ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn • ELW 244: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

10:30 a.m. 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.



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

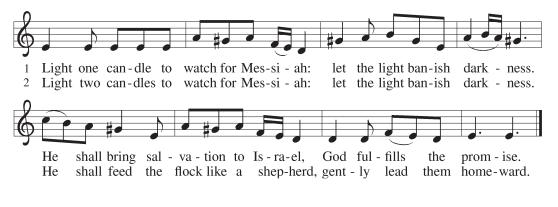
Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath • ELW 240: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah TI

TIF IN VELDELE

Following the Advent wreath lighting, the assembly is invited to sing.



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First Reading • Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from Isaiah.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

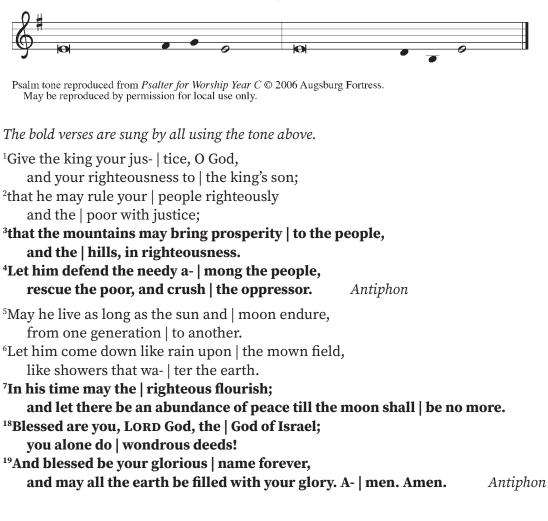
⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 72: 1–7, 18–19

Antiphon: (sung by choir) Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong; take heart.



Second Reading • Romans 15:4-13

A reading from Romans.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,

and sing praises to your name";

¹⁰and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

¹¹and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples praise him";

¹²and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,

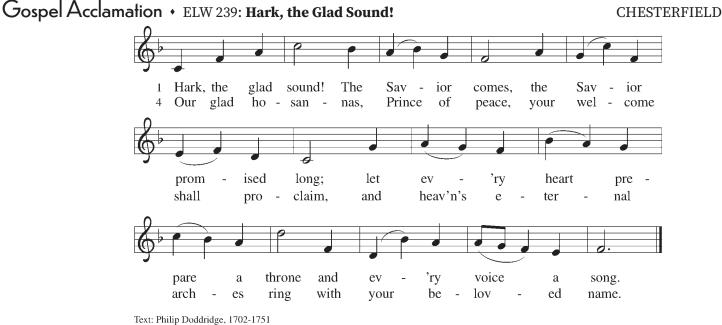
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The assembly stands.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Gospel • Matthew 3:1-12

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

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

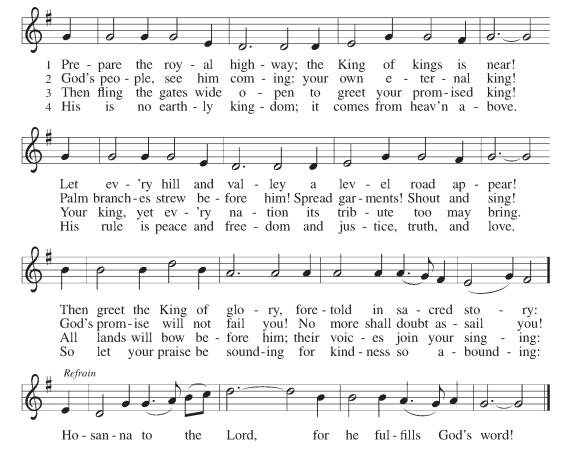
The assembly is seated.

Anthem • 10:30 a.m. • "Prepare a Way for the Lord" –Michael Bedford Cherub Choir	
Prepare a way for the Lord! Get ready, He's coming soon!	
We light the Advent candles, we light them one by one. We light the Advent candles for God's own son!	
We light the Advent candles and then we join to say, "Make room in your heart for Jesus who comes on Christmas	Day!"

Children's Sermon • 10:30 a.m.

Sermon • Pastor Ann Hultquist

Hymn of the Day • ELW 264: Prepare the Royal Highway



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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 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

This month Augustana's Seniors will gather for a "Bless the Years" worship and lunch. Our offering helps support this wonderful event that enriches the lives of our elders.

8 a.m. "Keep Your Lamps!" –Andre Thomas Augustana Vocal Ensemble

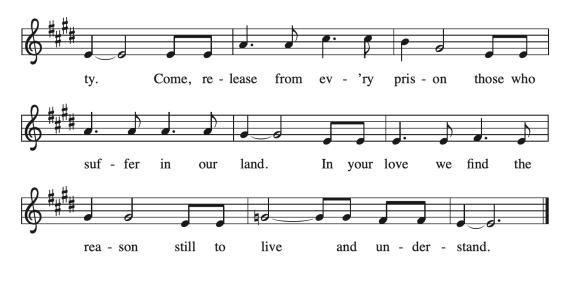
> Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

10:30 a.m. "Tollite Hostias" –Camille Saint-Saëns Chancel Choir

> Tollite hostias, et adorate dominum in atrio sancto ejus. Laetentur cœli, et exultet terra, a facie Domini, quoniam venit. Alleluia. Laetentur cœli, et exultet terra, a facie Domini, quoniam venit. Alleluia.

Praise the Lord of hosts, sing God's salvation. Bless God's name, show forth the Lord's name in this holy house. Rejoice ye heavens and be joyful on earth, rejoice in the face of the Lord for He cometh. Alleluia. Rejoice ye angels, rejoice all ye nations in the face of the Lord for He cometh. Alleluia.





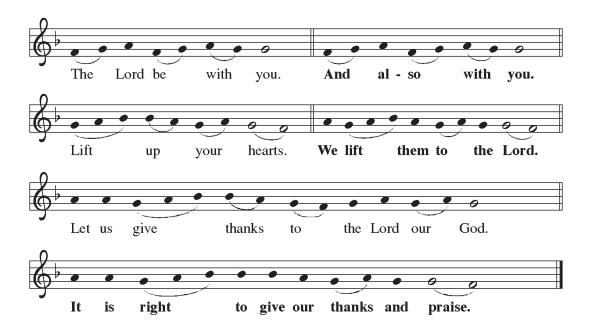
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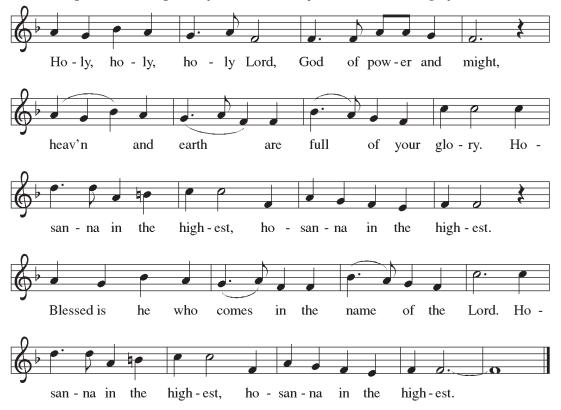
Offering Prayer

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. 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:



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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

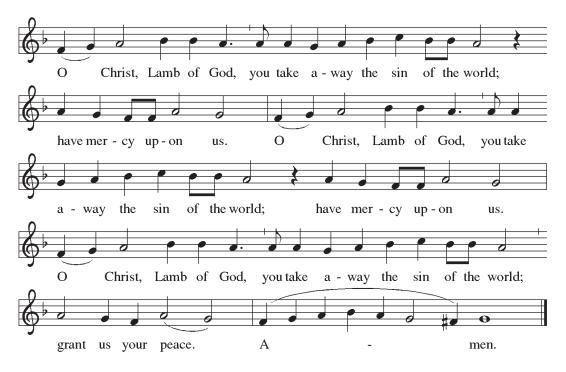
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

Holy Communion

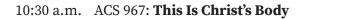
The assembly is seated.

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.)

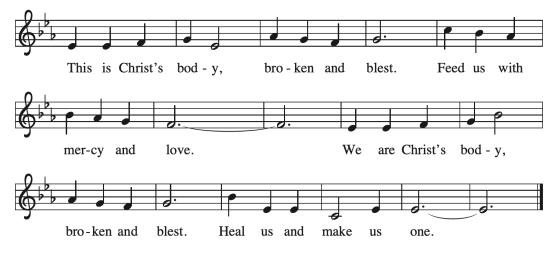
If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of God.



Music: J. Bugenhagen, Christliche Ordnung, 1528



BROKEN AND BLESSED



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"Each Winter As the Year Grows Older" –arr. Marty Haugen Augustana Vocal Ensemble and Kent Mueller, cello

Each winter as the year grows older, we each grow older, too. The chill sets in a little colder; the verities we knew seem shaken and untrue.

When race and class cry out for treason, when sirens call for war, they overshout the voice of reason and scream till we ignore all we held dear before.

Yet I believe beyond believing that life can spring from death, that growth can flower from our grieving, that we can catch our breath and turn transfixed by faith.

So even as the sun is turning to journey to the north, the living flame, in secret burning, can kindle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.

O Child of ecstasy and sorrows, O Prince of peace and pain, brighten today's world by tomorrow's, renew our lives again; Lord Jesus, come and reign!

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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

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ≇ bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn • ELW 436: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

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. Christ is near. Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Allegro" from Concerto No. 2 – A. Vivaldi, arr. J. S. Bach

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

Candles for the Christ Chapel altar lamp are given in memory of Dorothy Toscano by her daughters, Karen Yeager and family and Debbie Dorn and family.



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 website</u>, <u>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 on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.
- 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.

Worship Ministries

Acolyte:

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10:30 a.m.	Carola Theiss	
Advent Wreath:		
8 a.m.	Tim & Laura Libby	
10:30 a.m.	Mike & Deni Moran	
Altar Guild:		
December	Bill Crossen	
	Rhonda Crossen	
Bus Driver:	Ryan VanderWel	
Cantor:	Emily Murdock	
Cello:	Kent Mueller	
Cherub Choir	Director:	
Marcia Olson		
Communion I	Bread:	
December	Pam Uyemura	
Communion:		
8 a.m.	Morgan Levy	
	AJ Levy	
10:30 a.m.	Paul Whitehurst	
	Diane Zarlengo	
Communion I	Linens:	
December	Ellen Kastens	
Crucifer:		
10:30 a.m.	Annika Theiss	
Library:	Linda Crow	
Livestream Assistant:		
	Bill Crossen	
Offering:		
8 a.m.	Lisa Boe-Sims	
10:30 a.m.	Bill Crossen	
	Jayme Howard	
Prayers:	Todd Engdahl	
Readers:		
8 a.m.	Doug Hein	
10:30 a.m.	Jeff Boe	
Ushers:		
8 a.m.	Jim Gustad	
10:30 a.m.	Annie Nessa	
	Inez Smith	
	Roger Loots	
	Brad Uyemura	

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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.

Staff

Senior Pastor: Ann Hultquist Pastor: Caitlin Trussell **Director of Youth and Family Ministry:** Shanna VanderWel Nursery Attendant: Mary Beth Brown Faith Community Nurse: Sue Ann Glusenkamp **Minister of Music and Organist:** Andrew Peters Chancel Choir Director: Kevin Padworski Augustana Vocal Ensemble: Emily Murdock, Leslie Remmert Soich, Blake Nawa`a, Keith Williamson **Choristers and Cantabile Director:** Angela Howard Finance Administrator: William Crossen Accountant: Christine Peters Publications Administrator: Lyn Goodrum Administrator of Volunteer Ministry and Building Use: Julie MacDougall Livestream Technician: Emily Friesen Facilities Manager: Garry Garcia **Building and Grounds Manager:** Asmir Hodzic Custodian: Amaleah Buzzell Wedding Coordinators: Ellen Kastens, Amy Tamminga, Erin Saboe Willoughby Augustana Early Learning Center Director: Wendie Edwards President of the Congregation: Michael Zumwalt

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