

	<p>Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.</p>
	<div> <div>  <p>Augustana LUTHERAN CHURCH</p> <p>Worship Grow Go</p> </div> <div> <p>5000 East Alameda Avenue Denver, Colorado 80246</p> <p>PHONE: 303-388-4678 WEB: www.augustanadenver.org</p> </div> </div>

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 ♦ "Meditation" from *Thais* –Jules Massenet
Phil Jones, saxophone and Kevin Padworski, 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 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.**

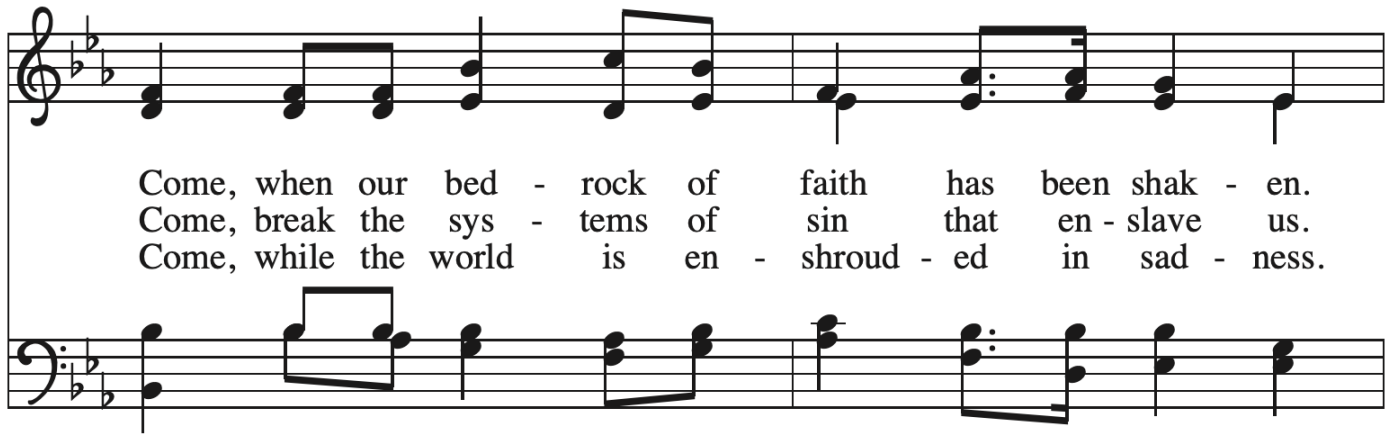
People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ♦ ACS 902: **Come Now, O God** LOST IN THE NIGHT

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.*

1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the top staff.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
 Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.
 Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
 Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.
 Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984
 Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune
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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 the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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**

TIF IN VELDELE

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



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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First Reading ♦ Isaiah 35:1–10

A reading from Isaiah.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

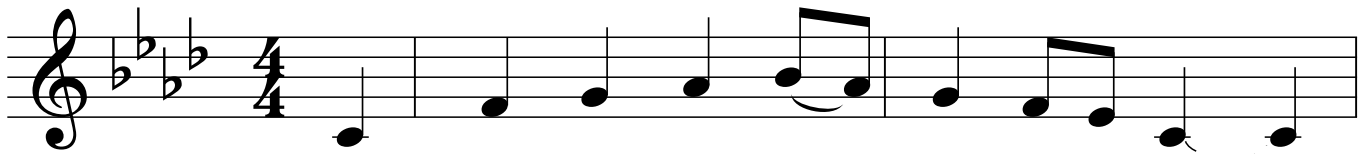
⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

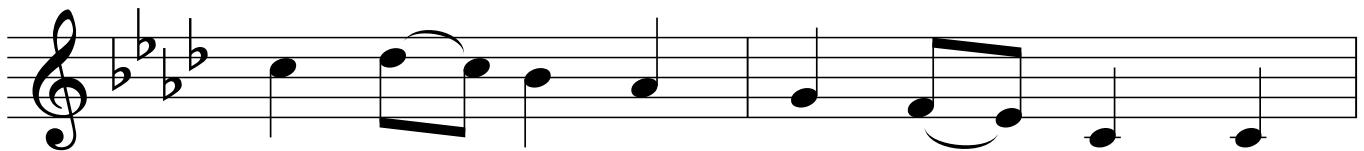
Psalm ♦ Luke 1:46b–55: **My Soul Gives Glory to My God** MORNING SONG



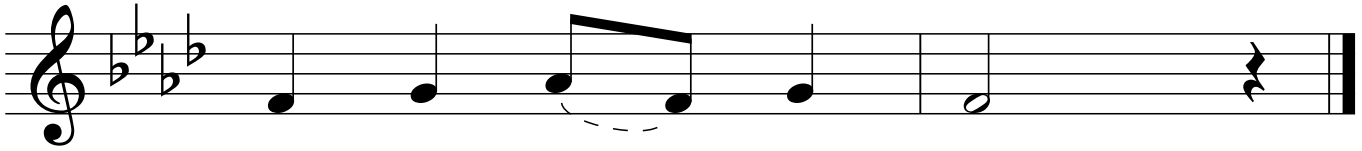
1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My
2. My God has done great things for me;
3. From age to age to all who fear, Such
4. Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro-
5. Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup-



heart pours out its praise. God
Ho - ly is her name. All
mer - cy love im - parts, Dis-
motes the in - se - cure, Leaves
ports those in dis - tress, Re-



lift - ed up my low - li - ness in
peo - ple will de - clare me blessed and
pens - ing jus - tice far and near, dis-
hun - gry spir - its sat - is - fied, the
mem - ber - ing past prom - is - es with



man - y mar - vel - ous ways.
bless - ings they shall claim.
miss - ing self - ish hearts.
rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

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Second Reading ♦ James 5:7–10

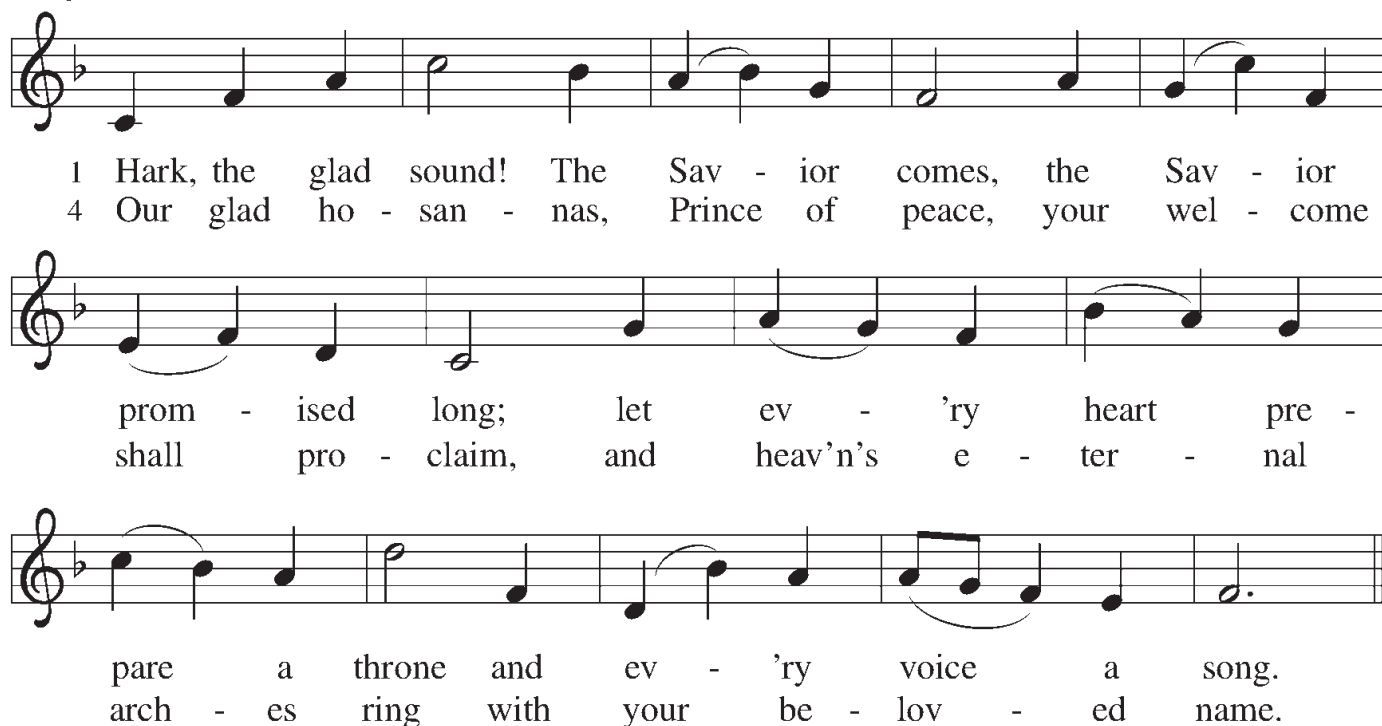
A reading from James.

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation ♦ ELW 239: Hark, the Glad Sound! CHESTERFIELD



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come
prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal
pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Gospel ♦ Matthew 11:2-11

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

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft

robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women
no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist;
yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater
than he.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ 10:30 a.m. ♦ “Prepare the Way” –Mark Burrows
Choristers

A voice in the distance, song in the night,
a whisper of wonder, as angels take flight.
A bright star that turns all our darkness to day, Emmanuel.

Prepare the way!

“Make way, a Savior is coming,” the prophets all declare.

The child of hope, the promise of peace,
the answer to our prayer.

The voice ever stronger, the song loud and clear,
the whisper a “welcome,” God’s true light is near.

Venite adoremus, Dominum.

O come let us adore him, Emmanuel.

O come, Lord, and turn all our darkness to day, Emmanuel.

Prepare ye the way!

–Mark Burrows

Children’s Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 904: **Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus**

JESUS NOSSA ESPERANÇA

1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to
2 Come to build your new cre - a - tion through the

set road your peo - ple free. From op -
road of ser - vant - hood; give new

pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -
life to ev - 'ry na - tion, chang - ing e - vil in - to

ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who
good. Come and o - pen our to - mor - row for your

suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the
joy - ful reign so near. Take a - way all hu - man

rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.
sor - row; give us hope a - gainst our fear.

Text: Jaci Maraschin, 1929–2009, Portuguese and English; Spanish tr. Jorge Rodríguez

Music: JESUS NOSSA ESPERANÇA, Marcílio de Oliveira Filho, 1947–2005

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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

Especially during this season, our congregation and our community are uplifted by Augustana's Music Ministry. Our giving makes it possible for the musical gifts of staff and volunteers to be shared.

“Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming” –Shawn Kirchner

8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming, from tender stem has sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming as saints of old have sung.

It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-
spent was the night.

Isaiah ’twas foretold it, this Rose I have in mind.

With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

To show God’s love aright, She bore to us a savior, when half-
spent was the night.

This flower whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.

True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us, and
lightens every load.

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ACS 904: **Come to be Our Hope, O Jesus**

JESUS NOSSA ESPERANÇA

1 Come to be our hope, O Je - sus, come to
set your peo - ple free. From op -
pres - sion, come, re - lease us, grant us your true lib - er -



ty. Come, re - lease from ev - 'ry pris - on those who

suf - fer in our land. In your love we find the

rea - son still to live and un - der - stand.

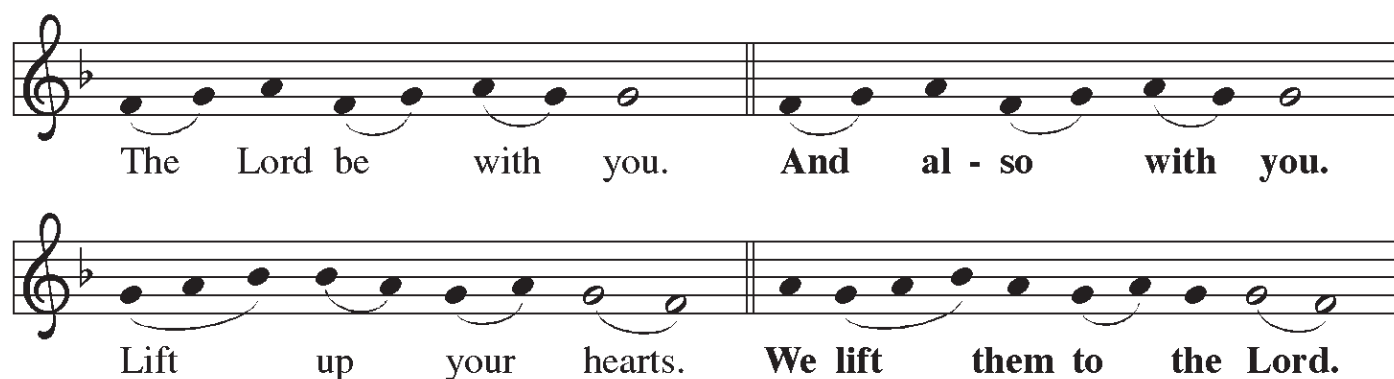
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Offering Prayer

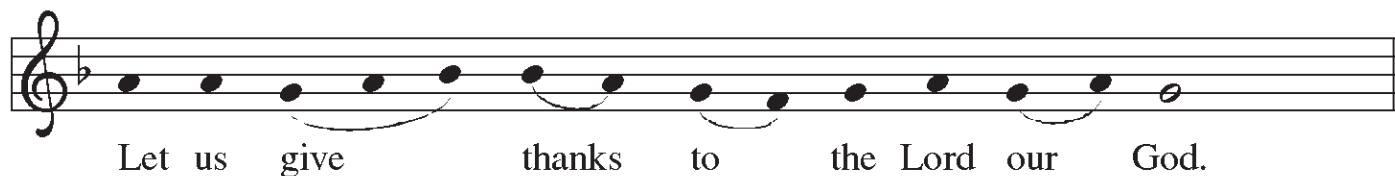
Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. **Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

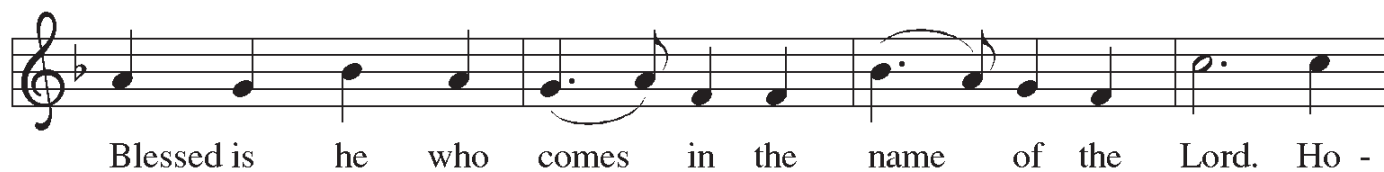


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



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 worshipping 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.



a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

Music: J. Bugenhagen, *Christliche Ordnung*, 1528

10:30 a.m. ACS 967: **This Is Christ's Body**

BROKEN AND BLESSED

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,

bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

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“Be Still My Soul” –Jean Sibelius
Phil Jones, saxophone and Kevin Padworski, 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

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 258: **Unexpected and Mysterious**

ST. HELENA

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



1 Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle
2 In a mo - men - tar - y meet - ing of e - ter - ni -
3 We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry and a - wait the



word of grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain -
 ty and time, Mar - y learned that she would car -
 com - ing Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas -

ing is the peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter
 ry both the mor - tal and di - vine. Then she learned of
 sion for each frag - ile hu - man life. God is with us

in our cour - age and we doubt what we have known, God is
 God's com - pas - sion, of E - liz - a - beth's great joy, and she
 in our long - ing to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we

faith - ful to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.
 ran to greet the wom - an who would rec - og - nize her boy.
 watch with joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - ior's birth.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961

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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.

Flowers for worship are given in memory of Dorothy Toscano for her birthday by her daughters, Karen Yeager and Debbie Dorn.



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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 [Giving page at Augustana's website, augustanadenver.org](https://www.augustanadenver.org/giving). 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.

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](https://www.augustanadenver.org)) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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Worship Ministries

Advent Wreath:

8 a.m. VanderWel Family
10:30 a.m. Michael & Finley Zumwalt

Altar Guild:

December Bill Crossen
Rhonda Crossen

Bus Driver: Michael Graham

Cantor: Leslie Remmert Soich

Choristers Accompanist:

Sharon Schillereff

Communion Bread:

December Pam Uyemura

Communion:

8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt
10:30 a.m. Jayme Howard
Heather Nelson

Communion Linens:

December Ellen Kastens

Library: Katherin Howell

Livestream Assistant:

Hunter Arnell

Offering:

8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims
10:30 a.m. Bill Crossen
Jayme Howard

Prayers: Sue Ann Glusenkamp

Readers:

8 a.m. Mark Caldwell
10:30 a.m. Karen Morgenthaler

Saxophone: Phil Jones

Ushers:

8 a.m. AJ Levy
Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. Wil Crook
Bill Crossen
James Kastens
Craig Tamminga
Miles Tamminga

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Senior Pastor: Ann Hultquist

Pastor: Caitlin Trussell

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