

The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve | December 24, 2022 | 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.



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Welcome to worship on this Christmas Eve. We are thankful that you are here at Augustana!

This day is a powerful reminder to us that in every time and place, and in everything we experience in life, we are embraced by Emmanuel "God With Us." Today we sing that good news together, we hear it announced by angels, and we taste it in Holy Communion. Filled with the light and love of Christ, we go to share those gifts with the world around us.

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

"Josef, Lieber Josef mein" ("Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine") – Johannes Brahms Leslie Remmert Soich, alto and Kent Mueller, cello

"The Shepherds" –Peter Cornelius Keith Williamson, bass

"Love Has Come" –Cathy Moklebust Augustana Ringers

"Lullay of the Nativity" –Libby Larsen Emily Murdock, soprano

"I Wonder As I Wander" – John Jacob Niles, arr. Benjamin Britten Blake Nawa`a, tenor and Emily Murdock, flute

## Welcome

# Processional Hymn • ELW 283: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Stanzas 1 and 2: Optional Harmony | Stanzas 3 and 4: Unison



 $Text: attr.\ John\ Francis\ Wade,\ 1711-1786;\ tr.\ Frederick\ Oakeley,\ 1802-1880,\ sts.\ 1,\ 3-4;\ tr.\ unknown,\ st.\ 2$  Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr.\ John\ Francis\ Wade

# Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

The assembly is seated.

### First Reading • Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

 ${}^{3}$ You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood

shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# Anthem • "The Holly and the Ivy" –arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw Augustana Vocal Ensemble

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of all the trees that are in the wood the holly bears the crown.

O the rising of the sun, and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom, as white as lily flower, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Savior: O the rising of the sun...

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to do poor sinners good. O the rising of the sun . . .

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn. O the rising of the sun...

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, for to redeem us all. O the rising of the sun...

The assembly remains seated.

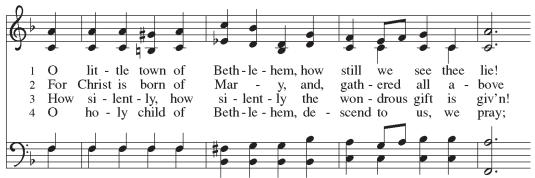
# Gospel • Luke 2:1-7

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

# Carol • ELW 279: O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS





Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893 Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

The assembly remains seated.

## Gospel • Luke 2:8-14

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

### Carol • ELW 275: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

### REGENT SQUARE



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, st. 4 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

The assembly stands.

# Gospel • Luke 2:15-20

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

<sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

The assembly is seated.

# Children's Sermon • 3 p.m.

# Carol • ELW 267: Joy to the World

### **ANTIOCH**



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

### Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. 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

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"Before the Marvel of This Night" -Carl Schalk 3 p.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble | 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Before the marvel of this night adoring, fold your wings and bow, then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow. Proclaim the birth of Christ and Peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease: sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song, this is the day the Lord has made. Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed. Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss: sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light, now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night. Into one song compress the love, the love that rules above: sing love, sing God is love!

-Jaroslav J. Vajda

The assembly stands.

### Offering Response • ELW 282: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL





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

# Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

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.

The assembly is seated until invited by the ushers to come forward for Holy Communion.

# Holy Communion

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.

"Song of the Pines" –Abbie Betinis Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Night, and the world asleep, all the silver pines are still,

Here the moonlit earth lies bleak and chill, Mirabile Mysterium, a child is born . . .

Now, a celestial song shivering down from lofty cones,

Drops bough by bending bough in whispered tones: Mirabile Mysterium, a child is born . . .

Blow! You great Northwind, carry this song of long ago,

And on your way redeem us all in snow, Mirabile Mysterium, a child is born . . .

Lo! How immortal hymns fall from the lips of wakened souls,

Hail! Arise and greet the babe the choir extols, Mirabile Mysterium, a child is born . . .

Night, and the world asleep, but for the song of the snowy pine,

O! Yet here is God's own evidence divine, Mirabile Mysterium, a child is born.

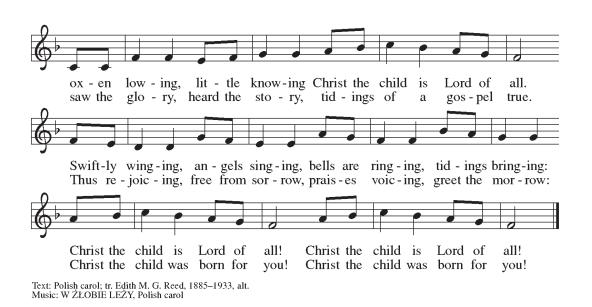
## Communion Carols

**ELW 276: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly** 

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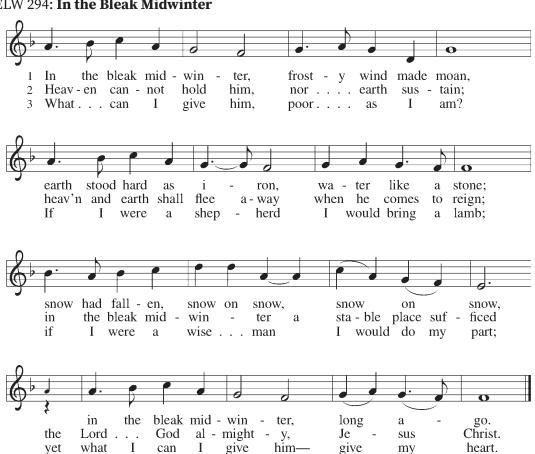


2 Flocks were sleep-ing, shep-herds keep-ing vig - il till the morn-ing new





**CRANHAM** 



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

### Blessing after Communion

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

# Prayer

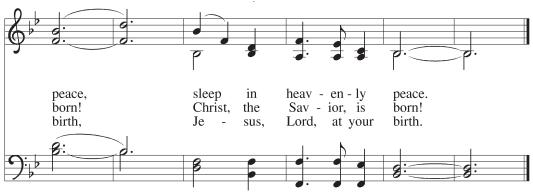
God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

When passing the flame, keep your lit candle upright while the next person tilts their unlit candle to yours. Following the Blessing, candles may be blown out and returned to the sanctuary entrances. Merry Christmas!

### Carol • ELW 281: Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT





Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

# Blessing

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.** 

Postlude • "Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella" –Keith Chapman

# Welcoming and Connecting at Augustana

# Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN)

Ministry leads the congregation in efforts that benefit hunger, poverty, access to resources, immigration, criminal justice, and advocacy in public policy. CAN meets every two to three months. Contact Laura Libby (laura.a.libby@gmail.com).

### Faith Formation

Augustana offers Faith Formation (Sunday School) Sundays, 9:30–10:15 a.m., including Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) for grades pre-K-4, Confirmation for grades 5–8, and Breakfast Club for high school youth. Contact **Shanna VanderWel** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or shanna@augustanadenver.org).

### Young Adult Bible Study

Twenty- and thirty-somethings are invited for Bible study on first and third Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Contact **Shanna VanderWel** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or shanna@ augustanadenver.org).

### Men's Bible Study

This ministry meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Youth Room, to deepen our understanding of God's word and enjoy each other. Contact **Brian Willoughby** (303-941-3022).

### Discover Augustana Class

is for folks who either want to learn more about Augustana or are considering joining the congregation. Contact **Julie MacDougall** (macdougall@ augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678).

### Adult Forum

Sundays 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room Adult Forum includes a variety of discussions, Bible Study, and learning throughout the year. Contact **Pastor Caitlin Trussell** (303-388-4678 ext. 115 or pastor. caitlin.trussell@gmail.com).

### Book Group

Book lovers choose and discuss a selected book the third Monday of every month 1 p.m. at Augustana, alternating between fiction and nonfiction. Contact Augustana's office (303-388-4678 or info@augustanadenver.org).

### Women, Wine and Word

This Bible and book study group for women of all ages meets September through May on third Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Augustana's Youth Room. Contact **Pastor Ann Hultquist** (303-388-4678 ext. 105 or ann@ augustanadenver.org).

### Choirs and Handbells

Augustana offers choral choirs from folks age 4 to 100 and handbell choirs for youth and adults. Contact Minister of Music **Andrew Peters** (303-388-4678 ext. 122 or peters@augustanadenver. org).

### Augustana Firm Believers

This group meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:45–10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for strengthening, stretching, and balancing exercises. For details and fees, contact trainer **Karen Terry** (303-777-6313 or karent4321@aol.com).

### E4 Monthly Gatherings

E4 seeks to Enlighten, Encourage, Educate, and Empower individuals and families about mental health in a faith-based community. Interested folks are invited to gather on the second Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Ammerman Library. Contact Faith Community Nurse Sue Ann Glusenkamp (303-388-4678 ext. 106 or glusenkamp@ augustanadenver.org).



### 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. On either side of the sanctuary there are activity bags for children. Please return the bags when worship is finished. Along with the Caring Corner, the nursery is available for children accompanied by an adult. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom and in the family bathroom on this floor.
- For a copy of today'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.
- 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.

### Christmas Eve Ministries

#### **Altar Guild:**

December Bill & Rhonda Crossen

#### **Communion Assistants:**

3 p.m. Julie MacDougall

Pam Uyemura

7 p.m. Karen Bourg

Christelle Menth Matt Miller Quinn Trussell Rob Trussell

Taryn Trussell

#### **Communion Linens:**

Ellen Kastens

### **Communion Preparation:**

3 p.m. Julie MacDougall 7 p.m. Jayme Howard

AJ Levy

**Christine Peters** 

#### **Livestream Assistant:**

7 p.m. Hunter Arnell

#### **Musicians:**

Kent Mueller, cello Preston Mueller, cello

#### Offering:

3 p.m. Ellen Kastens

7 p.m. Betty Boyd

#### Reader:

3 p.m. Jena Requist

7 p.m. Marcia Olson

#### **Ushers:**

3 p.m. Annie Nessa

Inez Smith

Roger Lootes

Brad Uyemura

7 p.m. Emmett Cruson

Rosalee Wanchisen Iordan Ourada

Lance Wheeland

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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

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Shanna VanderWel

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### **President of the Congregation:**

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