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Nativity of Our Lord A Service of Lessons and Carols December 24, 2022 | 5 p.m.

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.

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Prelude	"We Three Kings" –traditional Recorder Ensemble
	"A Quiet Christmas" –Douglas Wagner Chapel Ringers
	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" –traditional German carol Lydia King, violin
	"O Holy Night" –Adolphe Adam Caroline Stratton, piano
	"What Child is This" –English ballad "Away in a Manger" –William J. Kirkpatrick Evie Garrington, violin and Tim Garrington, piano
	"The First Noel" –traditional English carol Andrew Peters, organ

Welcome

Processional	•	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" V Candlelighters	VEN
		Stanzas 1–3: Candlelighters At the beginning of stanza 4, the assembly stands and sings with the candlelight	ters.
	1	O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.	
	2	O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.	
	3	O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient Times didst give the law in clouds, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.	
	4	O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the path that leads on high, And guide the way to victory! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.	
Dialogue		The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. <b>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.</b>	
		Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.	
		To us a child is born, to us a Son is given. <b>In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.</b>	
<b>~ ~</b>			

### Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; 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.* 

### **Lesson** • 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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

**Carol** • "Immanuel" –Benjamin David Knoedle

Choristers with Lydia King, violin and Elise Earhart, soloist

God with us, Immanuel, heaven's King, sent from above. Glory bound, the babe is born, Son of God, to prove his love! God with us, Immanuel; the Promised One has come. Hope is here, his star shines bright, victory's born on earth this night.

God with us, Immanuel; through the Son, see heaven's Lord. No more wait, the Savior's near. He has come to save the world. Gone the fear man faced alone. Now before the newborn Christ, as in heaven before the throne: God with us, Immanuel, the Promised One has come.

-Garret Paul Martin

### **Lesson II** • Luke 1:26–35, 38

A reading from Luke.

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Carol • ELW 265: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came GABRIEL'S MESSAGE The gel Ga bri - el from heav came, 1 an en Of 4 her. Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born with wings as drift ed snow, with eyes as flame: Beth - le - hem all Christ in on а \_ mas morn, ly maid - en "All thee, Ο low hail to Mar \_ у, Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev er and say: most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo ri - a! "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924 Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

### Lesson III • Luke 2:1-7

A reading from Luke.

<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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Carol** • "Mary Rocking" –Welsh Christmas Lullaby, adapted by Hal Hopson Cherub Choir

> Mary rocking, gently rocking, rocking Jesus, Holy Child. Angels singing, sweetly singing, Glory be to God on high. Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother's arms now rest. Mary rocking, gently rocking, rocking Jesus, Holy Child.

Shepherds running, swiftly running, running on to Bethlehem. Bright star shining, brightly shining, shining forth to show the way. Holy Jesus, born to save us, in your mother's arms now rest. Shepherd running, swiftly running, running on to Bethlehem.

### Lesson IV • Luke 2:8–20

Tamra Mohs and Jack Kusek

A reading from Luke.

<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!"

<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 word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **Carol** • "Quiet Little Town" – arr. Ruth Elaine Schram and Aren Newell Williams Cantabile

Quiet little town, nestled in the hills, underneath the starry skies, quiet little town, peaceful now and still, can you hear a mother's lullabies? Sleep, my sweet baby, sleep, my precious child. Oh, the heavens ring and angels sing to welcome you tonight.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light! The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Hope is in our hearts, filling us with love; joyful melodies resound.

They echo in the hills, they echo in the streets, they echo all around this tranquil town.

Sleep, my sweet baby, sleep, my precious child.

Oh, the heavens ring and angels sing to welcome you tonight.

-Ruth Elaine Schram, Aren Newell Williams, and Phillips Brooks

**Sermon** • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Carol • ELW 296: What Child Is This

The assembly stands. GREENSLEEVES



Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

The assembly is seated.

### Lesson V • Matthew 2:1-11

A reading from Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'''

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

<sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

<sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

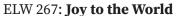
### Offering

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

# Offering Carol + ELW 289: Angels We Have Heard on High



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887–1958

### 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.** 

### Words of Institution

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.

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.

### AWAY IN A MANGER

### Communion Carols

### ELW 277: Away in a Manger

- Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.Bless all the dear children in your tender care and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

#### ELW 282: It Came upon the Midnight Clear

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious king." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
- Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world.
  Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing, and ever o'er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
- And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow: look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing; oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!
- For lo! The days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing. Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876

CAROL

### Blessing after Communion

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

**Carol** • "Of the Father's Love Begotten" –13th century Plainsong Candlelighters

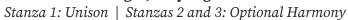
> Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He. Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

### Anthem and Carol • "Peace, Peace" –Rick and Sylvia Powell/arr. Fred Bock Candlelighters

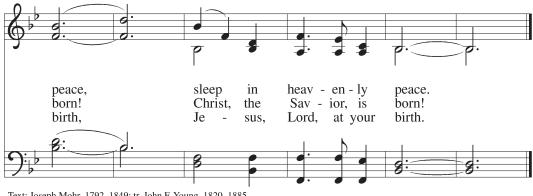
At the invitation of the director, the assembly is invited to join in singing "Silent Night."

### 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

The assembly stands.

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.

**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

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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 (www.facebook.com/ augustanadenver/) or YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UC8QQ4ybjC4GuBH\_mdvVRCdA) for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website (www.augustanadenver.org) for downloadable worship resources and past worship videos.

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