



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 8

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Welcome to Worship on the Sundays after Epiphany. On Epiphany, January 6, the Christmas season concluded with the Magi's visit to Jesus, offering him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Sundays after Epiphany reveal aspects of Jesus' life beginning with his baptism by John. Jesus then calls disciples to follow him into the world God so loves as the manifestation of joy takes shape in surprising ways.

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 ♦ "Do Lord" –Valerie W. Stephenson
Augustana Ringers

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, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God's mercy makes us new each day. Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ.**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 915: **When a Star Is Shining**

WHERE THE PROMISE SHINES

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.



Cantor: 1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,
 All: 2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,
 All: 3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,
 where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"
 guide us through the shad-ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,
 Where an earth - ly pow-er makes the heart turn cold,
 show us in a man-ger our re - demp-tion's sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.
there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.
bring us to a morn-ing where the prom - ise shines.



Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn-ing where the



prom-ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,



to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: WHERE THE PROMISE SHINES, Bob Moore, b. 1962

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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.

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison is Latin and translates as "Lord, have mercy."

All sing Refrain, and cantor sings verses.

Refrain:

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

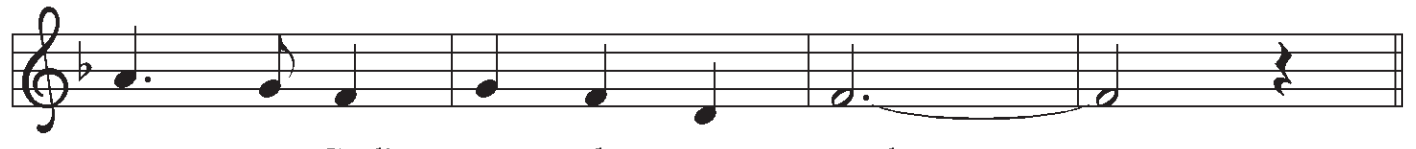
Cantor: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

Canticle of Praise


Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,

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.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

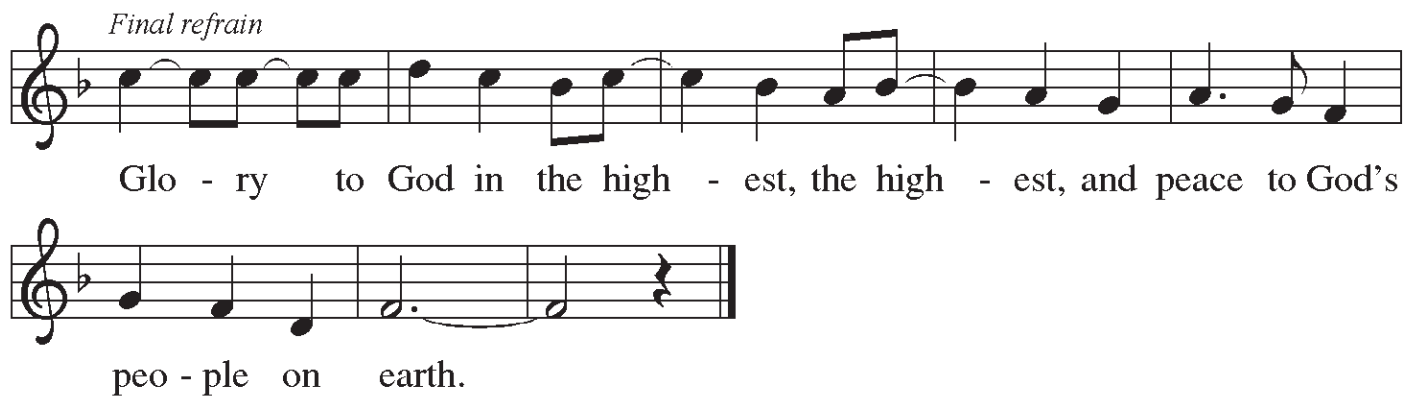
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

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. A - men. A - men.



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading ♦ Micah 6:1–8

A reading from Micah.

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now
what King Balak of Moab devised,

6“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
7Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
8He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon: (sung by choir) Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill?



The bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

**²Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart; *Antiphon***

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected,

but they honor those who | fear the LORD.

**They have sworn upon their health
and do not take | back their word.**

**⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.**

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

Antiphon

Second Reading ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

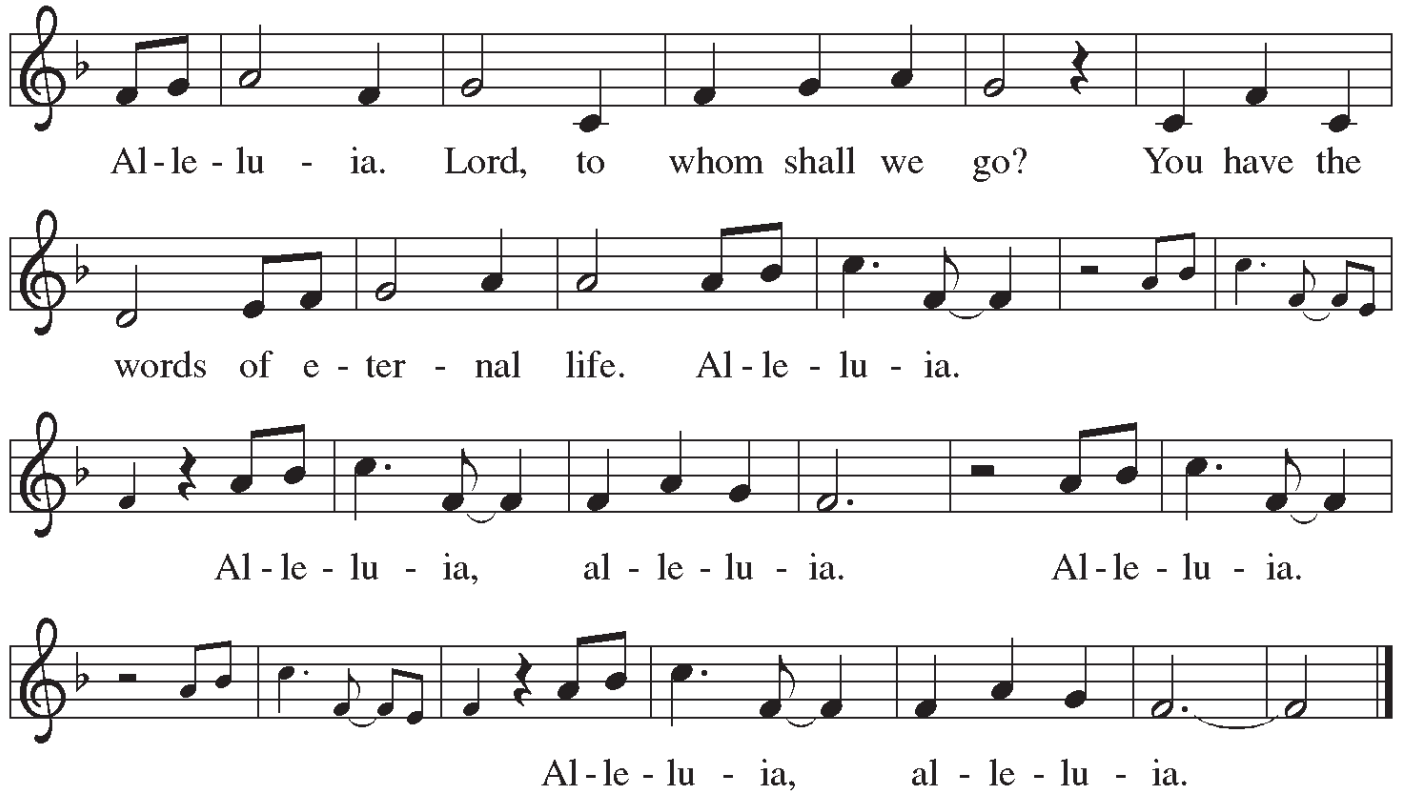
²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification

and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel ♦ Matthew 5:1-12

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

The assembly is seated.


Children’s Sermon

Sermon ♦ Pastor Ann Hultquist

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 710: **Let Streams of Living Justice**

THAXTED



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,
the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.
Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;
a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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Organ Stop Dedication

Today we ask God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to set apart this new organ rank to God's glory, given in memory of Alma Flory. God has given us the gift of music, and to God we sing our praise.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord all the earth.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;
give thanks and bless God's holy name. (Psalm 100)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You have made the whole earth after your glory; all your creatures praise you. We lift up our voices to join the sounds and song of heaven and earth in praise of your glory. You breathed your spirit into your children; and in the fullness of time you sang a new song in Jesus.

Be with us now as we dedicate this new organ rank to your praise and glory. Enrich the lives of all people through it, and help us hear your grace and mercy in it. By your Holy Spirit, let this gift enliven the proclamation of your Word that all may know the love you have for all people and for the world you made; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Merciful God, **receive 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 morning we will repackage several tons of rice and beans for Metro Caring Food Bank in Denver. Our giving makes this enthusiastic project possible, which helps our hungry neighbors.

Scan the code to donate securely through Augustana's website.



“Blessed Are the Pure of Heart” –Woldemar Voullaire
Chancel Choir

Blessed are the pure of heart. They shall see the Father.

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 184: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed sixteenth notes. The lyrics are aligned under the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes or measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

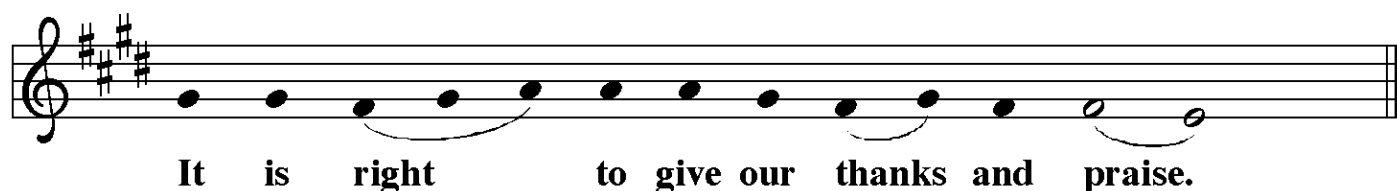
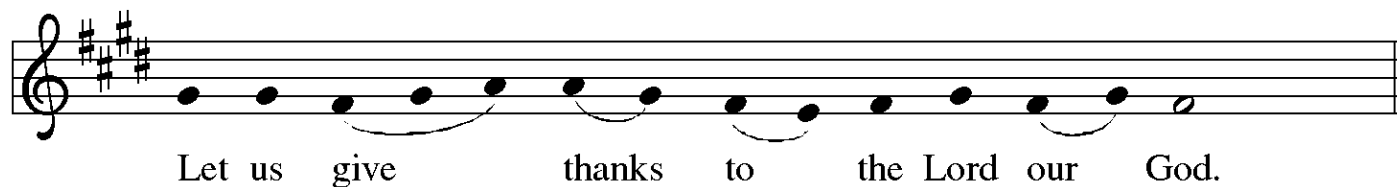
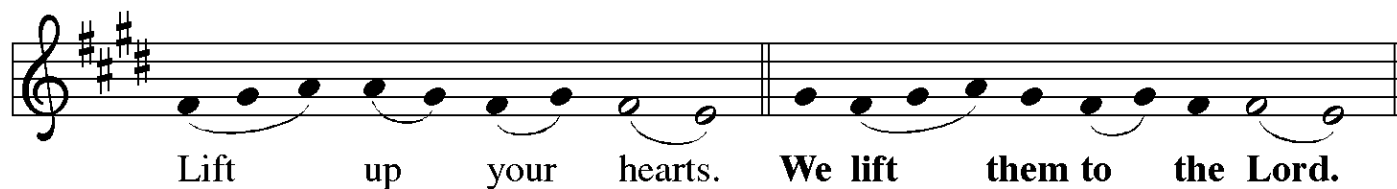
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Offering Prayer

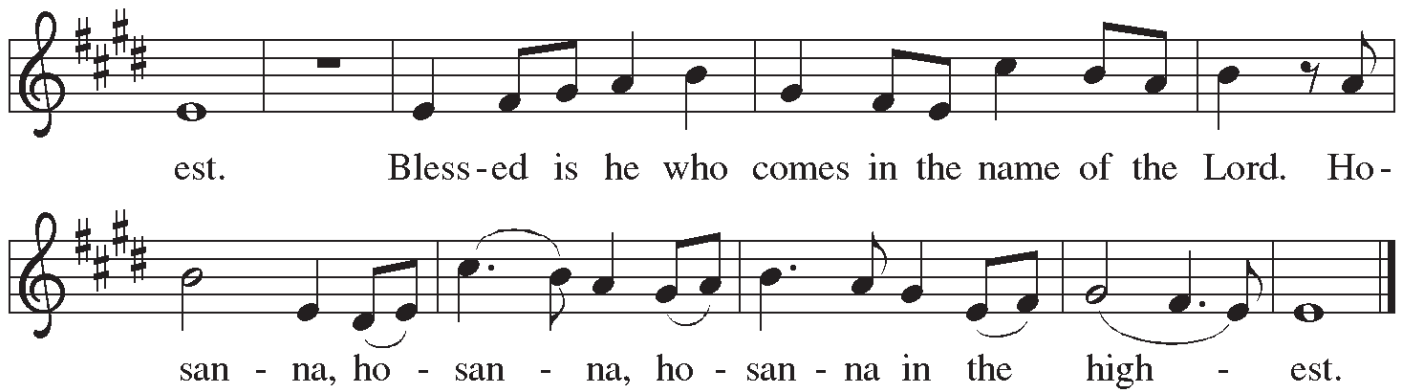
Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

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:





Eucharistic Prayer

Praise to you, O God,
creator of heaven and earth.
You blessed your covenant people,
led them on their journey from slavery to freedom,
and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
expanding your covenant to all nations,
so that everyone may know your steadfast love.
On 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.
As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,
and make us one in this community of faith
and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life, Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High, 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.



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

“Ave Verum” –Wolfgang A. Mozart
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine,
Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.
*You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of us.*

Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit cum sanguine
From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood,
Esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine.
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

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

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that
pours through these gifts of bread and wine.
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness,
and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God who faithfully loves us, ✠ bless,
strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn ♦ ACS 914: Jesus, the Light of the World

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

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



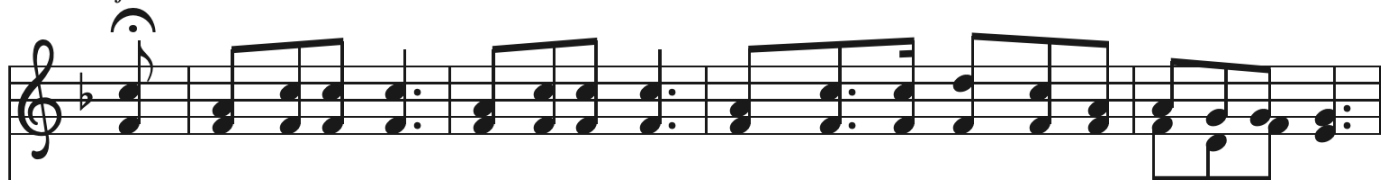
All: 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
High voices: 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
Low voices: 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
All: 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



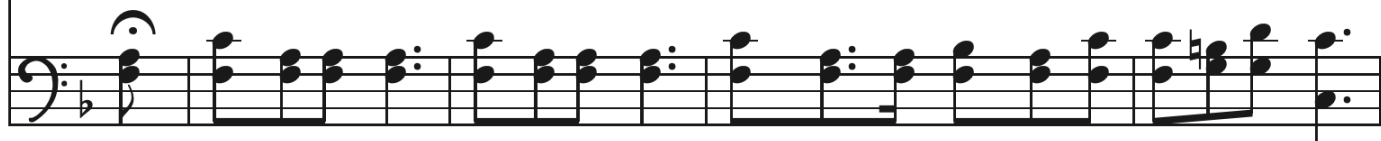
"Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je-sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.



Refrain



All: We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain

Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

Dismissal Go in peace in the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude ♦ “Tuba Tune in D Major” –C.S. Lang

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

Flowers for worship are given in memory of Alma Flory by the Florys.

Tuba Pipes Memorial Gift

My wife, Alma Flory, passed in March of 2022, and I wanted to do something really special in memory of her. It took me a while to decide on something that could be enjoyed by others for many years to come.

I wanted to get a rank of flute pipes since Alma played the flute in high school and college. I talked to Andy about adding a rank of flute pipes to the chancel organ. He said what we really need is a tuba rank. I thought about it, and since I played the tuba in high school, I agreed. He explained this addition was going to make the organ sound great. Like icing on a cake. The tuba stop is used to bring out the melody line on organ music. The tuba stop was used on the third verse of “O Come, All Ye Faithful” on Christmas Eve.

For the Postlude today I have selected “Tuba Tune in D major” by C. S. Lang. I hope you will stay and listen after the service. It’s about three minutes long, and you will definitely be able to know when Andy uses the tuba stop.

Notes: The tubas are free-toned in the French manner. A minimum of 8 to 10 inches of wind is required, and higher pressures are common. Ours required 16 inches of wind pressure. The tuba rank is most commonly found at 8-foot pitch as ours are. When Andy uses the tuba stop you will know it! It is often used to bring out the melody line on organ music.

One of my many talents was playing the pipe organ in the sanctuary while son John was in confirmation class. What a magnificent organ it is to be able to play. I enjoyed playing my favorite hymns any time of the year. My favorite hymn is “For All The Saints.”



Evangelical
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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](http://augustanadenver.org). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
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- 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.
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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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