Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 5, 2023 | 8 a.m. and 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 • "Is There Anybody Here Who Loves My Jesus?" -spiritual

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.**

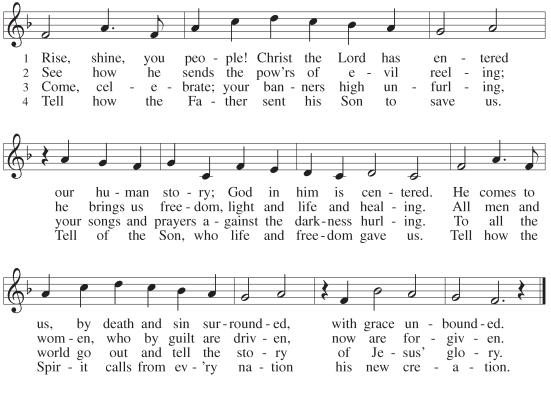
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

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.**

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.



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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 Greek and translates as "Lord, have mercy."

All sing Refrain, and cantor sings verses.

Refrain:



Cantor: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

Cantor: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

Canticle of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading • Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments;

they want God on their side.

3"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.
4You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

6 Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of injustice,
 to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
 and to break every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
 and bring the homeless poor into your ho

and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

8Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
9aThen you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and God will say, "Here I am."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 112:1–9

Antiphon: (sung by choir) Light shines in the darkness for the upright.



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

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD and have great delight in | God's commandments! ²Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;

the generation of the upright | will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
 and their righteousness will | last forever.
 Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;

the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion. Antiphon

⁵It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

⁶For they will nev- | er be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;

their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and | will not shrink, until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever; they will hold up their | head with honor. *Antiphon*

Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

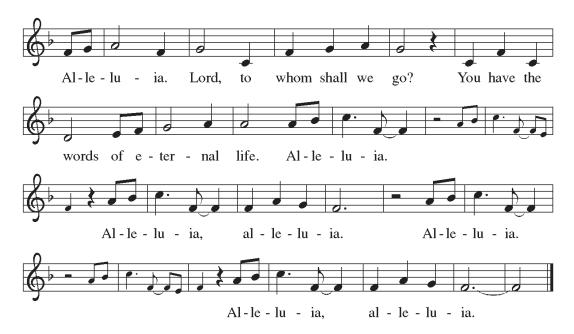
¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the

human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel • Matthew 5:13-20

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

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem • 10:30 a.m. "What Color Is God's Skin?" –Thomas Wilkes and David Stevenson Cherub Choir and Finley Zumwalt, soloist and guitar

"Good night," I said to my little son, so tired out when the day was done.

Then he said, as I tucked him in,

"Tell me, Mommy, what color's God's skin?"

Chorus: What color is God's skin?

I said, "It's black, brown, it's yellow, it is red, it is white.

Everyone's the same in the good Lord's sight."

He looked at me with his shining eyes.

I knew I could tell no lies,

When he said, "Mommy, why do the different races fight,

if we're the same in the good Lord's sight?" Chorus

"Son, that's part of our suffering past,

but the whole human family is learning at last,

that the thing we missed on the road we trod

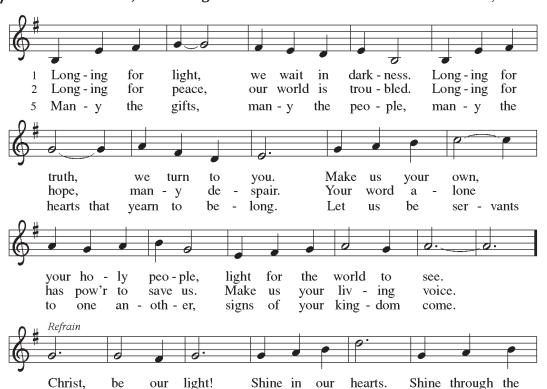
is to walk as the daughters and the sons of God." Chorus

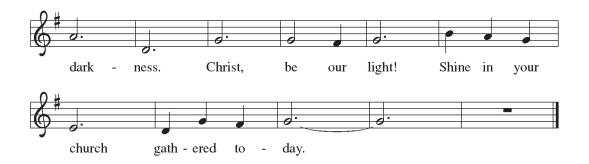
Children's Sermon • 10:30 a.m.

Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day • ELW 715: Christ, Be Our Light

The assembly stands.
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT





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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: 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

The Rocky Mountain Synod supports nine different campus ministries over four states. Between the nine sites, hundreds of students participate in community activities such as meals, worship, and service opportunities. Our giving helps to support this ministry with young adults.



"Heavenly Light" –A. Kopylow, arr. Peter J. Wilhousky 8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble • 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light!

Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation!

All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar!

Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray!

Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!

The assembly stands.

Offering Response • ELW 184: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

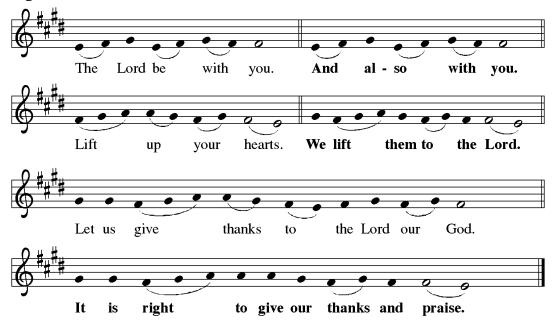


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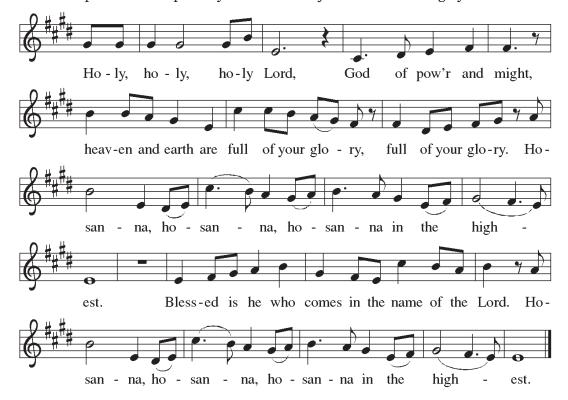
Offering Prayer

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

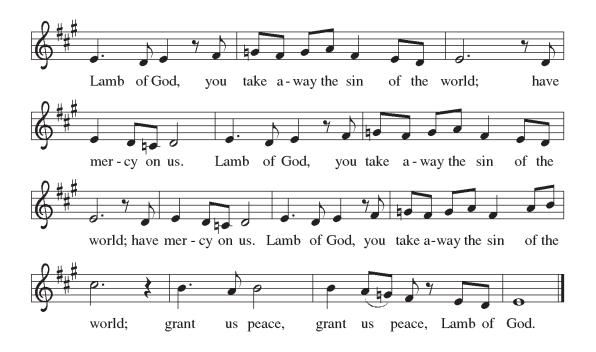
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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



"What Shall I Render to the Lord?" -Peter Tiefenbach Augustana Vocal Ensemble

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

-Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19

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.**

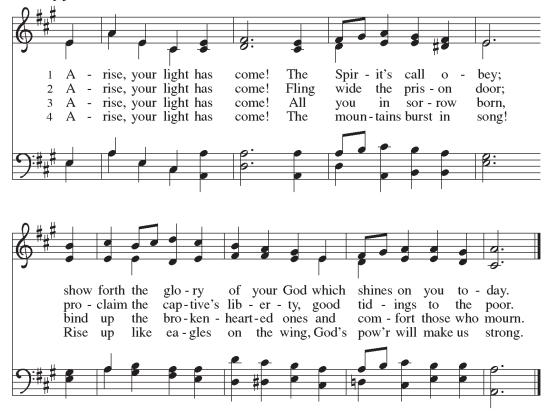
Blessing

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

Sending Hymn • ELW 314: Arise, Your Light Has Come

FESTAL SONG

10:30 a.m. 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 in the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Soon I Will Be Done" -Calvin Taylor

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



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.

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8 a.m. Jim Dierker

10:30 a.m. Mike & Arianne Theiss

Communion Linens:

February Kay Cruson

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

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8 a.m. Mark Caldwell 10:30 a.m. Holly Massie

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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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