
	<p>Reformation Sunday Affirmation of Baptism October 31, 2021 10:30 a.m.</p>	
	<p>Setting 4, <i>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</i></p>	
	 <p>Augustana LUTHERAN CHURCH</p> <hr/> <p>Worship Grow Go</p>	<p>5000 East Alameda Avenue Denver, Colorado 80246 PHONE: 303-388-4678 FAX: 303-388-1338 WEB: www.augustanadenver.org E-MAIL: info@augustanadenver.org</p>

Welcome to worship this Reformation Sunday! October 31 is Reformation Day each year. Today we remember Martin Luther's 16th century church reforms: theology of grace, worship practice, scripture in the common language, and much more. As in Luther's age, so in ours: God's word is alive, surprises with grace, and sets us free by faith. Ancient writers speak to us through scripture today and enliven our faith: Paul declares justification by faith apart from works and Christ sets us free for the sake of the world.

Also today, during 10:30 a.m. worship, we celebrate with the Confirmation youth whose three years of study culminates in the Affirmation of Baptism. These young people pick up as their own the promises that their parents made to them at baptism. Confirmation is a milestone through which they continue asking questions of faith and doubt as baptized people.

Because of CDC guidelines, masks are highly recommended for everyone at worship for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Unvaccinated people should continue to wear masks.

Please make room in the pew for people who arrive after you by sitting in the middle of the pew. This opens up the aisle seating for others so that everyone has a place to worship.

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 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

"A Mighty Fortress" —Dietrich Buxtehude and David Cherwien
Linda Mack, organ

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

Gathering Song ♦ ELW 504: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

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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.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading • Jeremiah 31:31–34

A reading from Jeremiah.

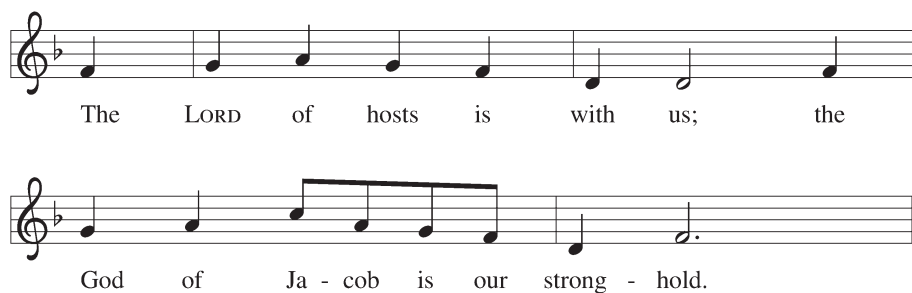
³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 46

The refrain will be sung first by the cantor, then by the assembly, and again by the assembly after the verses as indicated.

Refrain:



Psalm 46:7

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- ¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
- ³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ⁶The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. *Refrain*
- ⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁸Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
- ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- ¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”
- ¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. *Refrain*

Second Reading ♦ Romans 3:19–28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his

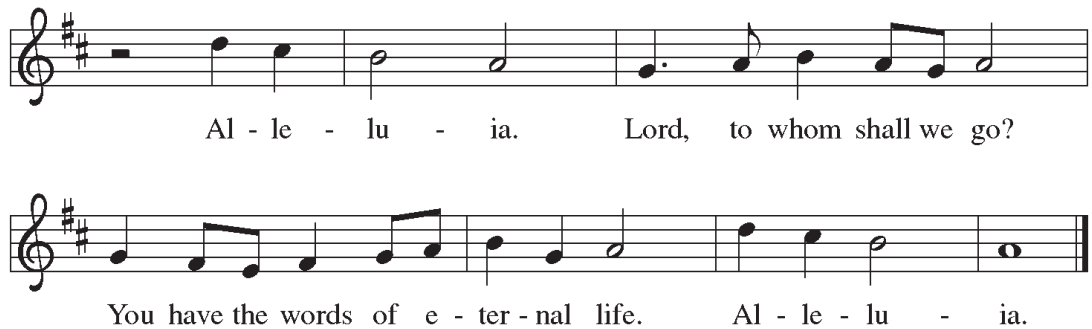
grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel ♦ John 8:31–36

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

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem

“God is Bigger” –Kurt Heinecke
Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Class

Children’s Sermon

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day • ACS 1005: Ask the Complicated Questions



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale; for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

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Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present these people who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Trevor Neil Boodt son of Bradley and Heidi Boodt

Evelyn Rose Garrington daughter of Tim and Carol Garrington

Isabelle Violet Howard daughter of Dan and Angela Howard

Lydia Elyse King daughter of Sean-Casey and Amy King

Carola Mae Theiss daughter of Michael and Arianne Theiss

Claire Sophie Trautmann daughter of Steven and Yuki Trautmann

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The assembly is seated.

Affirmation of Baptism

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in **Trevor, Evelyn, Isabelle, Lydia, Carola, and Claire**
the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever. **Amen.**

Anthem

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” –John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Madoka Asari, Chancel Choir accompanist

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God

and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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

On this Reformation Sunday, six Augustana youth and their families will celebrate the faith milestone of Confirmation. Our giving supports staff, teachers, and mentors who lead and love these young people.

“The Church’s One Foundation” –Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir and Brass Sextet

Madoka Asari, Chancel Choir accompanist

Aaron Olson and Austin Kinard, trumpet, Caitlyn Achilles, horn

Robert F. Wake and Jordan Crimminger, trombone, Reid Cox, tuba

The assembly stands.

Offering Song ♦ ELW 182: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bles - 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 the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



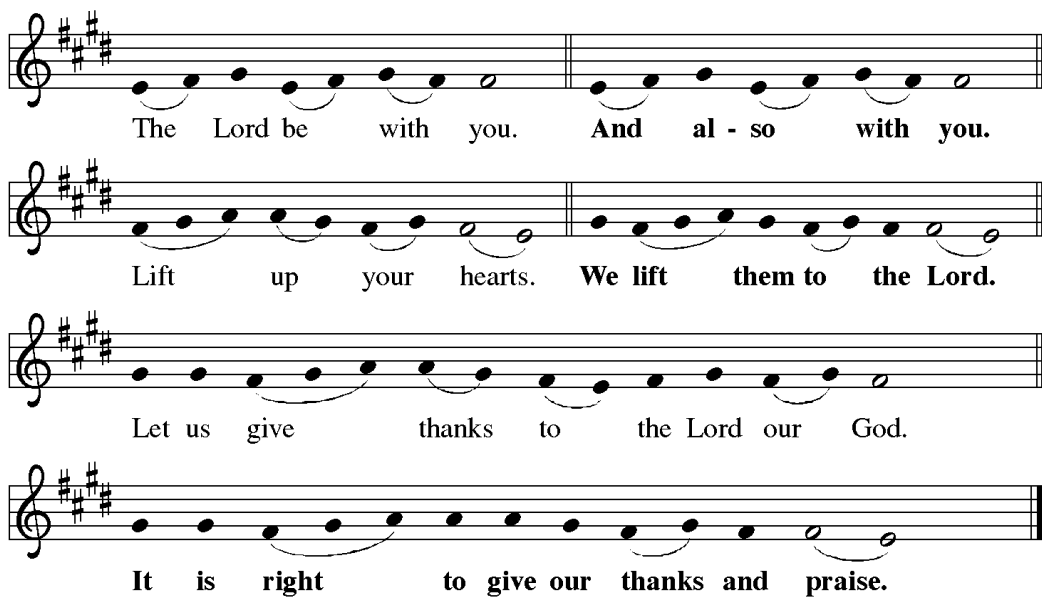
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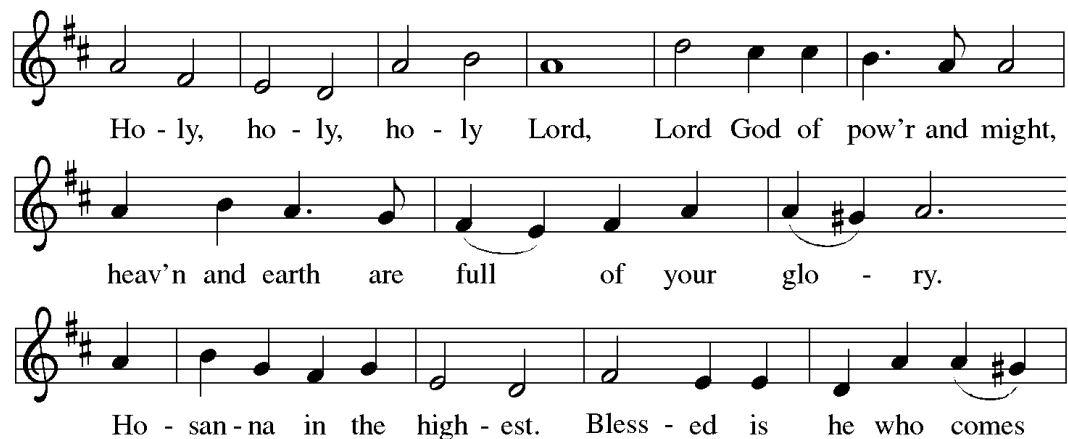
Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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:





in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

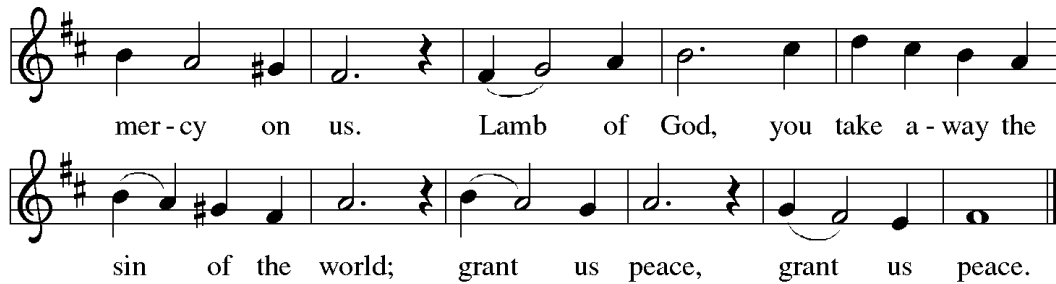
We are connected by the Holy Spirit to God and to each other across time and place through our baptisms. In this same Spirit, we share bread and wine with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or 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. 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



“Locust iste” –Anton Bruckner

Chancel Choir

Madoka Asari, Chancel Choir accompanist

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.*

*This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach*

The assembly stands.

Blessing after Communion

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

Prayer after Communion


Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our
faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

People of God, you are Christ’s body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song ♦ ACS 991: Go to the World

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



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,
bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Praeludium & Chaconne" –Dietrich Buxtehude
Linda Mack, organ

Flowers for worship are given in memory of Nina Forgo by Mark Caldwell.



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God's work. Our hands.

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 for newborns through children age 5.
- 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, www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Faith Formation for all children and youth is available Sundays, 9–10 a.m., in the education building. Adult Forum is offered 9:15–10:15 a.m.
- Welcome to coffee and cookies, 9–10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall.
- 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.
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- 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.
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October Paul Whitehurst

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Cantors: AVE

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Children, Youth, & Family Ministry

Communion Preparation:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Nancy Cowee, Jayme Howard

Communion Linens:

October Ellen Kastens

Library: Linda Crow

Livestream Assistant:

Paul Blanchard

Prayers/Reader:

Nancy Nyhus

Ushers:

8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt

10:30 a.m. Ememtt Cruson, Orvid Olson

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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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