



Second Sunday of Christmas
January 2, 2022 | 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2

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Welcome to worship on this Second Sunday after Christmas. The Christmas season continues until Epiphany, January 6. On that day the Christian church around the world celebrates the magi's coming to see Jesus in Bethlehem. This morning we hear the opening verses from the Gospel of John, which are a celebration of Jesus as the Word of God made flesh.

Today we experience Jesus' living presence in scripture and in the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. May you know the love of Christ for you as we worship together.

In compliance with the latest public health mandate from the City of Denver, face masks are required for everyone over two years old as we continue to promote safe worship at Augustana. We do not seek to verify vaccination status prior to worship services.

In Christ Chapel, please continue to social distance in the pews. In the sanctuary, you are invited to sit wherever there is a pew cushion.

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 ♦ Pastorale on “The Humble Heart” –Shaker Tune, arr. Andrew Clarke

Welcome

The assembly stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

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 sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. **Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Holy God, **we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. ✠ In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 510: **Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

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 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919

Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

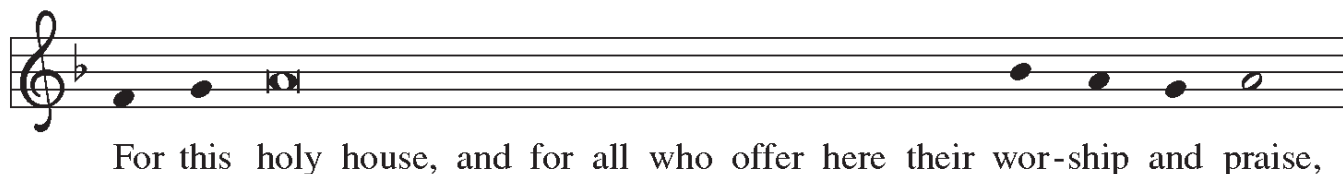
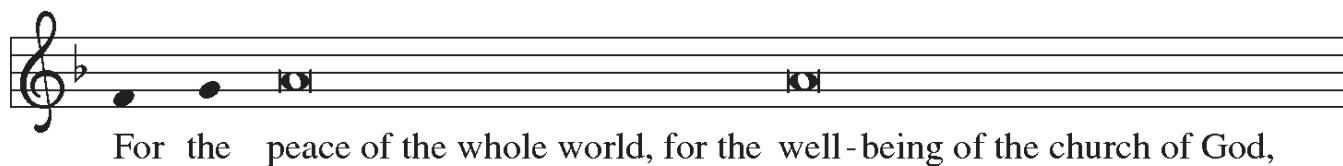
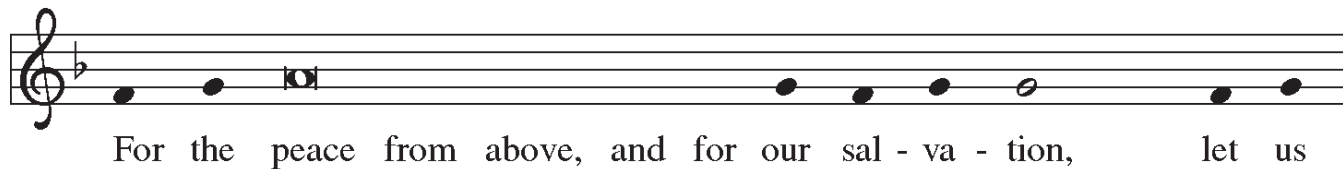
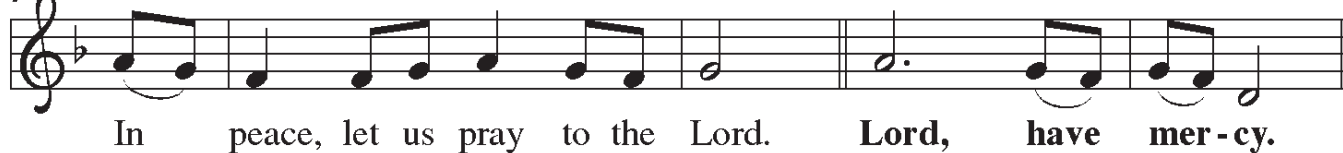
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Greeting

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





Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Canticle of Praise



Glo-ry to God in 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, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, 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.



Glo-ry to God in 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading ♦ Jeremiah 31:7–14

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 147:12–20

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

Refrain:



Wor - ship the LORD, O Je - ru - sa-lem; praise your God, O Zi - on.

Psalm 147:12

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¹²Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;
praise your | God, O Zion,

¹³who has strengthened the bars | of your gates
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.

¹⁴God has established peace | on your borders
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

¹⁵God sends out a command | to the earth,
a word that runs | very swiftly. *Refrain*

¹⁶God gives | snow like wool,
 scattering | frost like ashes.
¹⁷God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.
 Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;
 the wind blows, and the | waters flow.
¹⁹God declares the | word to Jacob,
 statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;
 they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah! *Refrain*

Second Reading ♦ Ephesians 1:3–14

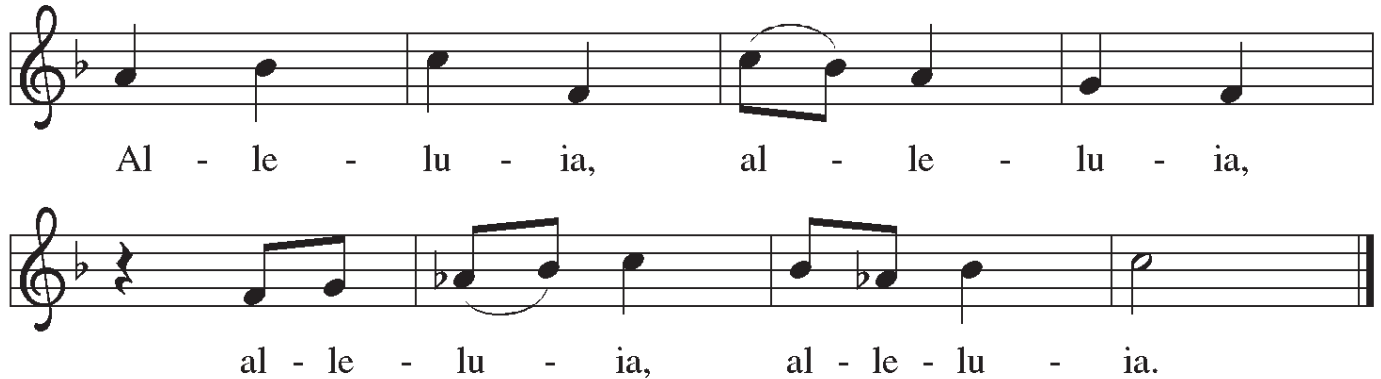
A reading from Ephesians.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in
 the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the
 foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him
 in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through
 Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to
 the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on
 us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his
 blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the
 riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom
 and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will,
 according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as
 a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him,
 things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also
 obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to
 the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to
 his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our
 hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him
 you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of
 your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with
 the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our
 inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the
 praise of his glory.

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

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands.



Cantor: All the ends | of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

The assembly sings the gospel acclamation again.

Gospel ♦ John 1:1–18

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

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ "Star Bright" –Michael Bedford
Cherubs

Refrain: Star bright, star bright, lighting up the night.

Tell me, tell me what you see.

Tell me, are there Wise Men three?

Star bright, star bright. (*Refrain*)

Tell me, do you see them on the way to Bethlehem?

Star bright, star bright. (*Refrain*)

Will they find the Jesus boy?

Will their hearts be filled with joy?

Star bright, star bright.

–Michael Bedford

Children's Sermon

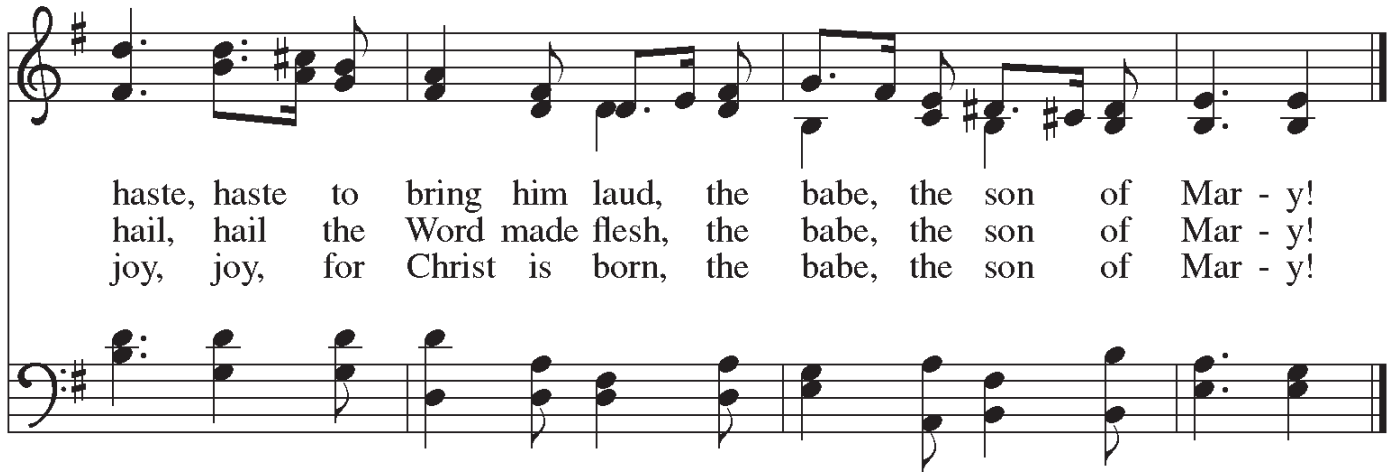
Sermon ♦ Pastor Ann Hultquist

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 296: **What Child Is This**

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898
Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

Holy Baptism

Rejoice with **Anika Narayan Mortensen**, daughter of **Joseph Mortensen and Angela Narayan**, in her baptism. Welcome her into Christ's family today! Anika's baptism sponsor is Michelle Rozenman.

Presentation God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Promises are made by the parents, the sponsors, and the assembly.

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?

We renounce them.

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

We renounce them.

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

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The candidate is baptized.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The assembly welcomes the newly baptized:



Rain - drops, o - ceans, lakes, and riv - ers; wel - come, child of God.



Moth - ers, fa - thers, broth - ers, sis - ters; wel - come, child of God.



When the world feels wide a - round you, when the dark of night sur-rounds you,



we are here to tend and guide you. Wel - come, child of God.

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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.

“Were You There on That Christmas Night?” –Natalie Sleeth
Art Van Dyck, bass solo

–Natalie Sleeth

The assembly stands.

Offering Song ♦ ELW 294: **In the Bleak Mid Winter**

If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

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

Offering Prayer

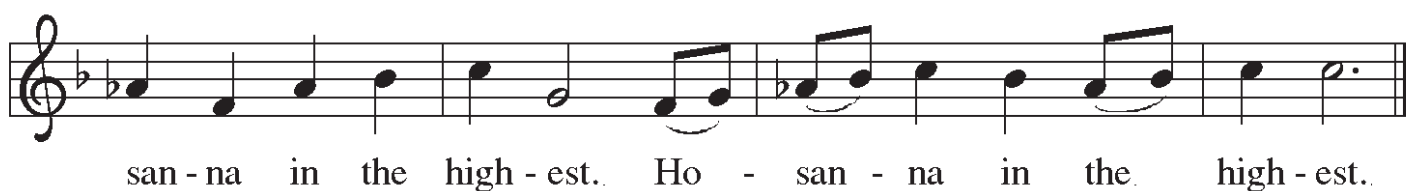
Gracious God, **your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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:



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.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you.

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.

“The Call” –Ralph Vaughan Williams
Art Van Dyck, bass solo

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
such a Heart, as joys in love.

–George Herbert

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

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God
with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we
have shared this feast of love, strengthen us
to share your love with all the world. In Jesus'
name we pray. **Amen.**

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.**

Sending Hymn ♦ ELW 836: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Dismissal Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude ♦ “Fireworks Music” –George F. Handel



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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.

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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.
- 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. AJ Levy

10:30 a.m. Larry Rasmussen

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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 (www.augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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