

The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve | December 24, 2021 | 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



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Worship | Grow | Go

Welcome to worship on this Christmas Eve! We are thankful that you are here at Augustana, and so thankful that we are able to gather together in person for worship.

This day is a powerful reminder to us that in the long days and nights of the past two years, we have been 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.

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 will not seek to verify vaccination status prior to worship services.

Every other pew has one cushion in the middle of the pew. This is open for seating when all the aisle seats are filled. Safe self spacing is encouraged as we continue to seek reduced risk of exposure to any viruses during our worship services. Thank you for observing the DO NOT SIT HERE signage at the ends of these middle-seating-only pews.

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 7:30 p.m. 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 "Silent Night" -Kay H. Goodyear "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" -John Ferguson "What Child Is This" -Ervin Monroe "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" -Johann S. Bach "Christmas Angels" -Joel Raney "All My Heart This Night Rejoices" -Piet Post "The Friendly Beasts" -traditional English Carol Tamara Maddaford, flute; Wendy Sloan, flute; Andrew Peters, organ

Welcome

Processional Hymn • ELW 283: O Come, All Ye Faithful The assembly stands.

Stanzas 1 and 2: Optional Harmony | Stanzas 3 and 4: Unison





Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; 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.

Reading • Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

³You 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.

⁴For 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.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For 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.

⁷His 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.

Anthem • "Still, Still, Still" -Norman Luboff AVE

The assembly remains seated.

Gospel • Luke 2:1-7

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

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁶And 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.

Carol • ELW 277: Away in a Manger



Text: North American, 19th cent.

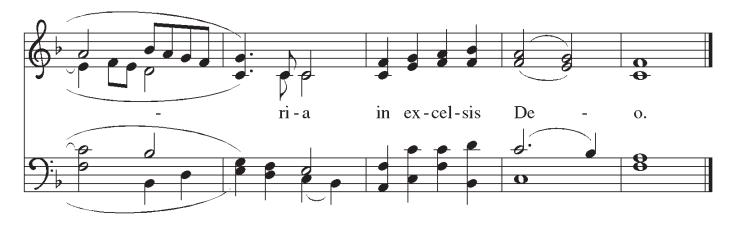
Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841-1905

Gospel • Luke 2:8-14

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Carol • ELW 289: Angels We Have Heard on High we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains, An - gels an - gels sing; Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the the moun-tains ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains. in re - ply, and bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the come, a - dore on new - born king. Refrain Glo ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo



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

The assembly stands.

Gospel • Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

The assembly is seated.

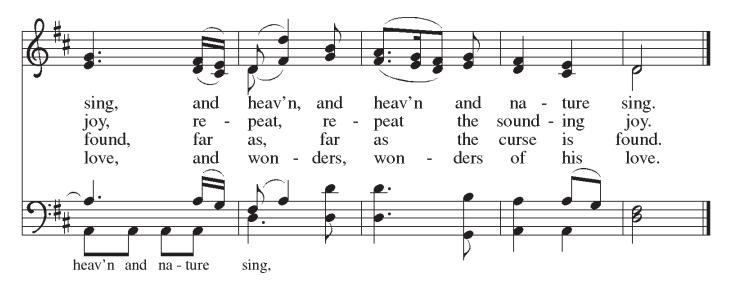
Children's Sermon • 3 p.m.

Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

The assembly stands.

Carol • ELW 267: Joy to the World





Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

Peace The peace of the Lord be with you. 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

3 p.m. "Mid-winter" –Bob Chilcott AVE

7:30 p.m. "Night of Silence" – Daniel Kantor Chancel Choir

Offering Response • ELW 274: On Christmas Night



Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.

Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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.

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 the wafer only 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.

Communion Carols

ELW 279: O Little Town of Bethlehem

10 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.

2For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

3How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

40 holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

ELW 271: I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve



- 1 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je sus' birth!
- 2 The lit tle child in Beth le hem, he was a king in deed!
- 3 He dwells a gain in heav en's realm, the Son of God to day;
- 4 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais es then I sing;
- 5 And so I love each Christ-mas Eve, and I love Je sus too;



Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth. he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need. and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray. for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of he o - pens now king. and that he loves me ev - 'ry day know so well I true.

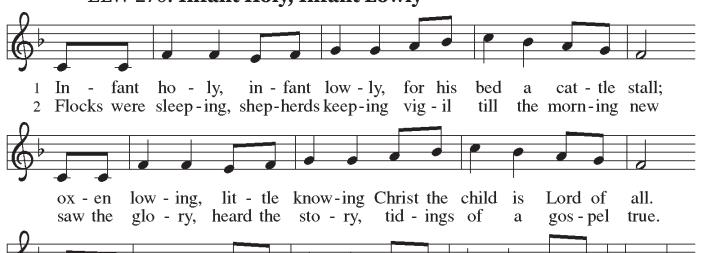
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Music: JEG ER SÅ GLAD, Peder Knudsen, 1819–1863

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Swift-ly wing-ing, an - gels sing-ing, bells are ring-ing, tid - ings bring-ing: Thus re-joic-ing, free from sor-row, prais-es voic-ing, greet the mor-row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt. Music: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

"The Holly and the Ivy" –traditional English carol
"The Cherry Tree Carol" –Appalachian carol
Tamara Maddaford, flute

The assembly stands.

Blessing after Communion

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

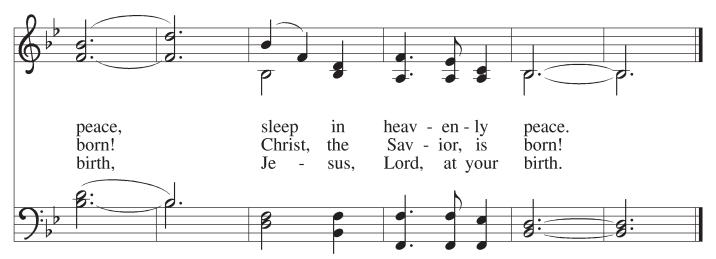
Prayer

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.**

When passing the flame, keep your lit candle upright while the next person tilts their unlit candle to yours. Following the Blessing, candles may be blown out and returned to the sanctuary entrances. Merry Christmas!

Carol • ELW 281: Silent Night, Holy Night!





Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

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.**

Postlude • "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" from *Christmas Oratorio* -Camille Saint-Saëns Andrew Peters, organ

Welcoming and Connecting at Augustana

Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry leads the congregation in efforts that benefit our local and global community partnerships with organizations especially focused on hunger, poverty, access to resources, immigration, criminal justice, and advocacy in public policy. CAN meets to plan emphases every two to three months. Contact Laura Libby (laura.a.libby@gmail.com).

Faith Formation

Augustana offers Faith Formation (Sunday School) Sundays, 9:15 a.m., including Faith Frolic Class for children age birth to two years old, 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).

Men's Bible Study

This new ministry begins Thursday, January 13 and will meet second and fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m., Youth Room, with the intention of deepening our understanding of God's word and enjoying some fellowship. Contact **Brian Willoughby** (303-941-3022).

Discover Augustana Class

Sundays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30, 9:15–10:15 a.m., Room 10
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).

Mothers of Young Kids Book Study

This new monthly book study begins January 12 and meets 7:30–9 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month for conversation, prayer and community at homes of participants. First book: Jen Wilkin's *Ten Words to Live By*. Contact **Shanna VanderWel** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or shanna@augustanadenver.org) for details, meeting location, and copies of the book.

Young Adult Bible Study

Twenty- and thirty-somethings are invited for weekly Bible study via Zoom and inperson rotations, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Contact **Shanna VanderWel** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or shanna@augustanadenver.org) for information and Zoom links.

Adult Forum

Sundays 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room Adult Forum gathers on Sunday mornings for 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 read and discuss a selected book the third Monday of every month 1 p.m. at Augustana, alternating between fiction and nonfiction. Books are chosen by the members themselves through monthly nominations. Contact Augustana's office (303-388-4678 or info@ augustanadenver.org).

Tuesday Morning Study Group

October through May, Augustana offers a weekly small group Bible study, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., Ammerman Library, **Linda Daniel**, facilitator. Sign up with 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. at participants' homes. Contact **Pastor Ann Hultquist** (303-388-4678 ext. 105 or ann@augustanadenver.org).

Choirs and Handbells

Augustana's Music Ministry is open to all individuals who wish to share their voice or instrument in song and praise. 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, to pray, study, learn, and plan action around mental illness and mental health for our congregation. 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. 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.
- 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>www.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

Altar Guild:

December Bill & Rhonda Crossen

Communion Assistants:

3 p.m. AJ & Morgan Levy
Julie MacDougall
Nancy Nyhus
Ann Sethre
Pam Uyemura

7:30 p.m. Karen Bourg
Lynn Marlowe
Matt Miller
Rob, Quinn, & Taryn
Trussell

Communion Linens:

Margaret Aarestad

Communion Preparation:

3 p.m. Julie MacDougall 7:30 p.m. Lynn Marlowe

Reader:

3 p.m. Sharon Schillereff

7:30 p.m. Marcia Olson

Ushers:

3 p.m. Greg Bickle Roger Loots Annie Nessa Brad Uyemura

7:30 p.m. Herman Ezpeleta Greg, Joshua, & Kristin Hempelman Katy Lunsford Liturgy from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #26527.

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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.

Staff

Senior Pastor: Ann Hultquist

Pastor: Caitlin Trussell

Director of Youth and Family Ministry:

Shanna VanderWel

Nursery Director: Amy Hamik

Faith Community Nurse: Sue Ann Glusenkamp

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Minister of Music and Organist:

Andrew Peters

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Administrator of Volunteer Ministry and

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Custodian: Andrija Malbasa

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Director: Wendie Edwards

President of the Congregation:

Michael Zumwalt

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8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

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