



Epiphany of Our Lord January 9, 2022 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Welcome to worship as we celebrate Epiphany! The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) centers on the Bible story about the magi guided by a star to Jesus, upon whom they bestowed gifts of gold and spices. In the Bible reading from Isaiah and Ephesians, good news is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star, the light of Christ is revealed through us and we are sent out to shine Christ’s light, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

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 • “We Three Kings” –Raymond H. Haan

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 715: **Christ, Be Our Light**

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.*

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

church gath - ered to - day.

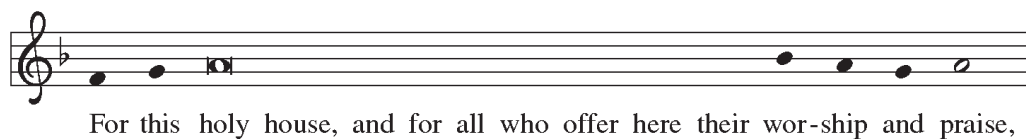
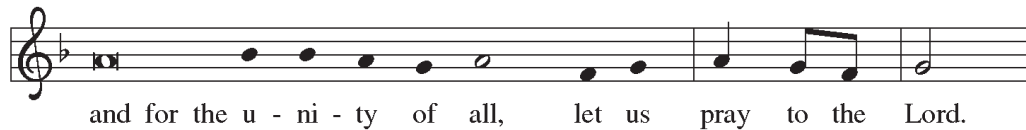
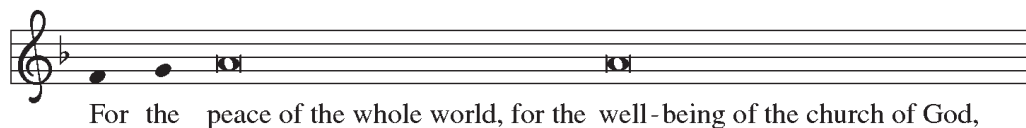
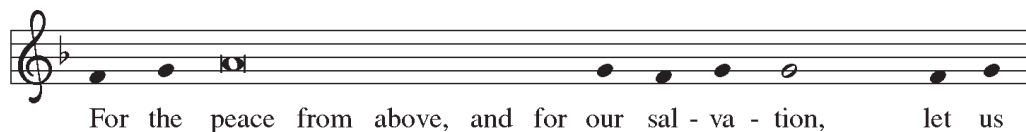
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Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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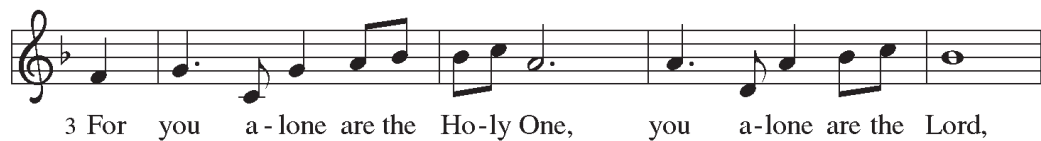
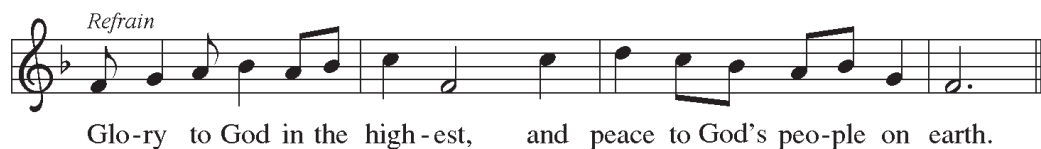
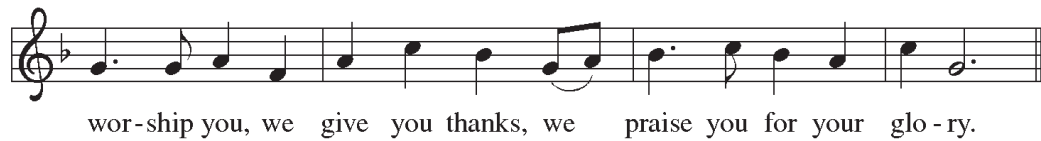
Greeting

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



Canticle of Praise





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.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your 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.

First Reading • Isaiah 60:1–6

A reading from Isaiah.

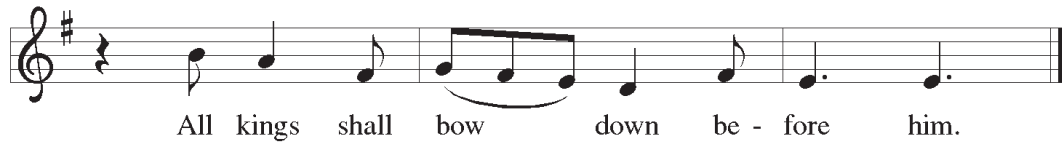
- ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- ³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

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 72:11

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- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
²that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;
³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. *Refrain*
⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts. *Refrain*
¹¹May all kings bow | down before him,
and all the nations | do him service.
¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.
¹³He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,
and preserves the lives | of the needy.
¹⁴From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,
and precious is their blood | in his sight. *Refrain*

Second Reading ♦ Ephesians 3:1–12

A reading from Ephesians.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—
²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands.



Cantor: We have observed his star | at its rising,* and have come to | worship him. (Matt. 2:2)

The assembly sings the gospel acclamation again.

Gospel ♦ Matthew 2:1-12

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

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

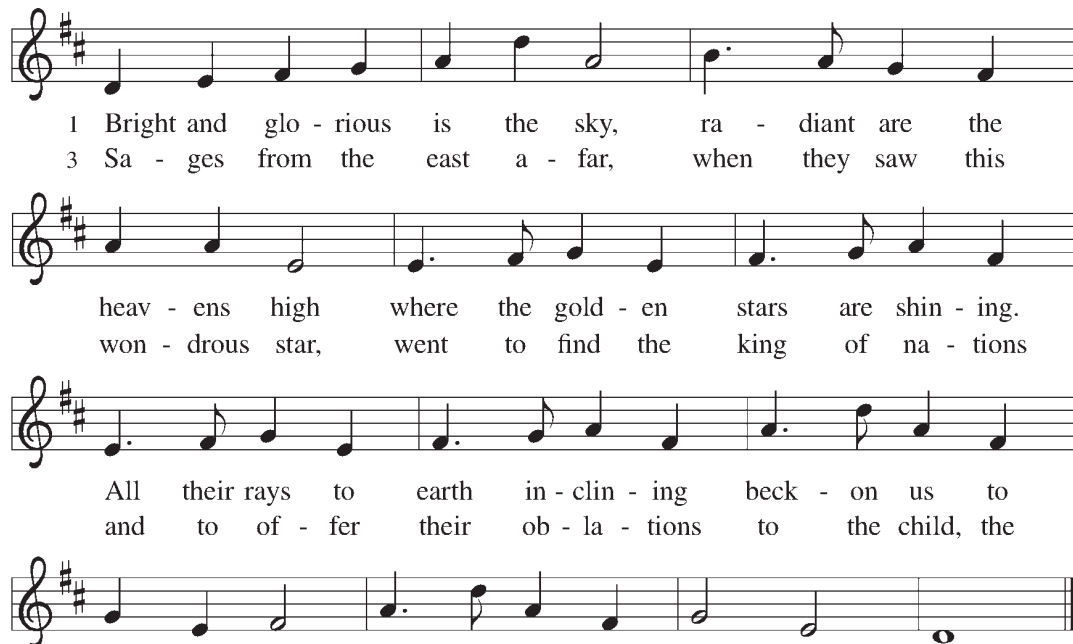
¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 301: **Bright and Glorious Is the Sky**



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this

heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions

All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the

heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.

5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.
Music: *DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ*, Danish, 19th cent.
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Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;**

through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

Augustana's Early Learning Center serves children ages 1–5 years old and also cares for school-age children before and after school. Our offerings help to provide the space that makes this vibrant ministry with families possible.

“Epiphany” –Bob Chilcott

8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble | 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?

'Tis sent to tell of a newborn King, glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, 'from Jacob shall a star proceed';

And lo! the eastern sages stand, to read in heaven the Lord's command.

I think of them tonight: Epiphany which means that they were right.

And when it's dark it means we have to find the star within our hearts,
the star that leads to light.

–Charles Offin, translated John Chandler (stanzas 1 and 2); Charles Bennett (stanza 3)

Offering Response ♦ ELW 294: In the Bleak Mid Winter



3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

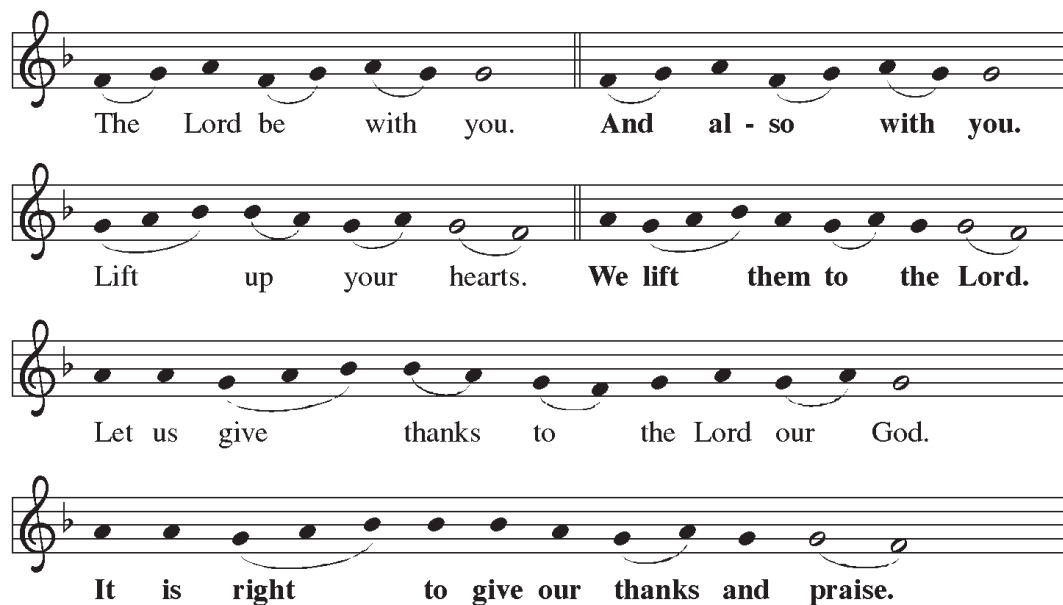
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

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



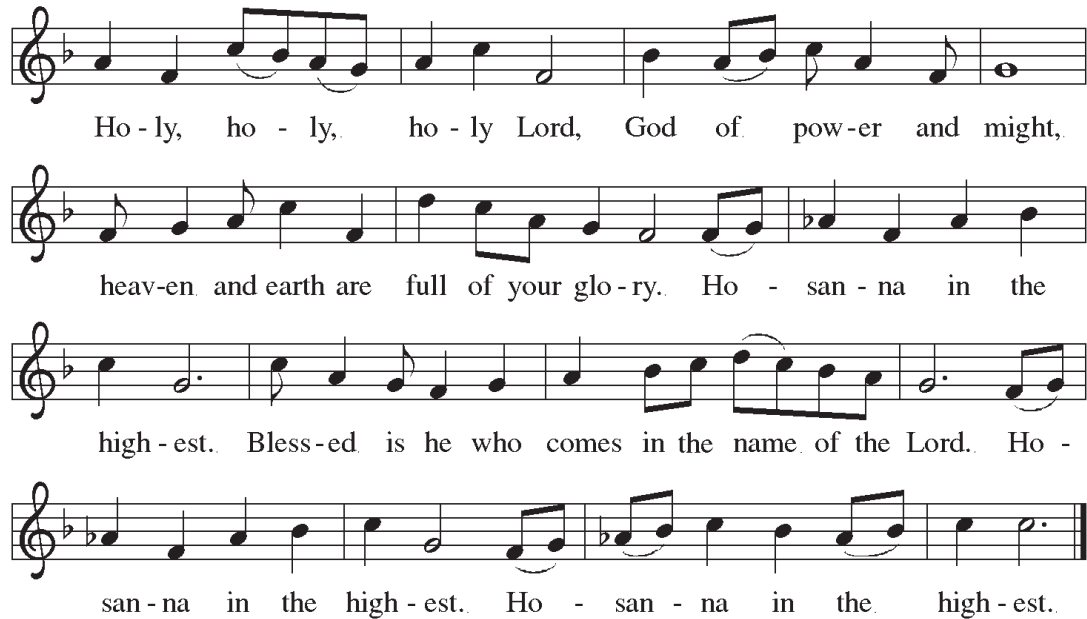
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

God leaned toward the earth
and spoke to us by a Son, Jesus the Beloved.
Born of Mary and the Holy Spirit,
guarded by Joseph with fatherly care.
Jesus came among us as a helpless baby,
cradled beside the beasts and warmed by their breath—
human, as we are.

Kings bowed down before him, bringing gifts,
and emperors were troubled by his reign—
this Child in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.
This Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us,
And his flesh and blood were given to us, in Jesus' final gift of grace.

At supper with his disciples
Jesus took bread and offered thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take and eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup,
offered thanks, and gave it to them saying:
“Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for lives of service and praise.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,
world without end.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

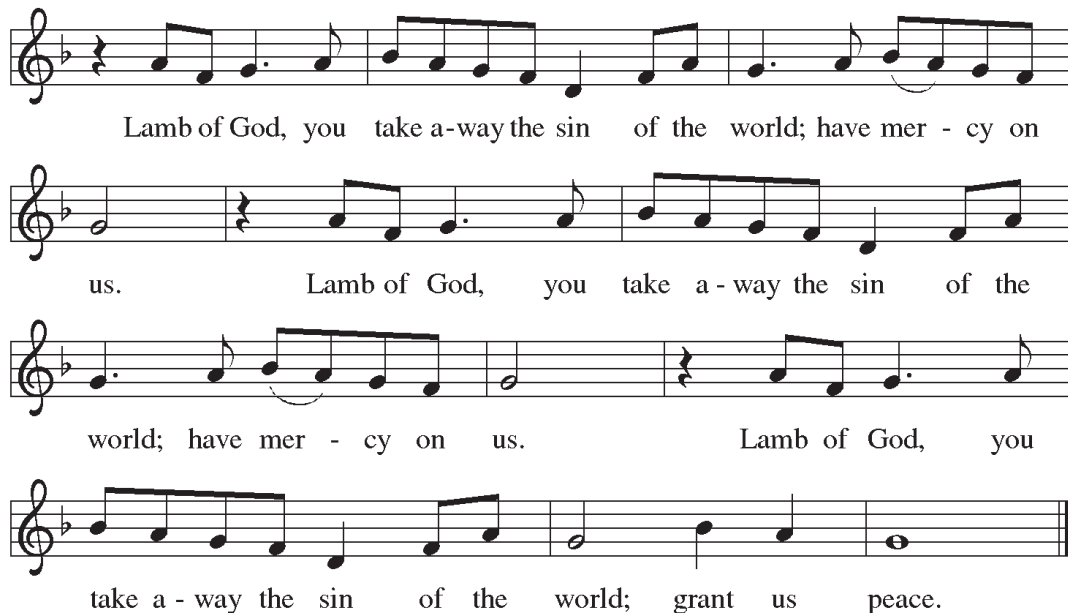
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

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 Journey” –Simon Lole
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

The wise men left their country to journey morn by morn,
with gold and frankincense and myrrh, because the Lord was born,
God sent a star to guide them, and sent a dream to warn.

My life is like their journey, their star is like God's book,
I must be like those good wise men with heavenward heart and look
but shall I give no gifts to God, what precious gifts they took.

Lord, I will give my love to Thee, than gold much costlier,
more sweet to Thee than frankincense, more prized to Thee than myrrh,
Lord, make me dearer day by day, day by day holier.

Nearer and dearer day by day, 'til I my voice unite,
and sing my 'Glory, glory' with angels clad in white,
all 'Glory, glory' given to Thee, through all the angel height!

–Christina Rossetti

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 314: Arise, Your Light Has Come

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.*

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Dismissal

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

Postlude • “In Thee is Gladness,” S. 615 –Johann S. Bach



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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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- 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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8 a.m. Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. Mary Beth Brown

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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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