

Second Sunday in Lent March 13, 2022 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



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Welcome to worship! Sundays in Lent are considered a "little Easter," a time focused on resurrection, new life, and the gospel—the good news of Jesus Christ. On these Sundays and throughout the non-Sunday 40 days of Lent, we celebrate God's steadfast love and mercy while we pray: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us (Psalm 51).

The oldest Christian traditions reflect a time of preparation for adult baptism in the weeks leading up to Easter. In medieval times, adult baptism waned, and Lent became a time of penitence to reflect on Christ's suffering and death and on human sinfulness. In recent times, the church holds both traditions while lifting the baptismal emphasis that resonates with Martin Luther's concept of ongoing baptismal renewal—of daily dying and rising with Christ.

You're invited on Wednesdays as Lent continues with Soup Suppers (5:45–6:30 p.m.) and Holden Evening Prayer (6:30–7 p.m.) through April 6.

Face masks are now optional for worship and other activities in the church building, including congregational singing in worship.

Thank you for your patience and your care for others in our community.

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 • Meditation on "Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth"

–James Biery

Welcome

The assembly stands.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♣ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our hope.

Amen.

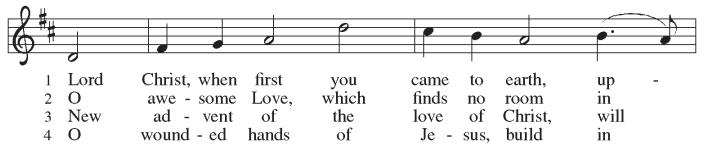
Water is poured into the baptismal font.

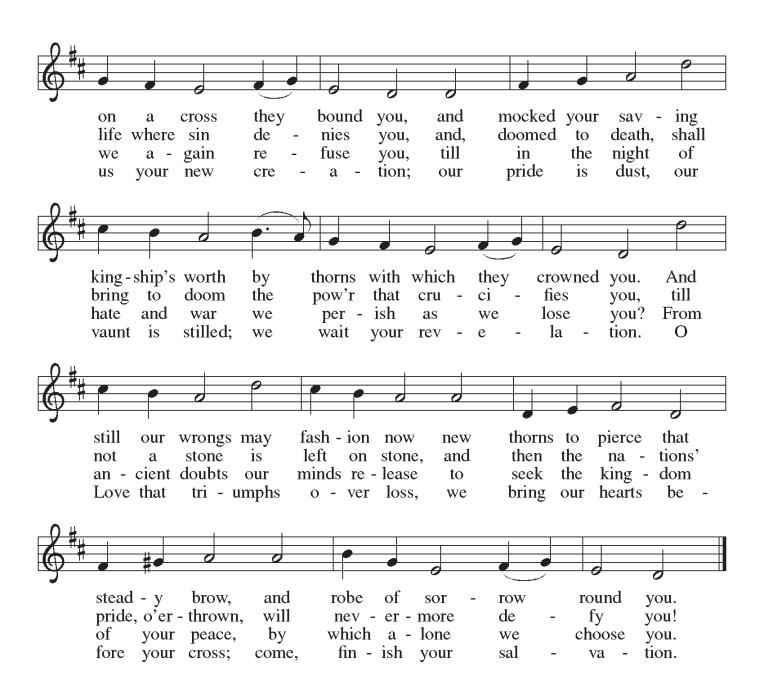
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, God drenches us in mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Showered by God's Spirit, our lives are daily renewed with forgiveness, grace, and love, through ♣ Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn • ELW 727: Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth 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.





Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882–1969, alt. Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

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.**

Lent Response • ACS 1078: There Is a Longing in Our Hearts



Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955 Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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 • Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 27

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 27:5
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¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then | shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I | be afraid?
²When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.
³Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.
⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek God | in the temple. Refrain
⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;

I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call; have mercy on me and | answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message— | "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, | I will seek. *Refrain*

Second Reading • Philippians 3:17—4:1

A reading from Philippians.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands.





Gospel • Luke 13:31–35

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

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." 32He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem • 10:30 a.m. "God Is Never Late" – Nathan Smith Choristers

God is never late; his timing is perfect.

Though it's hard to wait, you can trust in his care.

God is always faithful.

God is good, God is great! And God is never late.

God is never late; he sees the big picture.

We procrastinate, but God never fails.

God will keep his promise.

God is good, God is great! And God is never late.

If you wait on the Lord, you will run and not be weary.

If you wait on the Lord, you will walk and not faint.

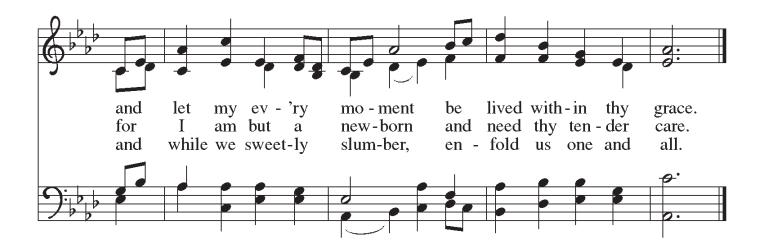
If you wait on the Lord, you will rise up and soar like an eagle.

-Nathan Smith, based on Isaiah 40:31

Children's Sermon • 10:30 a.m.

Sermon • Pastor Ann Hultquist





Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version Text © 1983 Gracia Grindal, Selah Publishing Co., Inc., agent. www.selahpub.com. Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** You may share a sign of peace with the peace sign or a wave or a hand over your heart.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

During this Lenten season, consider giving a financial gift to ELCA World Hunger. From health clinics to microloans, community meals to advocacy, our gifts support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger.

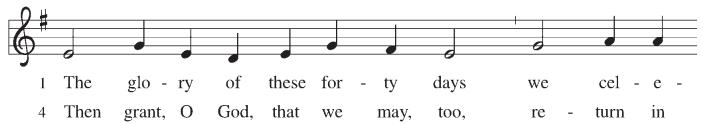
"What Shall I Render to the Lord?" -Peter Tiefenbach Augustana Vocal Ensemble

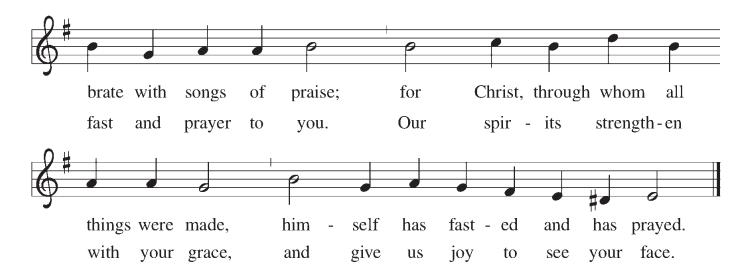
What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

-Psalm 116: 12-14, 17-19

The assembly stands.

Offering Response • ELW 320: The Glory of These Forty Days





Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt. Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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Offering Prayer

Extravagant God, you tend us with the fullness of creation. As we gather at your table, satisfy our hunger with the source of life. Take and use what we offer here and come among us, by the grace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

O God most loving,
O God most merciful,
O God our light and our hope,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, who redeemed us and embodied your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He took on our fragile nature, and walked the earth in hope and healing. Suffering on the cross, he opened his arms to all people, destroying death and giving life, renewing us in grace and mercy.

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

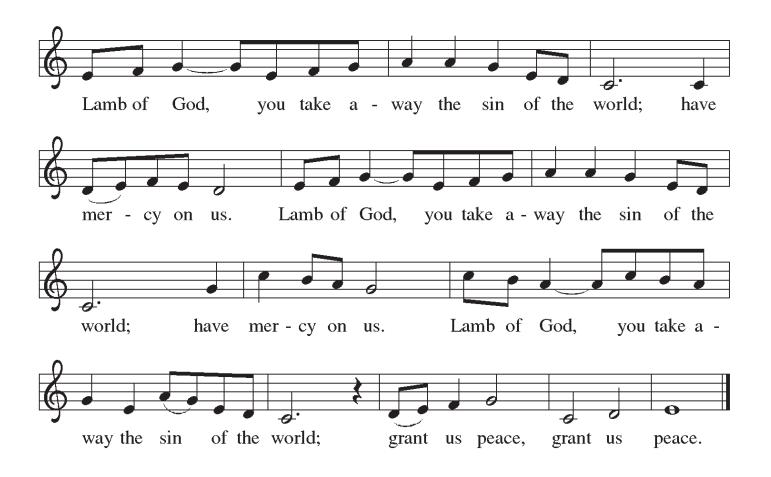
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

Holy Communion

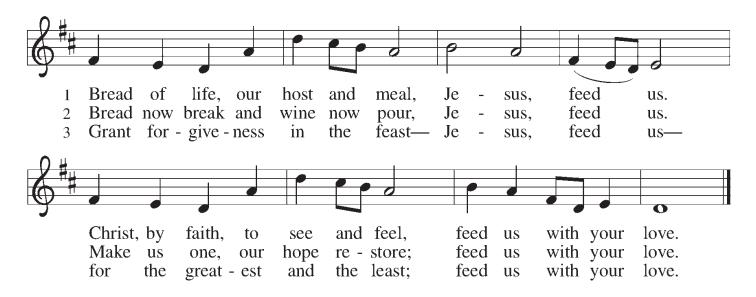
The assembly is seated.

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.



ELW 464: **Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal**



Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever

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"Agnus Dei" -Hans Leo Hassler
8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble • 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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

Blessed Jesus, in this meal of grace unbounded, you have fed us with the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your lifegiving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor ♥ and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • ELW 319: O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

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.



Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, Kentucky Harmony, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

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Dismissal Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. Thanks be to God.

Postlude • Psalm 20 -Benedetto Marcello

Flowers in Christ Chapel today are given in celebration of Jo Ann Wacker-Farrand's birthday by her loving family; flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of Arlo VanderWel's baptism anniversary.



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, and the new Cozy Corner is available to parents at the west sanctuary entrance.
- For a copy of this morning's sermon, inquire in Augustana's office.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the <u>Giving page at Augustana's</u> <u>website</u>, <u>www.augustanadenver.org</u>. 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.
- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.
- The Ammerman Library is open and staffed every Sunday.
- Please make sure your cell phones are silenced during worship.
- Parents, for the safety and well-being of all our children, we ask that you attend your children at all times.
- If you would like to leave your bulletin for recycling, please place it at the end of the pew.

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Sharon Schillereff

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Communion:

8 a.m. Jim Dierker

10:30 a.m. Lynn Marlowe

Heidi Johnson

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March Mark Caldwell

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Prayers: Shanna VanderWel

Readers:

8 a.m. Doug Hein

10:30 a.m. Jena Requist

Ushers:

8 a.m. AJ Levy

Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Wil Crook

Bill Crossen

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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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