



Ash Wednesday
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***Lent** starts today with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the joy of Easter. As we hear in today's scripture, now is the acceptable time to return to God. During Lent we reflect on the meaning of our journey of faith, which begins in the waters of baptism and is completed in Jesus' resurrection promise. At the heart of this Ash Wednesday worship is the reminder of God's constant love and mercy.*

The ashes we receive today remind us of our human frailty, but what seems like an ending is really an invitation to see each day as a new beginning, in which we are embraced by Christ's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our foreheads, we walk through the days of Lent, claimed and sent into the world to serve.

Face masks are now optional for worship and other activities in the church building. For the time being, we ask that you wear your mask when participating in congregational singing, as research shows that there is still a greater risk of transmitting the virus while singing together.

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

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 worship. 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
“Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes” –Dale Wood

Welcome

The assembly stands.

Gathering Hymn ♦ **Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes**

1. Sunday’s palms are Wednesday’s ashes as another Lent begins;
thus we kneel before our Maker in contrition for our sins.
We have marred baptismal pledges, in rebellion, gone astray;
now, returning, seek forgiveness;
grant us pardon, Lord, this day!
2. We have failed to love our neighbors, their offences to forgive,
have not listened to their troubles,
nor have cared just how they live;
we are jealous, proud, impatient, loving over-much our things;
may the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.
3. We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need;
and our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed;
we have wasted earth’s resources;
want and suffering we’ve ignored;
come and cleanse us, then restore us;
make new hearts within us, Lord!

Text: Mae E. Whitney, 1982

Tune: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, 1844

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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 God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of 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 ♦ Joel 2:12–17

A reading from Joel.

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the LORD, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
¹⁶gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep.
Let them say, “Spare your people, O LORD,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
‘Where is their God?’”
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

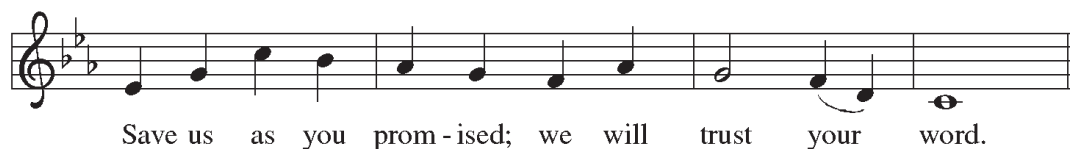
Second Reading ♦ 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

A reading from Second Corinthians.

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that
in him we might become the righteousness of God.
^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept
the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,
“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”
See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of
salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that
no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of
God we have commended ourselves in every way: through
great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings,
imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by
purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit,
genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the
weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;
⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are
treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet
are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished,
and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor,
yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing
everything.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel ♦ Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in

secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal;
²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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

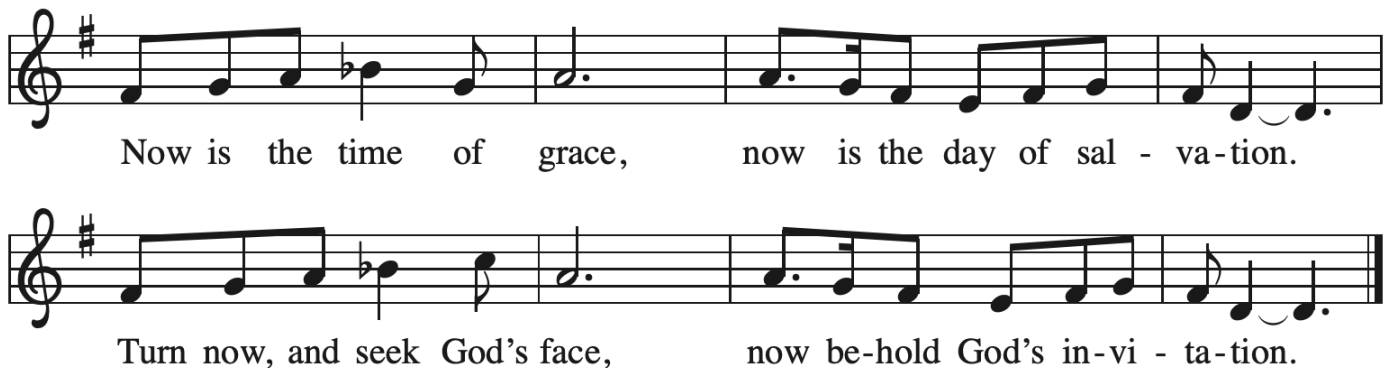
The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Ann Hultquist

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ACS 918: **Now Is the Time of Grace**

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



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Now Is the Time of Grace'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has the lyrics 'Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.' and the second staff has 'Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on 2 Corinthians 6:2 and Isaiah 58:6-9

Music: TIME OF GRACE, Marty Haugen

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Cantor: This is the fast that God would choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to let the captives go free,
and to break the yoke of oppression.

Refrain

Cantor: Sharing your bread with the hungry
and welcoming homeless in,

offering hope and offering help,
this is what God requires. *Refrain*

Cantor: Then shall your light break forth as dawn,
and healing shall come to you quickly;
then you shall call and God shall answer,
God's love shall go before you. *Refrain*

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Invitation to Lent

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination. The people may kneel.

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

The assembly is seated.

Imposition of Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.

Following this, the assembly completes our confession:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Offering

11 a.m. "Hear My Prayer, O Lord" –Antonín Dvořák
Carol Garrington, soprano soloist

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear unto my cry.
Thou art my refuge and my hope,
Thou shalt tread down my energies.

I will dwell forever in Thy tents
and hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

Lord! Thou art indeed my God, yea, I will seek Thee early.
My soul is faint, my body longeth after Thee
in a barren desert where there is no water.
Now I will bless Thee daily
and lift my hands in prayer and adoration;
yea, my lips shall praise Thee all my life long.

7 p.m. "A Lenten Prayer" –Hal H. Hopson
Chancel Choir; Katherine Cruson, Blythe Karstadt,
Pam Uyemura, Rachel Uyemura, handbells

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
and close by thee to stay.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him,
he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley,
we have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us,
we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial,
you have to stand it by yourself,
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you,
you have to stand it by yourself.

And through these day of penitence,
and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord with us abide.

—Claudia F. I. Hernaman

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 320: **The Glory of These Forty Days**



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in
brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en
things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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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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,**

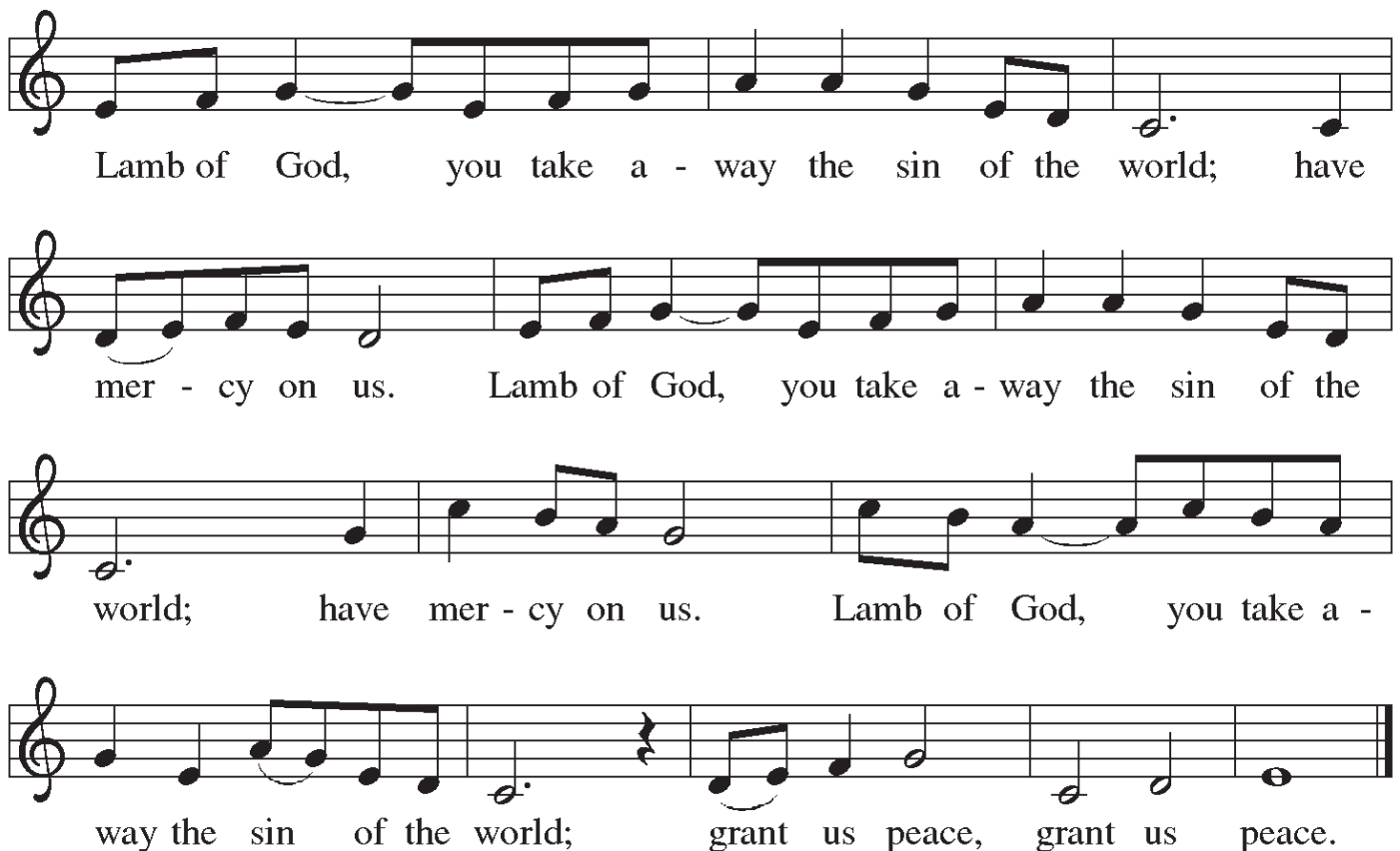
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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.



11 a.m. “Let Us Break Bread Together”

–spiritual, arr. Richard Walters

Carol Garrington, soprano soloist

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

7 p.m. “Bread of the World” –Daniel Burton

Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

–Reginald Heber

The assembly stands.

Post Communion Blessing

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

Prayer Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “Moderato” –Gabriel Voigtländer



WORSHIP

Lenten Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6. You are invited to a soup supper provided by the expertise of **Christine Peters** at 5:45 p.m. (a freewill offering will be taken). Holden Evening Prayer follows at 6:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel. This worship will be livestreamed, and Augustana's nursery will be open and staffed.

GROW

Lenten Devotionals

Grace Unbounded Lenten devotion books are available at entrances to the sanctuary and Christ Chapel.

Chapel Prayer in Lent

Mondays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 10:30–11:15 a.m. You're invited into this quiet, contemplative time in Christ Chapel.

Lent Prayer Stations

Sundays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 8 a.m.–noon, Youth Room. Prompts and guides for self-paced prayer and reflection.

Adult Forum Lenten Series **Science, Faith, and the Theology of the Cross**

Sundays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

This series explores how both science and faith are important to our understanding of the world and our place in it. Might we find in God's actions on the cross answers to some of the more vexing questions science may raise about the primacy of God? Led by Augustana member **Don Troike**, a retired professor of biology and former certified lay worship leader in the Southern Ohio Synod (ELCA).

First Communion Classes

Augustana offers First Communion Classes for any child wishing to learn more about Holy Communion, Sundays, March 27 and April 3, 9–10 a.m., and Thursday, April 7 in the evening. This class is open to any child who has not participated in communion or who has been receiving it since they were little but are at a place where they would like to learn more. Participants will take First Communion with their families on Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. worship.

To sign up, contact **Shanna** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or shanna@augustanadenver.org).

Donate online through Augustana's Giving page, and designate your gift for ELCA World Hunger. Or write a check to Augustana Lutheran Church (memo: ELCA World Hunger) and place it in the offering plate during worship, or mail it to Augustana. Your gift through Augustana will appear on your individual annual giving statement and show congregational support to our synod.

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ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving

Pick up an **"ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving"** Lenten calendar from Augustana's entrance tables to study, pray, reflect and give. Commit to a giving goal for the Lenten season in support of ELCA World Hunger, set aside a portion each day, or make your gifts throughout the season as part of your regular Lenten practice.



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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. 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 today'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.
- 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.

Ash Wednesday Ministries

Altar Guild:

March Pat Miller
Lisa Boe Sims

Cantors:

11 a.m. Carol Garrington
7 p.m. Emily Murdoch

Communion:

11 a.m. Julie MacDougall
7 p.m. Lynn Marlowe

Communion Linens:

March Mark Caldwell

Readers:

11 a.m. Carl Hansen
7 p.m. Nancy Nyhus

Ushers:

11 a.m. Emmett Cruson
Katherine Cruson
Rosalee Wanchisen
7 p.m. Herman Ezpeleta
Roger Loots
Katy Lunsford
Allan Schneider

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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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