



First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1

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Welcome to worship at Augustana during the season of Lent. In the early church, Lent was a time of intense preparation for those who would be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This focus on the meaning of faith in Christ is still at the heart of our Lenten journey. This year's Gospel readings introduce us to people who were changed by their encounters with Jesus. We too are invited to meet Jesus in the Word and Sacraments as we worship together.

Worship Art for Lent

Our worship spaces during Lent are graced by beautiful, psalmic banners created by Ken Phillips, local textile and liturgical artist. The banners in the Sanctuary were created in 2020, while the banners appearing during the weeks of Lent in Christ Chapel were created for Augustana to complement the original banners during Lent at Augustana. The Chapel banners feature prayers on the low end and God's response at the top. The banner closest to the altar in the sanctuary includes the Latin phrase "De Profundis Clamavi Ad Te Domine" from Psalm 129. The English translation is "Out of the depths I have cried to you, O Lord."

Many thanks to the Augustana Foundation for the grant to rent Ken's artwork during Lent.

Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date.

Prelude • “Meditation on SLANE” –Cathy Moglebust
Augustana Ringers

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

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 journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. God embraces you with divine mercy, ✠ forgives you in Christ’s name, and revives you in the Spirit’s power. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn • ELW 326: **Bless Now, O God, the Journey**

LLANGLOFFAN
arr. Kent Mueller

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 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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 Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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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.

1 Some-times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly
2 Some-times we catch the faint-est hum - ming, a far - off

sound is gasp - ing breath. Some-times it seems that God is
tune our hearts know well. Some-times we sense the Spir - it

sleep - ing while our brief lives are bound in death.
com - ing. Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.

Who hears the song our sor - rows swal - low and of - fers
The Spir - it sings though we are shak - en, and Christ has

hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and
shared our heart - felt cries. Re - stored, our wea - ry souls a -

hol - low, God heeds the prayers with - in our tears.
wak - en to join God's song that nev - er dies.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through 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 2:15–17; 3:1–7

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Psalm • Psalm 32:1–2, 5–6, 10–11

Antiphon: Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!

²Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile! *Antiphon*

⁵**Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.**
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

⁶**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;**
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

¹⁰**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;**
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

¹¹**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;**
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ Romans 5:12–19

A reading from Romans.

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one human, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

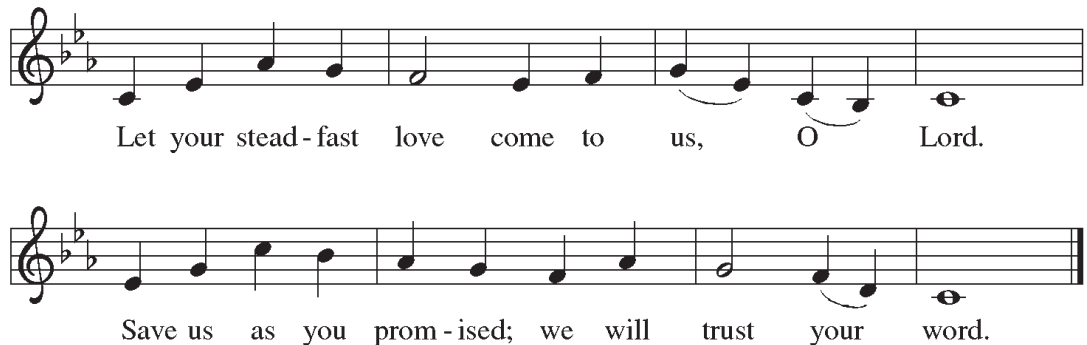
¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the trespass of one, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the sin of one human. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the trespass of one, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore just as the trespass of one person led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one person leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of one the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel ♦ Matthew 4:1–11

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

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But Jesus answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city and placed him on the
pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God,
throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘God will command the angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷Jesus said to the devil, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your
God to the test.’ ”

⁸Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him
all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹and said to him, “All
these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then
Jesus said to the devil, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve God alone.’ ”

¹¹Then the devil left Jesus, and suddenly angels came and waited on
him.

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ “I Choose Love” –Mark Miller

Cantabile; Finley Zumwalt, solo

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.
In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.
When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my word falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.
I choose love.

–Lindy Thompson

Children's Sermon

Sermon ♦ Pastor Ann Hultquist

Hymn of the Day • ACS 922: **When We Are Tested**

1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,
 fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,
 nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,
 food that sus - tains us by night and by day,
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest,
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do,
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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Holy Baptism Rejoice with **Maebel Leigh Neu**, daughter of **Todd and Kara Neu**, in her baptism. Welcome her into Christ's family today!

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.

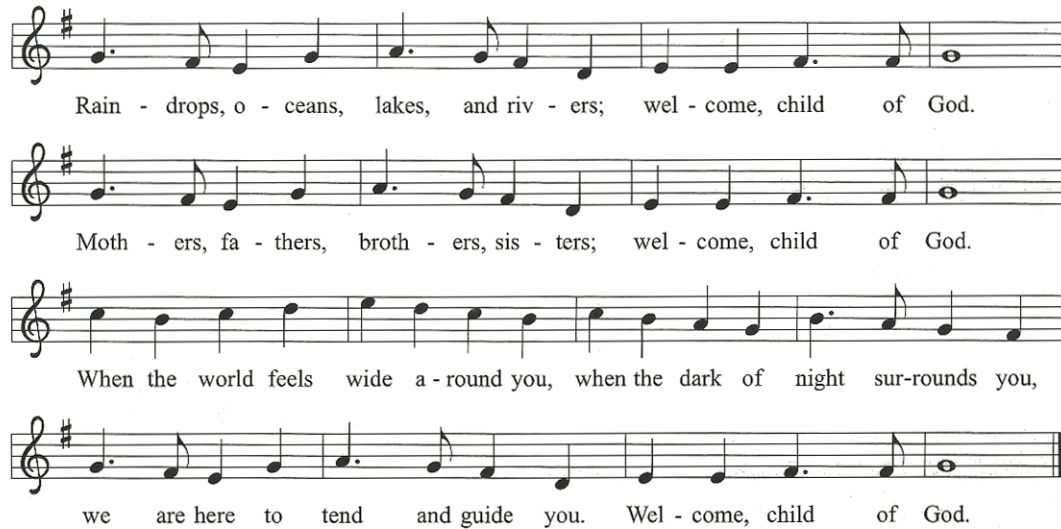
We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

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:

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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.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Our giving helps to send 230 ELCA missionaries to more than 48 countries, including 84 young people who volunteer a year of service as Young Adults in Global Mission.



“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” –spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan
Chancel Choir

I want Jesus to walk with me all along my pilgrim journey.

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

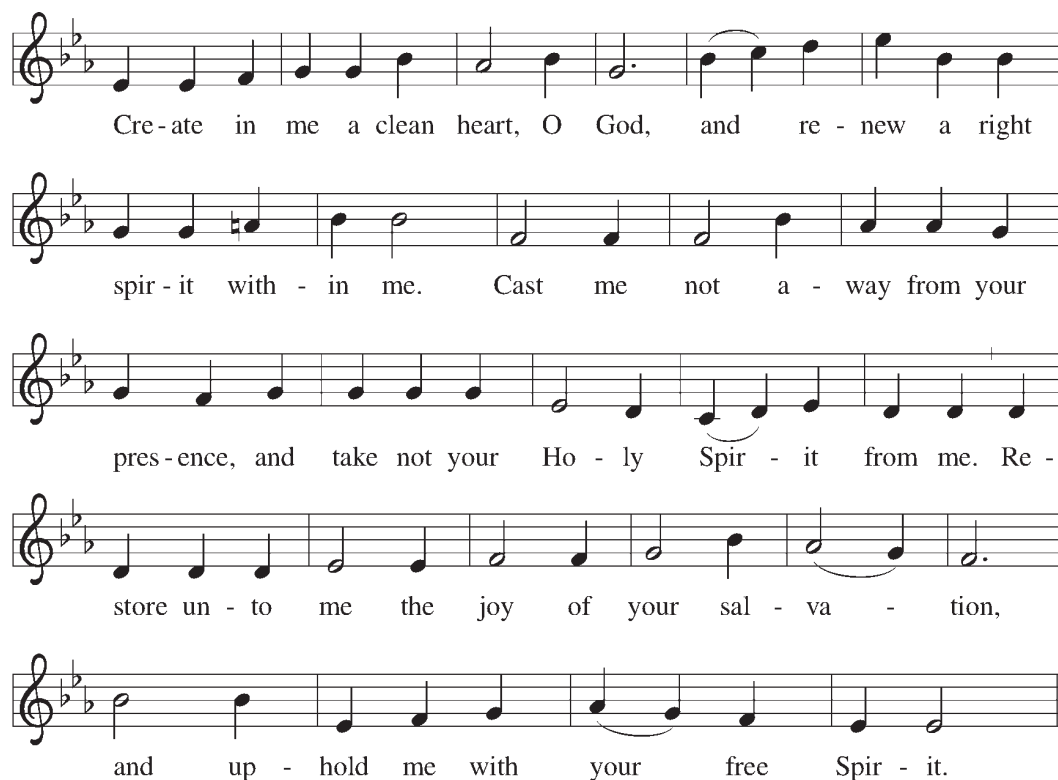
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.

When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me.

Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 188: Create in Me a Clean Heart

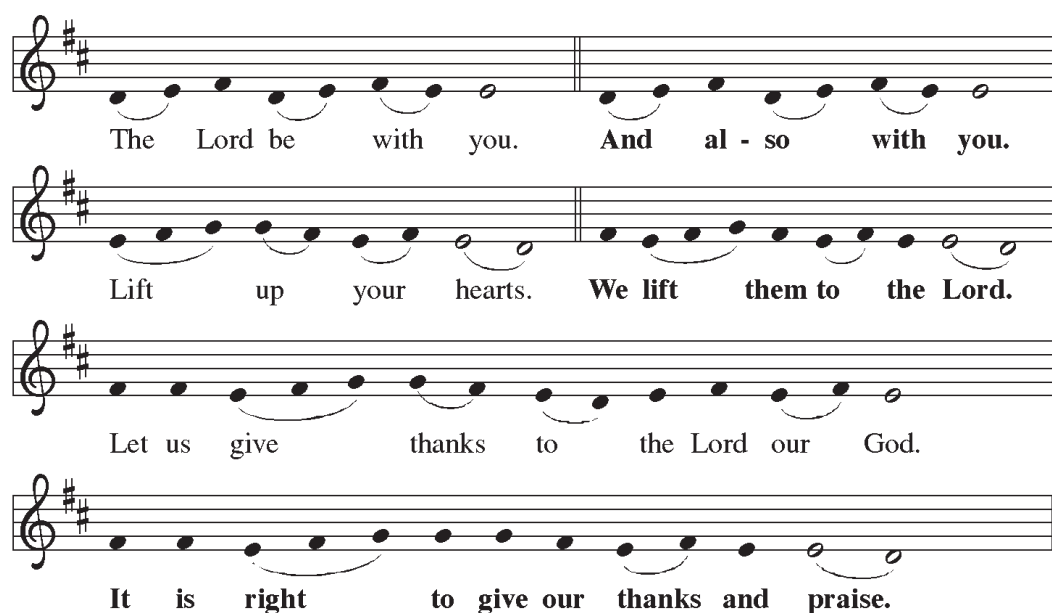


Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offering Prayer

God of good gifts, **receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

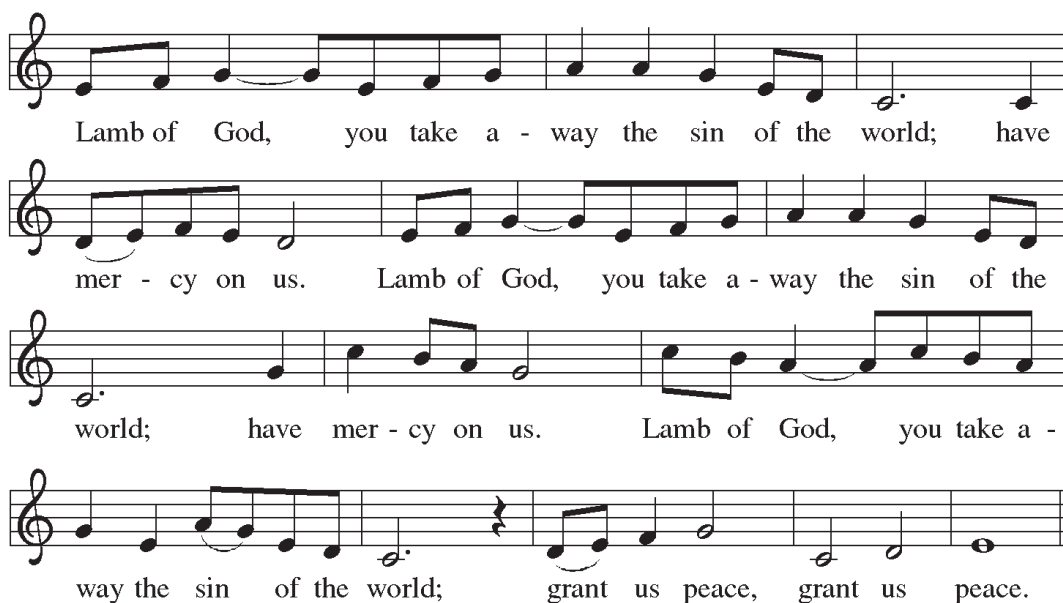


Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning. We share this meal with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in this sacrament. All the bread used is gluten-free, and both wine and grape juice are available in the tray of glasses. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms when you come forward. (If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home.)

If you have difficulty coming forward, please tell an usher, and Communion will be brought to you. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of God.

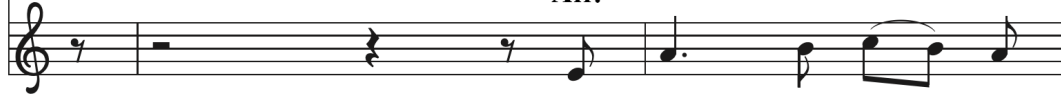


Cantor:



- 1 In all af - flic - tion
 2 With great en - dur - ance
 3 In ev - 'ry hard - ship
 4 With hum - ble spir - it

All:



- 1 In all af - flic - tion
 2 With great en - dur - ance
 3 In ev - 'ry hard - ship
 4 With hum - ble spir - it



re - turn, re - turn to God.

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“Thy Perfect Love” –John Rutter
 Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, thy perfect love close in my breast
 that I thee love and never rest; and make me love thee of all things best,
 and wound my heart in thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

Blessing after Communion

The assembly stands.

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

Prayer after Communion

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
 With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to
 hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.
Amen.

Blessing

God, the giver of love, ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the
 Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

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



All: 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
Choir: 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
All: 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant;
All: 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude • “Andante Maestoso” –Harry T. Burleigh

You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.



Evangelical
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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. 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, 9 a.m.–noon, for newborns through children age 5, and the Cozy Corner is available to parents at the west sanctuary entrance. Changing tables are available in the men's bathroom and in the family bathroom on this floor.
- Faith Formation for all children and youth is available Sundays, 9:30–10:15 a.m., in the education building. Adult Forum is offered 9:15–10:15 a.m.
- 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, giving.page.at.augustana.org](http://giving.page.at.augustana.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.
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- 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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February Julia Stone

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8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt

10:30 a.m. Mitch & Kari Kusek

Communion Linens:

February Kay Cruson

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

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8 a.m. Laura Libby

10:30 a.m. Matt Miller

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8 a.m. Rob Trussell

10:30 a.m. Errol Buhr

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

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