

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 2023 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 8

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Welcome to Worship on the Sundays after Epiphany. On Epiphany, January 6, the Christmas season concluded with the Magi's visit to Jesus, offering him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Sundays after Epiphany reveal aspects of Jesus' life beginning with his baptism by John. Jesus then calls disciples to follow him into the world God so loves as the manifestation of joy takes shape in surprising ways.

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 ♦ "This Little Light of Mine" –Calvin Taylor

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 makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God's mercy makes us new each day. Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

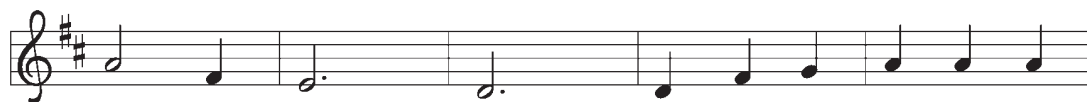
Gathering Hymn • ELW 815: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

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 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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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

Kyrie Eleison is Greek and translates as "Lord, have mercy."

All sing Refrain, and cantor sings verses.

Refrain:

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-ry day.

Cantor: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

Cantor: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, the high-est, and
peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
for your glo-ry. *Refrain* Glo-ry to God in the high-
est, the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading • Deuteronomy 30:15–20

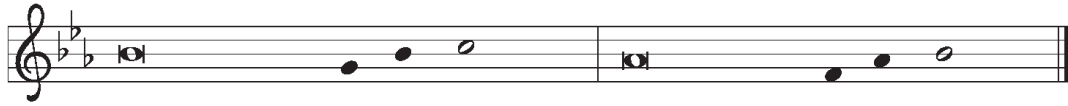
A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 119:1–8

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) Happy are they who follow the teaching of the Lord.



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The bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹Happy are they whose | way is blameless,
who follow the teaching | of the LORD!

²Happy are they who observe | your decrees
and seek you with | all their hearts,

³**who never do | any wrong,**
but always walk | in your ways.

⁴**You laid down | your commandments,**
that we should | fully keep them. *Antiphon*

⁵Oh, that my ways were made | so direct
that I might | keep your statutes!

⁶Then I should not be | put to shame,
when I regard all | your commandments.

⁷**I will thank you with | a true heart,**
when I have learned your | righteous judgments.

⁸**I will | keep your statutes;**
do not utter- | ly forsake me. *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ 1 Corinthians 3:1–9

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel ♦ Matthew 5:21-24

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ 10:30 a.m. “Let Us Walk in the Light of the Lord” –Vicki Hancock Wright Choristers; Isabella Howard and Lydia King, percussion

When the first sunrise awoke all creation, God smiled and declared, “This is good.”
Sun bringing brightness, light spilling from heaven, God’s love touching all that it could.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Feel God’s love shining in us, around us, and through us.
Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

When you see someone who seems sad and lonely, and needing a friend just like you,
God gives you guidance to light up the darkness: God’s love touching others through you.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

–Frieda Brown

Children’s Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m.

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 603: **God, When Human Bonds Are Broken**

MERTON

All: 1 God, when hu-man bonds are bro-ken and we lack the love or skill
Low voices: 2 Through that still-ness, with your Spir-it come in - to our world of stress,
All: 3 You in us are bruised and bro-ken: hear us as we seek re - lease
High voices: 4 Send us, God of new be - gin-nings, hum-bly hope-ful in - to life.
All: 5 Give us faith to be more faith-ful, give us hope to be more true,
to re - store the hope of heal - ing, give us grace and make us still.
for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing all the fail - ures we con - fess.
from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing; set us free and grant us peace.
Use us as a means of bless-ing; make us stron-ger, give us faith.
give us love to go on learn-ing: God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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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

Faith Formation hour happens every Sunday at Augustana between worship services. Your offering makes this time of learning and fun available to all ages, from babies to adults.



“Teach Me, O Lord” –Philip W. J. Stopford

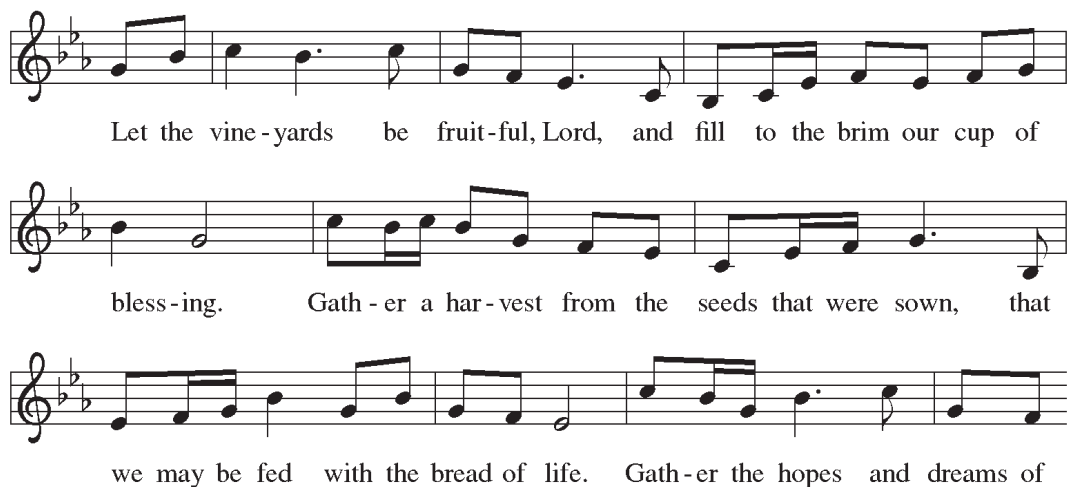
8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble ♦ 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity; and quicken me in thy way.
O stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee. Amen.

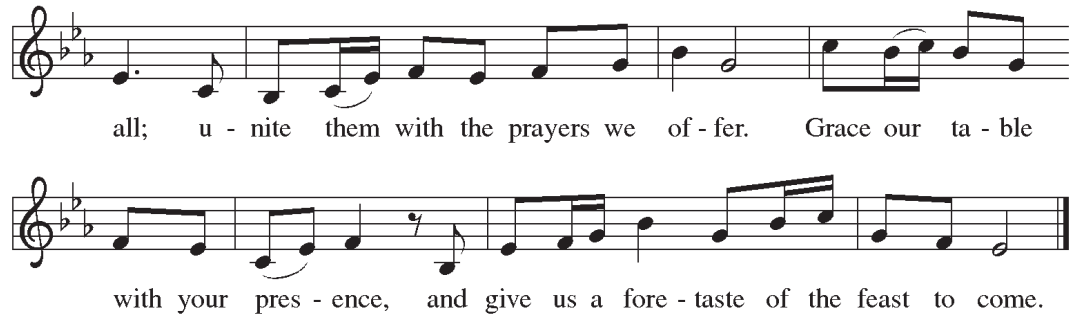
–Psalm 119:33–39a

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 184: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of

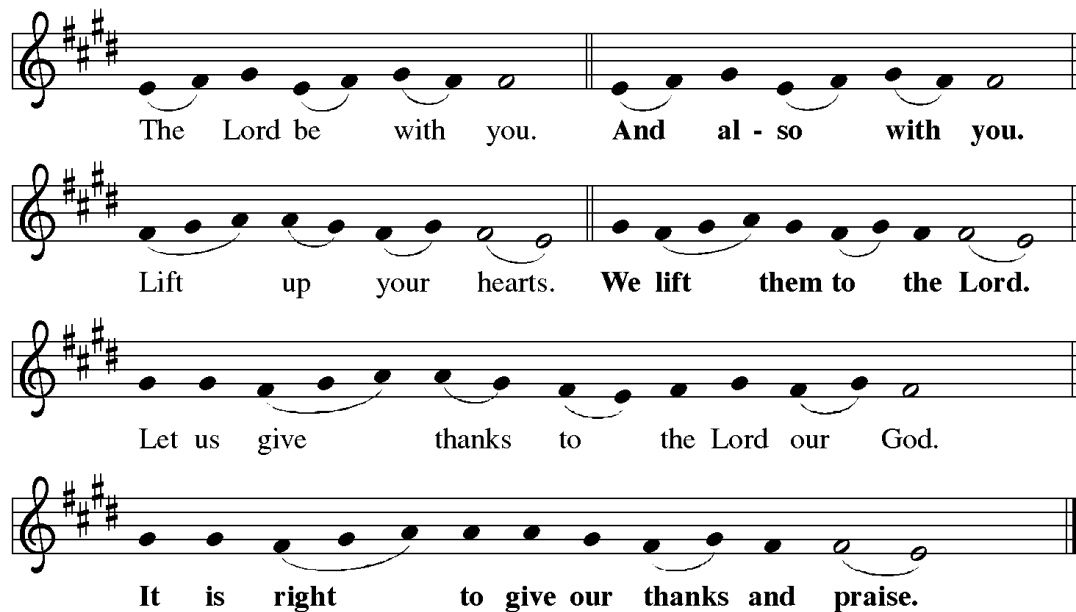


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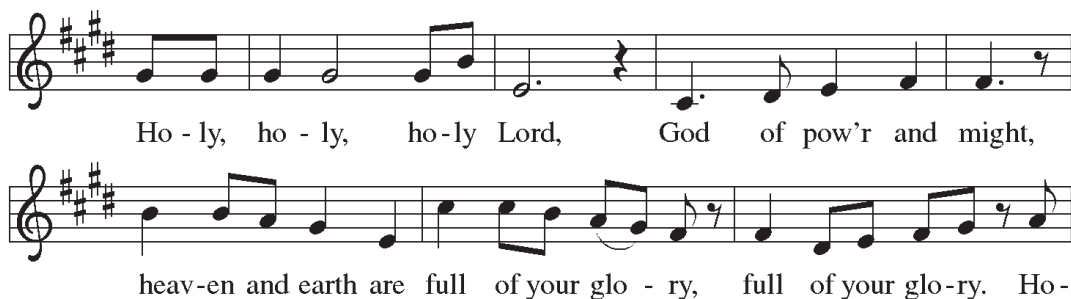
Offering Prayer

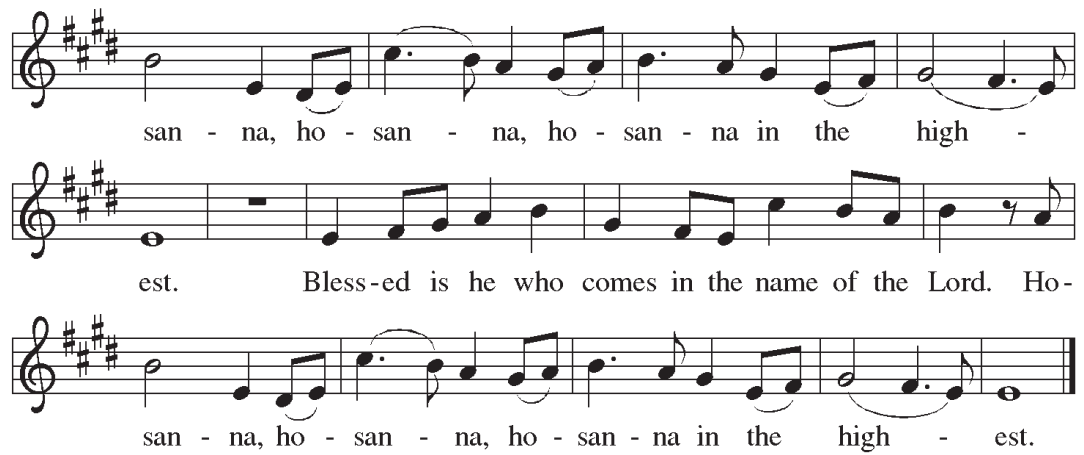
Liberating God, **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



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

Praise to you, O God,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 You blessed your covenant people,
 led them on their journey from slavery to freedom,
 and taught them by the prophets.
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 expanding your covenant to all nations,
 so that everyone may know your steadfast love.

On 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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,
 and make us one in this community of faith
 and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,
 Author of life, Word made flesh,
 Power of the Most High, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

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.

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

“Strengthen for Service” –Richard Proulx

Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Strengthen for service, O Lord, hands that holy things have taken;
and let ears that heard your most holy word to lesser things never awaken.
Lord, may tongues which “Holy” sang be free from all deceiving,
may eyes which saw your love be bright, heavenly hope perceiving;
and may feet that walked along hallowed courts from your true light never be banished.
May bodies by your Body fed be with your new life replenished. Amen.

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

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that pours through these gifts
of bread and wine. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness,
and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God who faithfully loves us, ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn • ELW 677: **This Little Light of Mine**

THIS JOY

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 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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oh,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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Dismissal

Go in peace in the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude ♦ “A Tuba Tune” –Mark E. Gifford

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

Flowers for worship are given in memory of Dorothy M. Gottenborg by Dave and Jean Gottenborg and family.



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, augustanadenver.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.
- 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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10:30 a.m. Pam Uyemura
Lisa Smith

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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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