



21st Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday
October 22, 2023 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1

Augustana
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome! *We are glad that you're here! During this Autumn season, we continue with the focus on the Gospel of Matthew, with an emphasis on how we should treat others. We've been saved by grace and now ask ourselves how that translates to those around us. As the season changes and leaves show their spectacular colors, may the God of creation touch each of us with beauty and grace.*

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 ♦ "Trumpetings" –Michael W. Joy
8 a.m. Andrew Peters, piano ♦ 10:30 a.m. Chancel Handbells

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 creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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

10:30 a.m. *For the Gathering Hymn, 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.*

Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 526: **God Is Here!**

ABBOT'S LEIGH



1	God	is	here!	As	we	your	peo - ple	meet	to	of - fer
2	Here	are	sym - bols	to	re -	mind	us	of	our	life - long
3	Here	our	chil - dren	find	a	wel - come	in	the	Shep -	herd's
4	Lord	of	all, of	church	and	king - dom,	in	an	age	of



praise	and	prayer,	may	we	find	in	full - er	mea - sure
need	of	grace;	here	are	ta - ble,	font,	and	pul - pit;
flock	and	fold;	here	as	bread	and	wine	tak - en,
change	and	doubt,	keep	us	faith - ful	to	the	gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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.**

The assembly is seated.

Mission Moment about Giving (Stewardship) ♦ Nick Massie

Today is Commitment Sunday, and “Faith in Transition” is the theme as our congregation’s ministry continues during the pastoral transition. You’re invited to give regularly as each one of our offerings, from small to large, work together for thriving ministries. To make a financial commitment (pledge), you may scan this QR code to do so online, or put your paper commitment card into the plate as it is passed during the offering time. Thank you for prayerfully considering your ongoing financial gifts as a part of faithfully being church together.



The assembly stands.

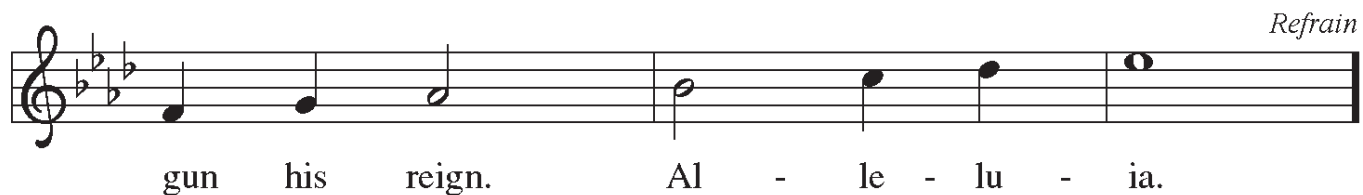
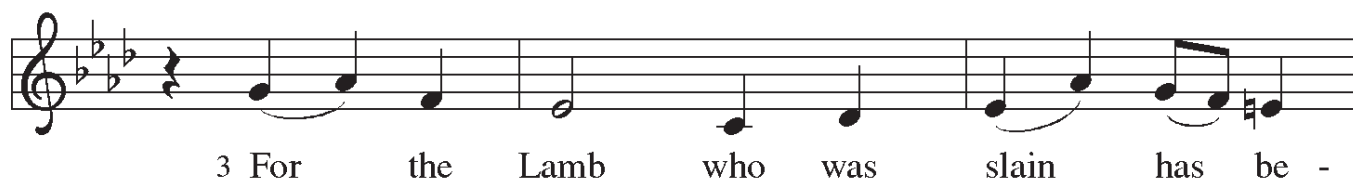
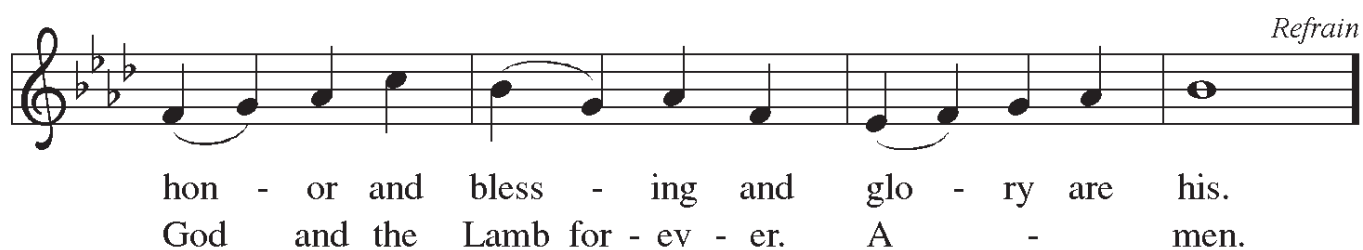
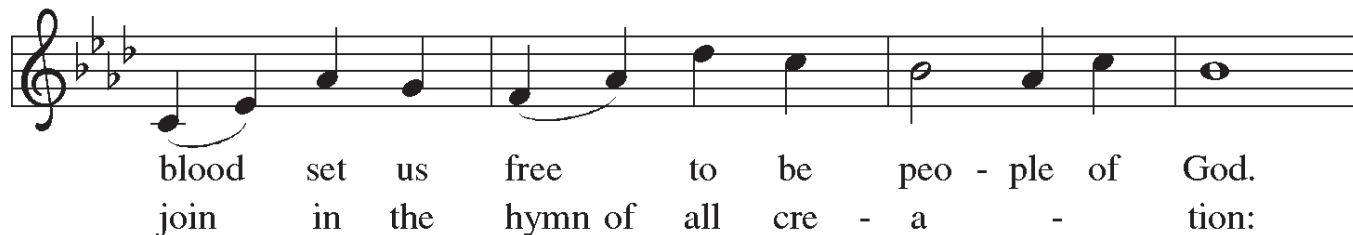
Canticle of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, **raise your throne in our hearts.**
Created by you, let us live in your image;
created for you, let us act for your glory;
redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading ♦ Isaiah 45:1–7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 96:1–9

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) Ascribe to the Lord honor and power.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

- ¹Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.
- ²Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.
- ³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
- ⁴For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods. *Antiphon*
- ⁵**As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;**
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.
- ⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.
- ⁷**Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,**
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
- ⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;**
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.
- ⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth. *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

A reading from First Thessalonians.

- ¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

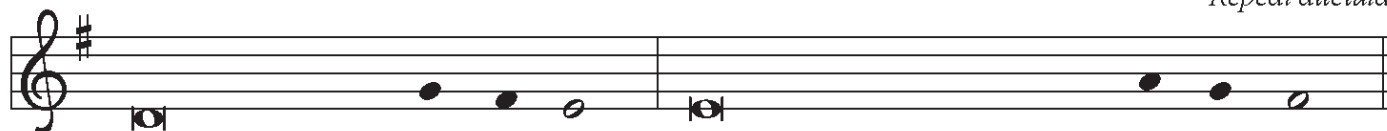
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



Cantor: Shine like stars | in the world,*
holding fast to the | word of life. (Phil. 2:15, 16)
The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel ♦ Matthew 22:15–22

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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ 10:30 a.m. “How Can I Keep From Singing?”

Cantabile

–Ginger B. Littleton

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that rock I’m clinging;
it sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest round me roars,
I know the truth, It liveth.
What though the darkness round me close,

songs in the night It giveth.
 No storm can shake my inmost calm,
 while to that rock I'm clinging;
 it sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

Children's Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 583: **Take My Life, That I May Be**

TOMA MI VOLUNTAD

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun-tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas	Last time
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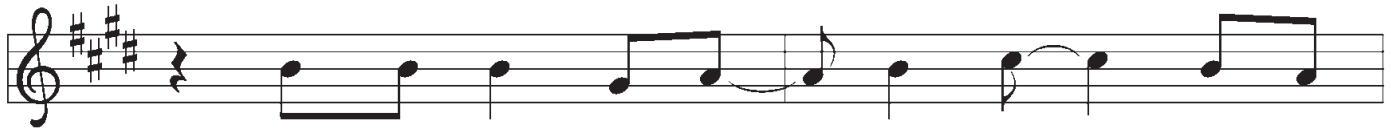
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da_a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que_a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo



pul - so de tu_a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

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Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Today you are invited to place your financial commitment card in the offering plate. Thank you for your generous support of Augustana's ministries.

On Commitment Sunday we celebrate all that our giving does in our congregation, community, the wider church, and around the world. Our prayerful generosity is a concrete witness of Christ's love.



“We Shall Walk Through the Valley”

–spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore

8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble

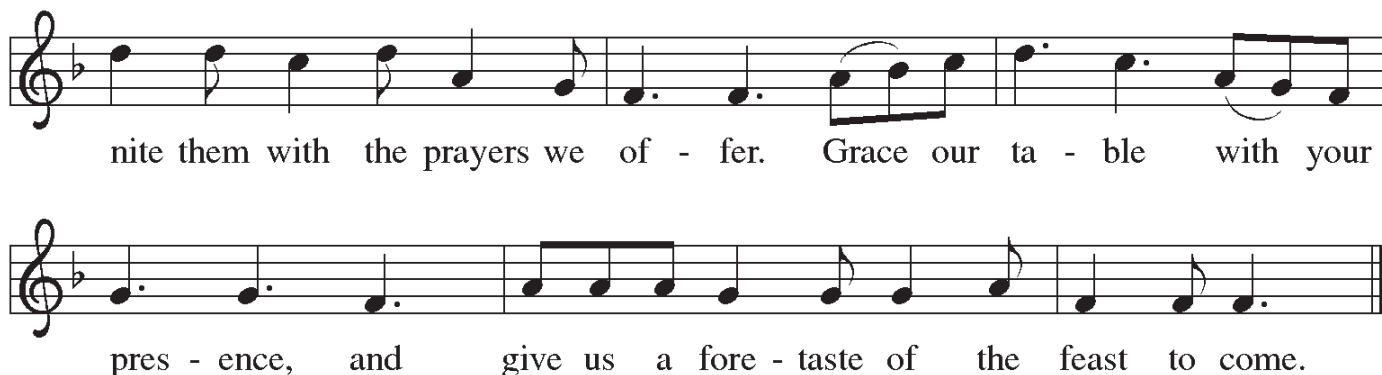
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Lord, we shall walk in peace.
If Jesus, himself shall lead us,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.
There will be no trials there.
If Jesus, himself shall lead us,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 183: 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 the dreams of all; u -



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Offertory Prayer

Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

Blessed are you, O God;

blessed is your Son, Jesus, our host at this table;

blessed is your Spirit, who settles in us and among us,

and within these gifts of bread and cup, transforming them,

making them sacred, and filling not our bodies, but our souls.

So with gratitude and praise we come to your table,
ready to be filled,
ready to be sent out, ready to be your people in the world.

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.

We lift our prayer to you,
using the words recited by all generations, saying:

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.**

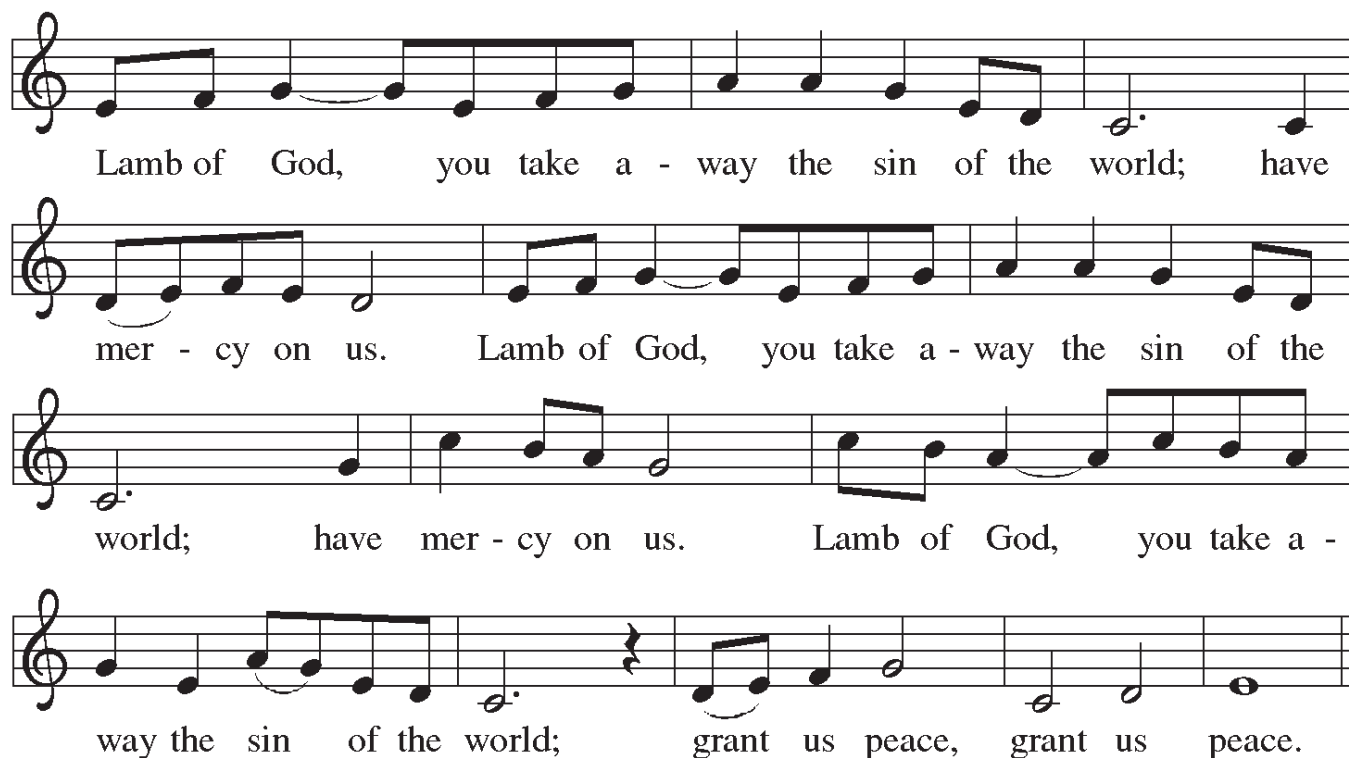
The assembly is seated.

Holy Communion

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.



"Just As I Am" –Kevin McChesney

8 a.m. Andrew Peters, piano

10:30 a.m. Augustana Ringers

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

O God, **in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

10:30 a.m. *During the Sending Hymn, please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.*

Sending Hymn ♦ ELW 538: **The Lord Now Sends Us Forth**

ENVIADO

Please note the repeats; plus, the entire hymn will be sung twice.

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta_es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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Dismissal Go in peace. God is at work in and through you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Fanfares” –Calvin Hampton
You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.



Evangelical
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in America

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.
- Hearing assistance headphones are available for worship in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for an easy-to-use device for enhanced listening during 10:30 a.m. worship.
- You are welcome to have your water bottles with you during worship.
- 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.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the [Giving page at Augustana's website, augustanadenver.org](https://www.augustanadenver.org/giving). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Restrooms and water stations 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.

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](https://www.augustanadenver.org)) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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Communion:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Heather Nelson

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10:30 a.m. Hunter Arnell

Prayers:

Todd Engdahl

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8 a.m. Kara Epperson

10:30 a.m. Bill Crossen

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8 a.m. Rob Trussell

10:30 a.m. Errol Buhr

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