

25th Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 2023 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1



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Welcome! We are glad that you are here! The month of November is the ending of the scriptures for the Gospel of Matthew. (Advent begins the new church year with the Gospel of Mark.) While the parables of Matthew seem harsh, the "good news" is present and will be taught and shared. November is also celebrated as a month of gratitude as we move towards the Thanksgiving holiday in the U.S. Join us each week in giving thanks to the Holy One!

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 • "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" - Cynthia Dobrinski 8 a.m. Andrew Peters, piano • 10:30 a.m. 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, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through *Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **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 645: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

arr. Wayne L. Wold and Kent Mueller

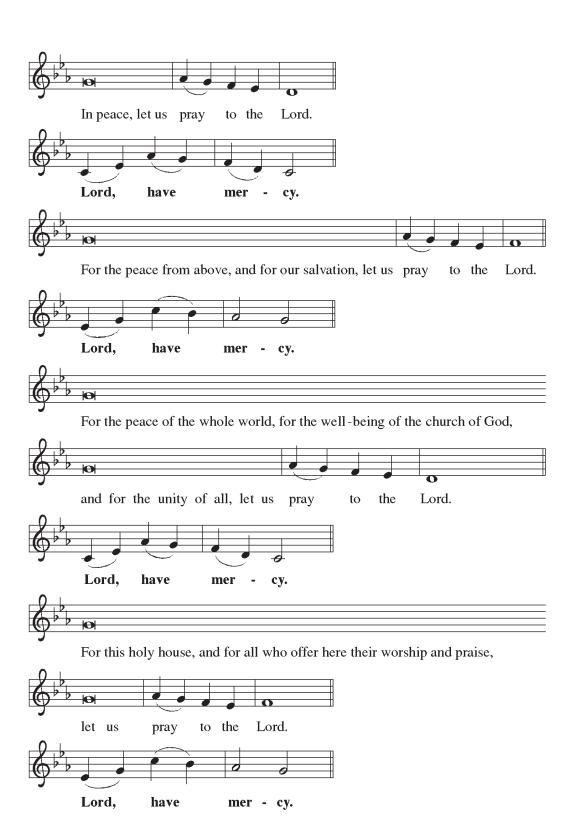


Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

Greeling

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.**

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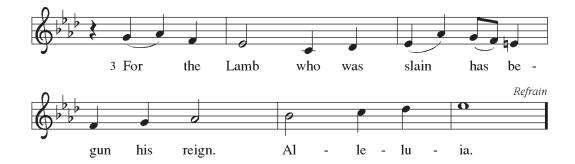


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



Canticle of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading • Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

A reading from Zephaniah.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

12At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

14The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
15That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

17I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 90:1-8, 12

Antiphon: (sung by choir) So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹Lord, you have | been our refuge from one generation | to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born, from age to age | you are God.

³You turn us back to the | dust and say, "Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past and like a watch | in the night; Antiphon

⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,

they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

⁶in the morning it is | green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried | up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed | by your anger; we are afraid because | of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have | set before you,

and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.

¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. *Antiphon*

Second Reading • 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

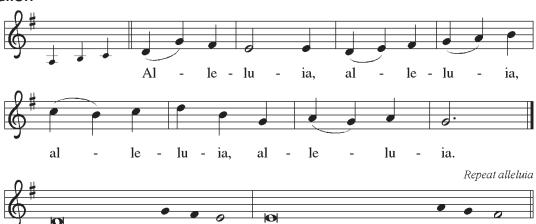
A reading from First Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ¹for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁶But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁶For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹owho died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: Abide in me as I a- | bide in you;*

those who abide in me | bear much fruit. (John 15:4, 5)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel • Matthew 25:14–30

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master,

you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

The assembly is seated.

Children's Sermon • 10:30 a.m.

Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

The assembly stands.

ABBOT'S LEIGH





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

Peace

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

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Augustana's building and grounds are used by many different community organizations. Our offering helps to maintain our campus as a resource that we can share with our neighbors.



"All My Trials" –Gwyneth Walker Augustana Vocal Ensemble

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

If living were a thing that money could buy,

the rich would live and the poor would die.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Too late my brothers, but never mind.

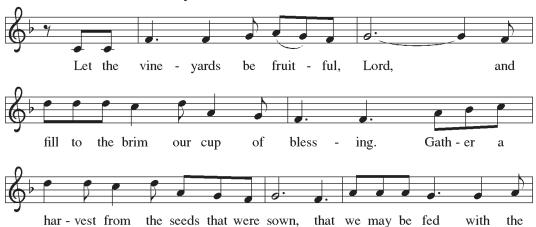
I'm going home, o my brothers, I must leave you behind.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

-Psalm 145:15, 16

The assembly stands.

Offering Response • ELW 183: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful





Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Liturgy of Joy, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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Offertory Prayer

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them, that as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self, and care for all that you have made,

through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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.

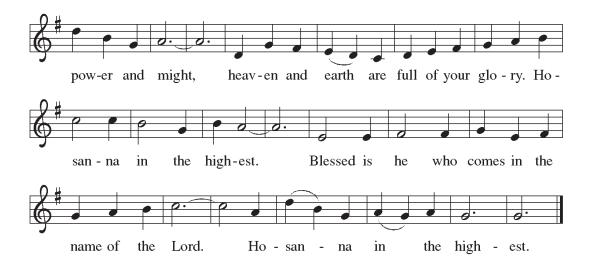
Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,

through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:





Eucharistic Prayer

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity.

Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life,

Jesus knew death was near.

His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman,

Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

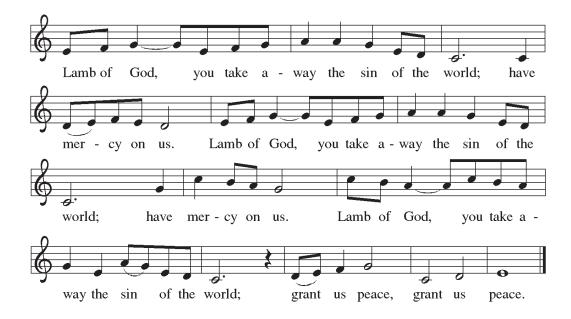
The assembly is seated.

Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

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.



8 a.m. "Ave Verum" –Wolfgang A. Mozart Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine,

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary,

Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.

You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of us.

Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit cum sanguine From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood, Esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine.

Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

10:30 a.m. "Faithful Over a Few Things" –Glenn Edward Burleigh Chancel Choir

You must be faithful over a few things to be ruler over many things. Be thou faithful unto death and God will give you the crown of life.

If you have a song to sing, faithfully sing that song.

If you have some love to show, show it the whole day long.

If you have a kind word to say, try to say it each and every day.

If you have a prayer to pray, pray on in Jesus' name!

Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of God.

Know that your labor is not in vain: you shall receive a just reward.

Be thou faithful and God will give you the crown of life.

Well done, good and faithful servant, well done.

Be thou faithful and God will give you the crown of life.

-Matthew 25:21 and Revelation 2:10

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

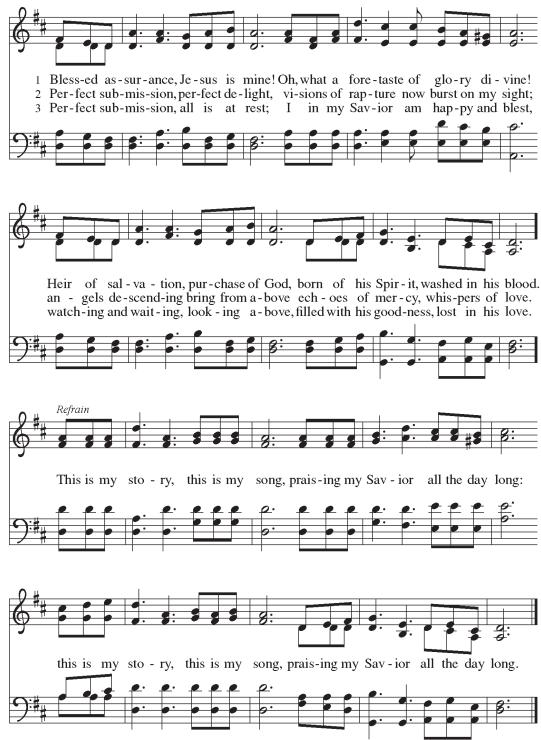
Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, ♥ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **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.



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Westminster Fanfare" -Charles Callahan

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



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. 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.

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Communion:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy Katherine Cruson 10:30 a.m.

Karen Bourg

Communion Linens:

November Julie Shellhorn

Greeter:

10:30 a.m. Lisa A. Smith

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Prayers:

Nancy Johnson

Readers:

AJ Levy 8 a.m.

Beth Black 10:30 a.m.

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Mission Statement

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in

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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