



First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.


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Welcome to worship during this time of Advent—the first season of the Christian church year that includes the four Sundays before Christmas. Advent means arrival. Each year we anticipate the incarnation that brings God in skin and solidarity with the world through Jesus. At the same time, we celebrate the advent of Jesus Christ in the Word that is read, preached, prayed, and sung, as well as his advent in Holy Communion. We sing, “Come Emmanuel,” which means, “God with us,” as the Advent candles are lit.

May Advent worship strengthen us in faith and embolden us to live the radical grace that proclaims the good news of Jesus by our words and actions.

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 ♦ “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” –Alec Wyton

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 promises to draw near to us. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Everlasting God, you love justice, kindness, and humility. We confess the fear, greed, and self-absorption that make us reluctant workers for your kingdom. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of the world you love. Amen.

In the tender compassion of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's mercy rests upon us all. **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 259: Fling Wide the Door

MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
 Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; arr. hymnal version
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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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again.
You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world.
You show up in our lives at unexpected times.
Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.
We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour,
you hurry to gather all people to your peace.
We pray in the name of Emmanuel,
your promised child, God with us. **Amen.**

Following the Advent wreath lighting, the assembly is invited to sing.

ACS 902: **Come Now, O God**

LOST IN THE NIGHT

1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.
Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.
Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.
Come, Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984
Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune
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First Reading ♦ Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
 those who remember you in your ways.
 But you were angry, and we sinned;
 because you hid yourself we transgressed.

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
 and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
 We all fade like a leaf,
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
 or attempts to take hold of you;
 for you have hidden your face from us,
 and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

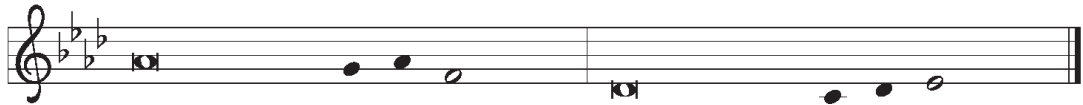
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;
 we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
 and do not remember iniquity forever.
 Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 80:1-4, 7, 17-19

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
 shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
 stir up your strength and | come to help us.

³**Restore | us, O God;**
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD | God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? *Antiphon*

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
 the one you have made so strong | for yourself.

¹⁸**And so will we never turn a- | way from you;**
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

A reading from First Corinthians.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation and Gospel

ACS 998: **In Silence We Wait**

IN SILENCE WE WAIT

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text: "In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text: "come to us; bring us your light." The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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Music: IN SILENCE WE WAIT, Susan Masters
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Mark 13:24–37

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is

near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

ACS 998: **In Silence We Wait**

IN SILENCE WE WAIT

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "come to us; bring us your light." The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ 10:30 a.m. “Light One Candle for Waiting” –Michael Bedford
Cherub Choir

Light one candle for waiting as we look for the coming of Jesus.
Light two candles for watching as we look for the coming of Jesus.
Light three candles for hoping as we look for the coming of Jesus.
Light four candles for welcoming the Christ Child, the Christ Child born for all.

Children’s Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day • ELW 901: Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

SUO GÂN

1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,

Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
 Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
 come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.

seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
 Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
 In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;

Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
 Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
 Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
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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.**

The assembly is seated.

Offering

As the Advent season begins, Augustana will fill Apartment Bins for refugee clients of Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains. Your offerings help support their ministry of foster care, adoption, care for older adults, and refugee and immigration services.



8 a.m. "Universi qui te expectans" –Joseph Rheinberger
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Universi, qui te expectant non confundentur, Domine,

All who wait on You will not be confounded, Lord,

vias tuas notas fac mihi et semitas tuas edoce me.

make Your ways known unto me and teach me Your paths.

Ostende nobis Domine misericordiam tuam, Et salutare tuum da nobis. Alleluia.

Show us, Lord, Your mercy, and grant us Your salvation. Alleluia.

–Psalm 25:3–4

10:30 a.m. "I Am Poor" –Kim André Arnesen
Chancel Choir

I am poor, yes; I am poor in spirit.
How long must we wait, O Lord? When will Your promised Kingdom come?
How can one not be poor in spirit when lies become truth, and truth lies, rejected?
I am poor, yes; I am poor in spirit.
Why must we wait for the coming of the Kingdom, my sisters and my brothers?
Why must we wait, O Lord?

–Charles Anthony Silvestri

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 294

CRANHAM



3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, **by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. 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.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
 the Word made flesh.

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.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
 May your Word take flesh in us.
 Fill us with your light.
 Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy Light in the darkness,
Word of God incarnate,
Peace that passes all understanding,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

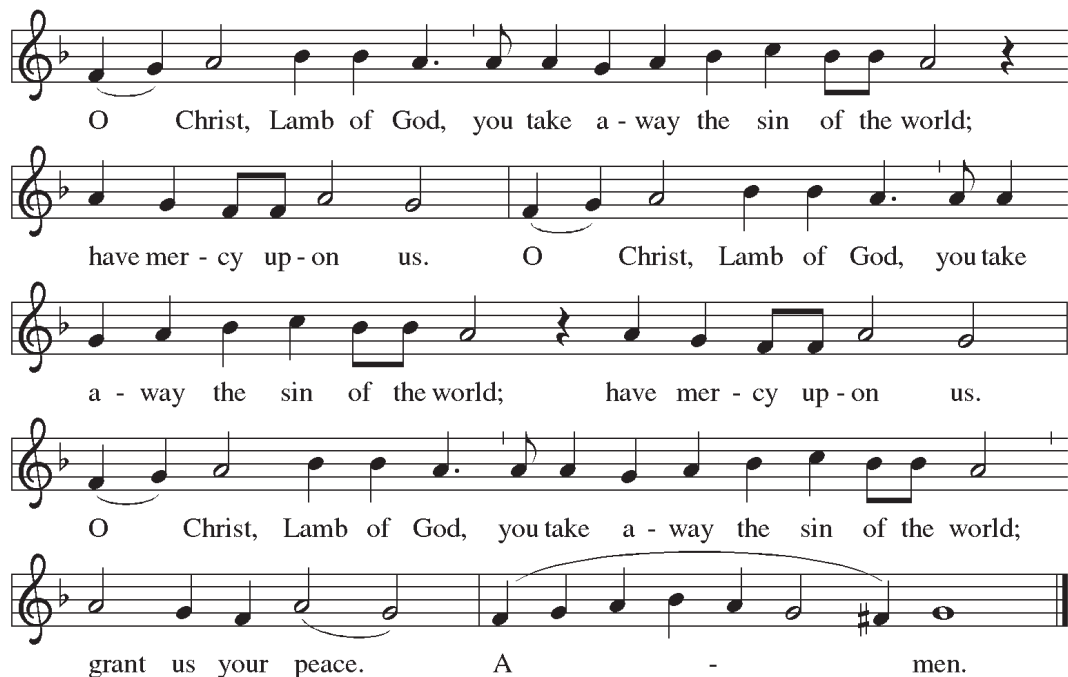
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

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 worshipping 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.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Music: J. Bugenhagen, *Christliche Ordnung*, 1528

Stanza 1- cantor

Stanzas 2-4 - all



1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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“Rorate coeli” –Joseph Rheinberger
 Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Rorate cœli desuper et nubes pluant justum.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:

Aperiatur terra et germinet salvatorem.

let the earth open, and let it bring forth a Saviour.

–Isaiah 45:8

“Ad te levavi” –Joseph Rheinberger

Ad te levavi animam meam, Deus meus, in te confido:

To You I have lifted up my soul, my Lord, in You I trust:

Non erubescam neque irrideant me inimici mei.

let me not be ashamed, neither let my enemies laugh at me.

Et enim universi, qui te expectant non confundentur.

For all who wait on You will not be confounded.

–Psalm 25:1-3

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

Generous God, **in bread and cup you have revealed your glory. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and hope, brought to birth in Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.**

Blessing

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ ✠ comfort you, and the power the Spirit sustain 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 260: **The King Shall Come**

CONSOLATION

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
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Dismissal

Go in peace and hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Sinfonia” from *Sketchbook Four* –Daniel Gawthrop

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

Candles for the Christ Chapel altar lamp this month are given in memory of Dorothy Toscano by her daughters Karen Yeager and family and Debbie Dorn and family.

Flowers for worship today are given in memory of Dorothy Toscano by her daughters Karen Yeager and Debbie Dorn.



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.
- 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.

Worship Ministries

Advent Wreath:

- 8 a.m. AJ Levy
Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. David, Karen, Sofia, and Brynn
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Altar Guild:

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Communion:

- 8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt
10:30 a.m. Christelle Menth
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Paul Blanchard

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Sue Ann Glusenkamp

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- 8 a.m. Kari Kusek
10:30 a.m. Larry Rasmussen

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- 8 a.m. Jim Gustad
10:30 a.m. Annie Nessa
Kathi Schmidt
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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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