
	<p>First Sunday of Christmas December 31, 2023 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.</p>
	<p><i>Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2</i></p>
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Augustana LUTHERAN CHURCH</p> </div> <div> <p>5000 East Alameda Avenue Denver, Colorado 80246 PHONE: 303-388-4678 WEB: augustanadenver.org</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Grow Go</p>

Welcome to worship on this First Sunday of Christmas. While most of our culture (and maybe we ourselves) have moved on from the Christmas season, the church continues the Twelve Days of Christmas until January 6.

May Christmas 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 ♦ “Let Our Gladness Have No End” –Bohemian carol

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.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

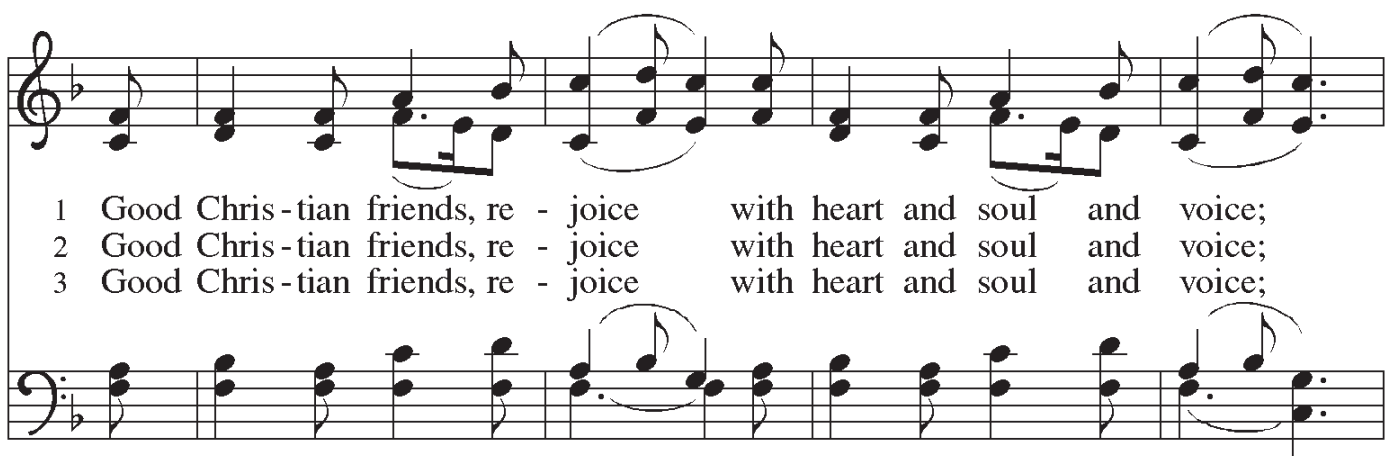
Everlasting God, you love justice, kindness, and humility. We confess the fear, greed, and self-absorption that make us reluctant workers for your kingdom. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will 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 288: **Good Christians Friends, Rejoice**

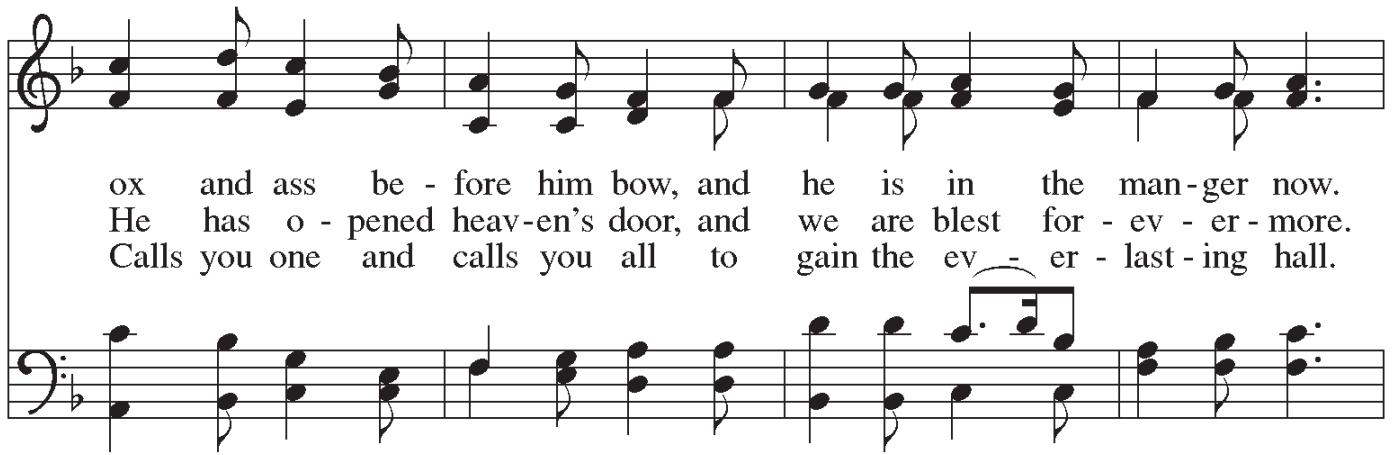
IN DULCI JUBILO



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

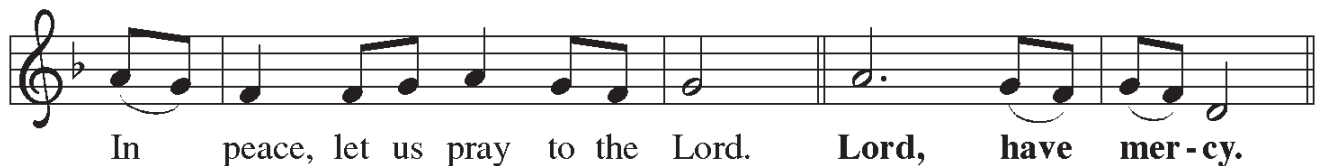


Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

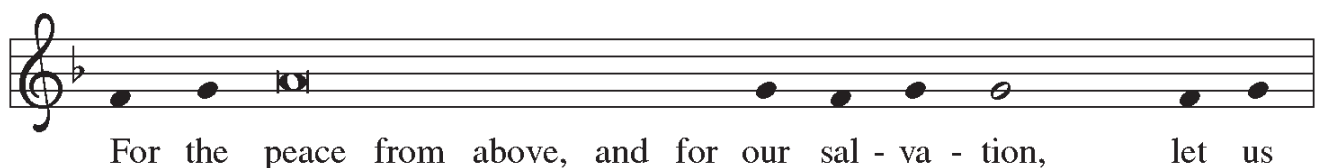
Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795–1856

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.**

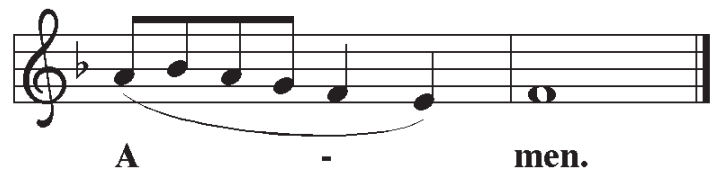
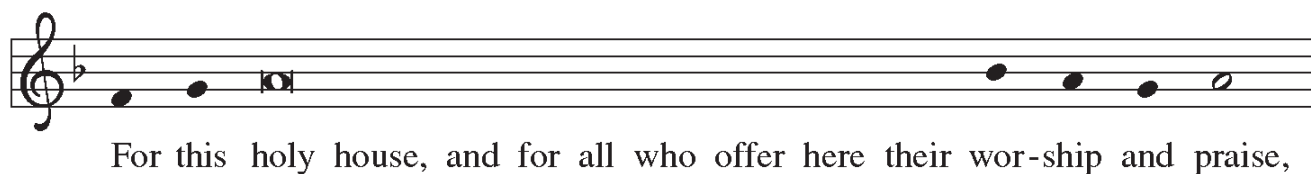
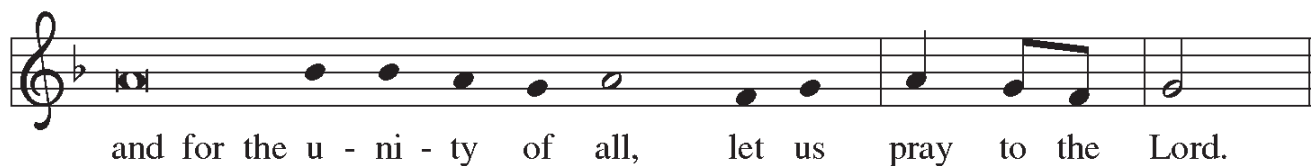
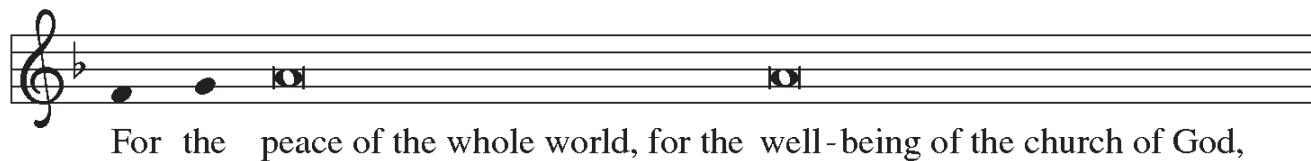
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



Canticle of Praise



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



1 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.



Glo-ry to God in 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.



Glo-ry to God in 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.

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

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading ♦ Isaiah 61:10—62:3

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

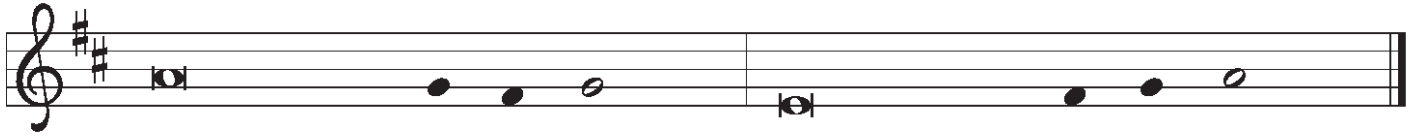
²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 148:1–6, 13–14

Antiphon: *(sung by cantor)* The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

²Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.

³**Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;**
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,**
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.

Antiphon

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,**
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth
and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise**
for all | faithful servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. |
Hallelujah!

Antiphon

Second Reading ♦ Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from Galatians.

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Cantor: Let the peace of Christ rule | in your hearts,*
and let the word of Christ dwell | in you richly. (Col. 3:15, 16)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel

Luke 2:22–40

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

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and

Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow

to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

The assembly is seated.

Children's Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Gail Mundt

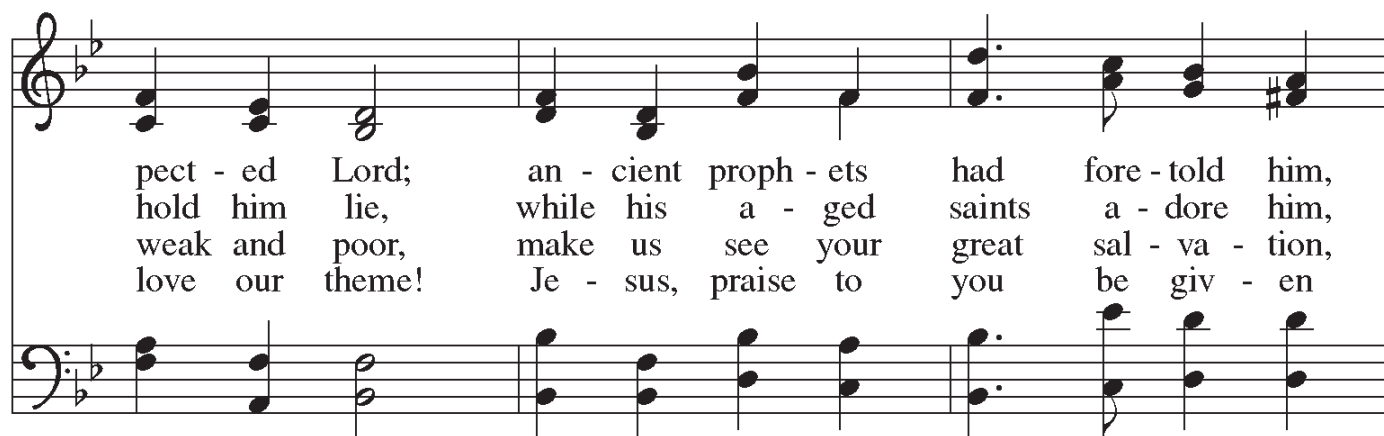
The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 417: **In His Temple Now Behold Him**

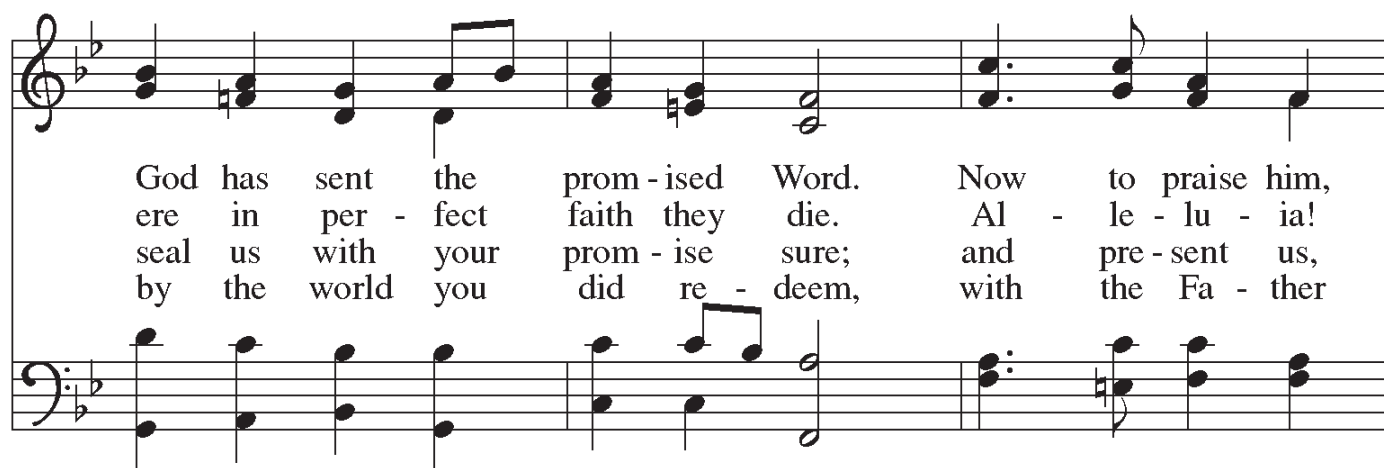
REGENT SQUARE



1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -
2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -
3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,
4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,
hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,
weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,
love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en



God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,
ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,
by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther

his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
 in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
 and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

Text: Henry J. Pye, 1825–1903, alt.
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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 we come to the end of 2023, we give thanks
for everyone who gives regularly to help support
Augustana's mission statement: Celebrating
God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship
Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.*



“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” –spiritual, arr. Malcolm Archer

Emily Anderson, solo

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
rise up, Shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born,

rise up, Shepherd, and follow.
 Leave your sheep and leave your lambs,
 oh rise up, Shepherd, and follow.
 Leave your ewes and leave your rams,
 oh rise up, Shepherd, and follow.
 Follow the star of Bethlehem,
 rise up, Shepherd, and follow.
 If you take good heed of the angel's words,
 rise up, Shepherd, and follow.
 you'll forget your flocks you'll forget your herds,
 rise up, Shepherd, and follow.
 Leave your sheep and leave your lambs,
 oh rise up, Shepherd, and follow.
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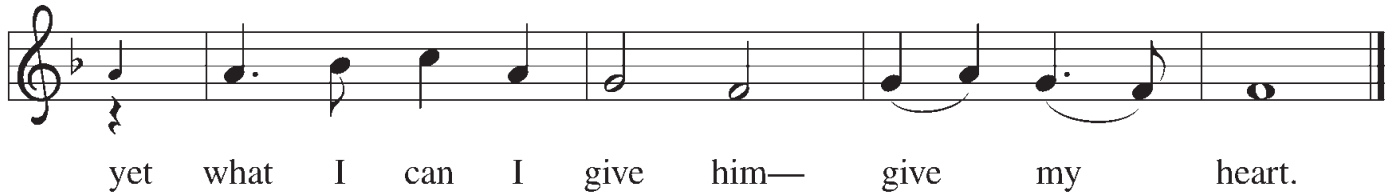
The assembly stands.

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;



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

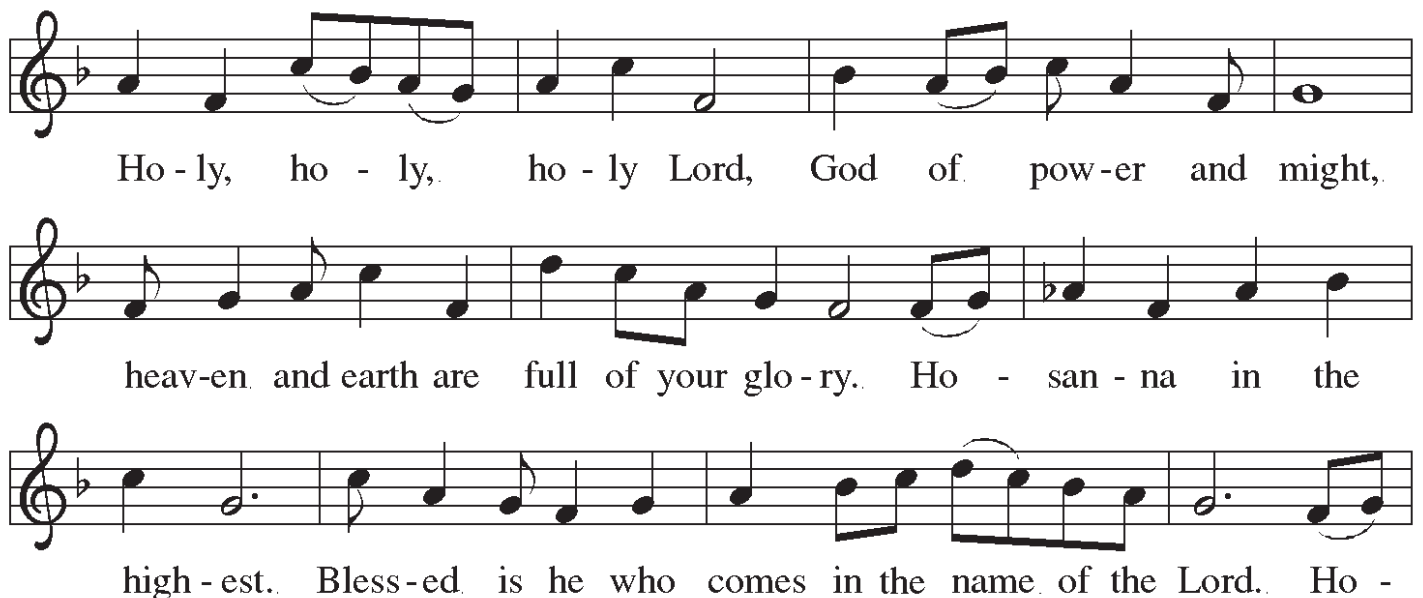
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

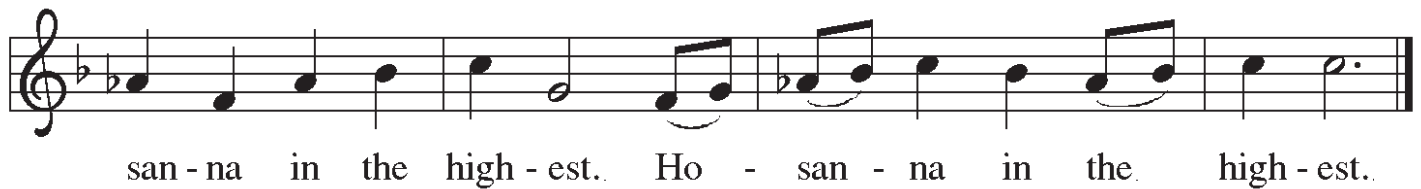
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:





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 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.

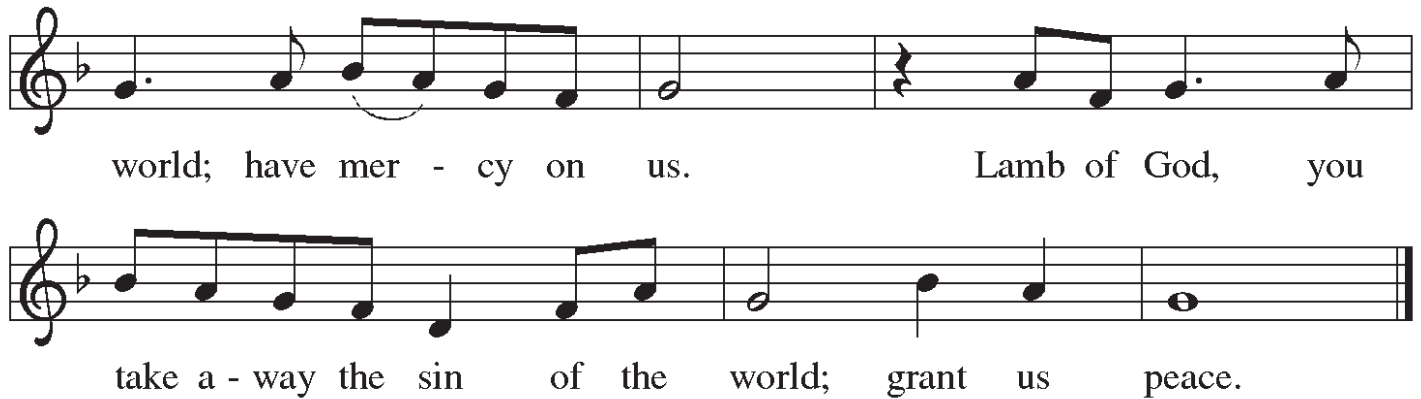


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us.

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



“Sans Day Carol” –arr. Malcolm Archer
Emily Anderson, solo

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
and Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:
and Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be
and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
and Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross:
and Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be
and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,
and Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:
and Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be
and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,
then trust we our Savior, who rose from the dead:
and Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be
and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Blessing after Communion

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

Solo

“Nunc Dimittis”

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

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.**

The assembly stands.

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 290: Go Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

Refrain
 be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
 Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

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

Postlude “Improvisation on IN DULCI JUBILO”

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



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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](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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10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

Altar Guild:

December Bill & Rhonda Crossen

Bus Driver:

Michael Graham

Cantor:

Emily Anderson

Communion Bread:

December Robin Hoffman

Communion:

8 a.m. A.J. Levy

10:30 a.m. Jordan Hainey
Pam Uyemura

Communion Linens:

December Ellen Kastens

Greeter:

10:30 a.m. Janice Schulz

Livestream Assistant:

Paul Blanchard

Prayers:

Mark Caldwell

Readers:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Kent Mueller

Ushers:

8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt

10:30 a.m. Annie Nessa

Inez Smith

Kathi Schmidt

Brad Uyemura

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