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

**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.*

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

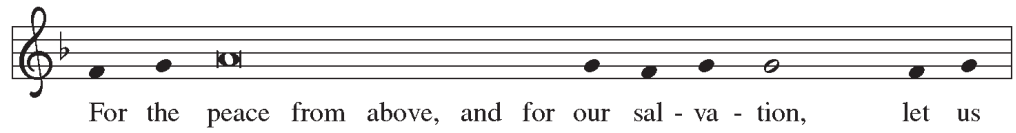
## Greeting

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



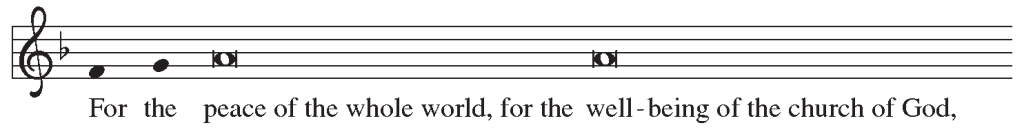
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



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



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



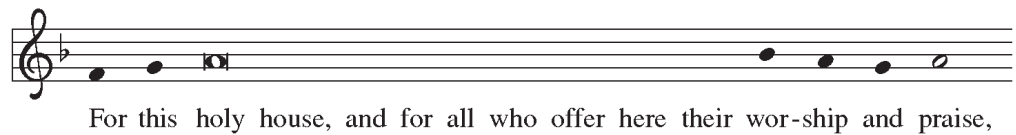
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer-cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



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



**A - men.**

# Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



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.

*Refrain*



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.

*Refrain*



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.



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.

<sup>10</sup>I 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.

<sup>11</sup>For 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.

<sup>62:1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>The 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.

<sup>3</sup>You 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.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.

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

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

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**      *Antiphon*

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

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

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

<sup>14</sup>**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.

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So 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.**

## 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.**

<sup>22</sup>When 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 <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>Now 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.

<sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided 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,

<sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

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

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then 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 <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup>There 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, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At 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.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The 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.  
Leave your ewes and leave your rams, oh rise up, Shepherd, and follow.  
Follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, Shepherd, and follow.

*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

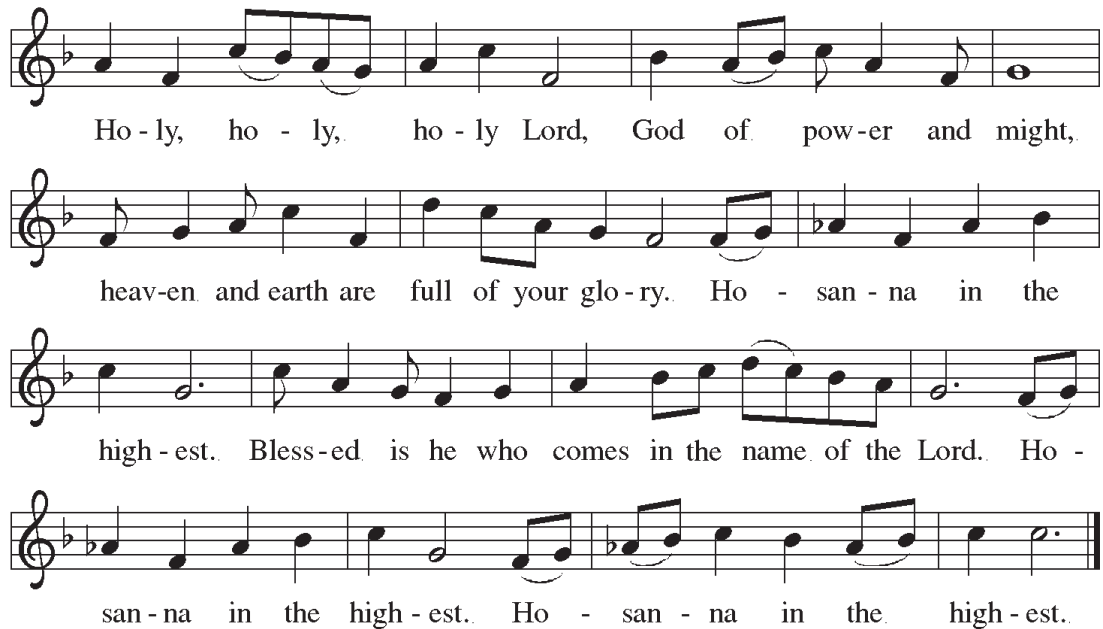
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.



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

“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

*The assembly stands.*

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.**

## 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](http://giving.page.at.augustana.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.
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- 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

**Acolyte:**  
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  
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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](http://augustanadenver.org)) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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