



Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Augustana
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Augustana during the season of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Easter. In the early church, Lent was a time of intense preparation for those who would be baptized at Easter. For the five Sundays before Holy Week, we are focusing on the five imperfect promises we make at our own or our children's baptisms: To live among God's faithful people, hear the word of God and share the Lord's supper, proclaim the good news of Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Each Sunday will include one promise and our Adult Forum classes will focus on them too.

We make our fallible promises in response to the infallible promises God makes to us in baptism—to always be present, to always take us back (reconciliation), to make our lives ever more Christ-shaped (discipleship) and to keep these promises forever (eternal).

Please contact a pastor if you would like to discuss baptism for yourself or your child.

10:30 a.m. worship is livestreamed weekly especially to include our home-centered members who cannot join us in person. Given recent advances in artificial intelligence (A.I.) on the Internet, children's faces are protected from being livestreamed as is everyone going forward for Holy Communion.

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 ♦ Meditation on “Beautiful Savior” –Cathy Moglebust
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, who gathers us by steadfast promises.

Amen.

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we are caught in sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources that everyone needs. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

In a flood of promised grace and out of love for the whole world, your sins are forgiven in ☩ Jesus Christ. **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 522: As We Gather at Your Table IN BABILONE



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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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.**

1 All who are thirst-y for mer-cy, all who are thirst-y for
 2 All who are thirst-y for heal-ing, all who are thirst-y for

love; touch; all who are thirst-y for love, for mer-cy,
 touch, for heal-ing,

come: come to the Wa-ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa-ter of life.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever

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Prayer of the Day

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

First Reading ♦ Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

A reading from Genesis.

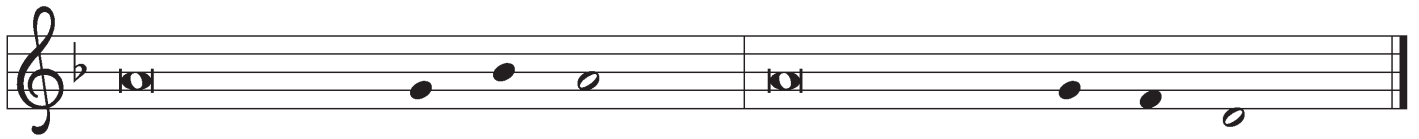
¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm ♦ Psalm 22:23–31

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise!

All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor
the poor in their poverty;

neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;

but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵**From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;**

I will perform my vows in the sight

of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise!

May your hearts | live forever! *Antiphon*

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs | to the LORD,

who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹**Indeed, all who sleep in the earth**

shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,

shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

**³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance
to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"**

Antiphon

Second Reading ♦ Romans 4:13–25

A reading from Romans.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation ♦ ACS 958

WONDERS

3 Re - joic - ing in God's prom - ise strong, our
treasure and our song, in faith we
cling, and glad - ly sing: to Christ we now be - long.
In Christ a - bide, in Christ be - hold the
world be - loved and whole. In love re -
main, by love pro - claim God's won - ders still un -
told, God's won - ders still un - told.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: WONDERS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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Gospel ♦ Mark 8:31–38

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

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

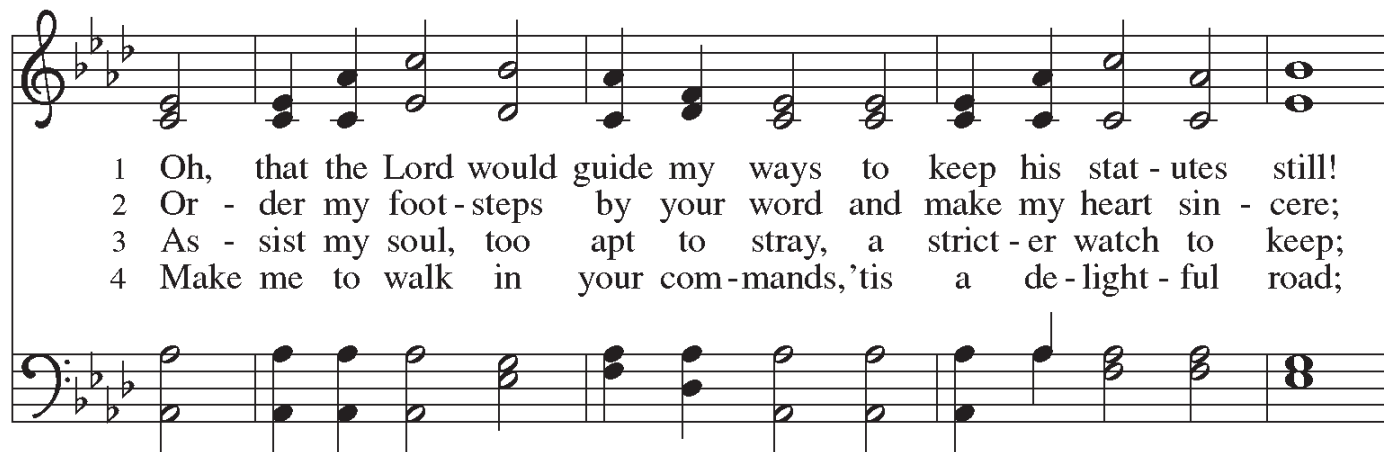
The assembly is seated.

Children’s Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Gail Mundt

Hymn of the Day • ELW 772: **Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

EVAN



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Peace

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

The assembly is seated.

Offering

*Our giving each week helps support Augustana's
funeral ministry and grief support groups. The
church being present during difficult times is
vital.*



"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" –Roderick Williams

Augustana Vocal Ensemble

I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 319: **O Lord, throughout These Forty Days**
CONSOLATION



4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816
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Offertory Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
**Bless these gifts we freely give so that all people may know
your goodness. Feed us with this holy food and with your
kindness, justice, and humility. We pray this in your name.
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
In your great love for the world,
you sent Jesus the beloved,
who reached out in hope and healing,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
to the glory of your holy name,
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.



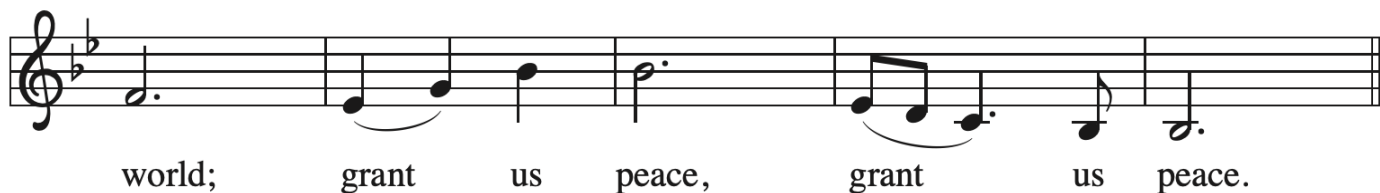
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



“I am the Bread of Life” –Simon Lole

8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

I am the bread of life, he who comes to me will not hunger;
and he who believes in me shall never thirst.

I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the
will of him who sent me.

–John 6:35

10:30 a.m. “Adagio” from *Violin Concerto #3 in G major*

–Wolfgang A. Mozart

Evie Garrington, violin and Tim Garrington, piano

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, **at this table you give us a feast
of immeasurable grace and gather us by your
promises for the sake of the world, send us
forth in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

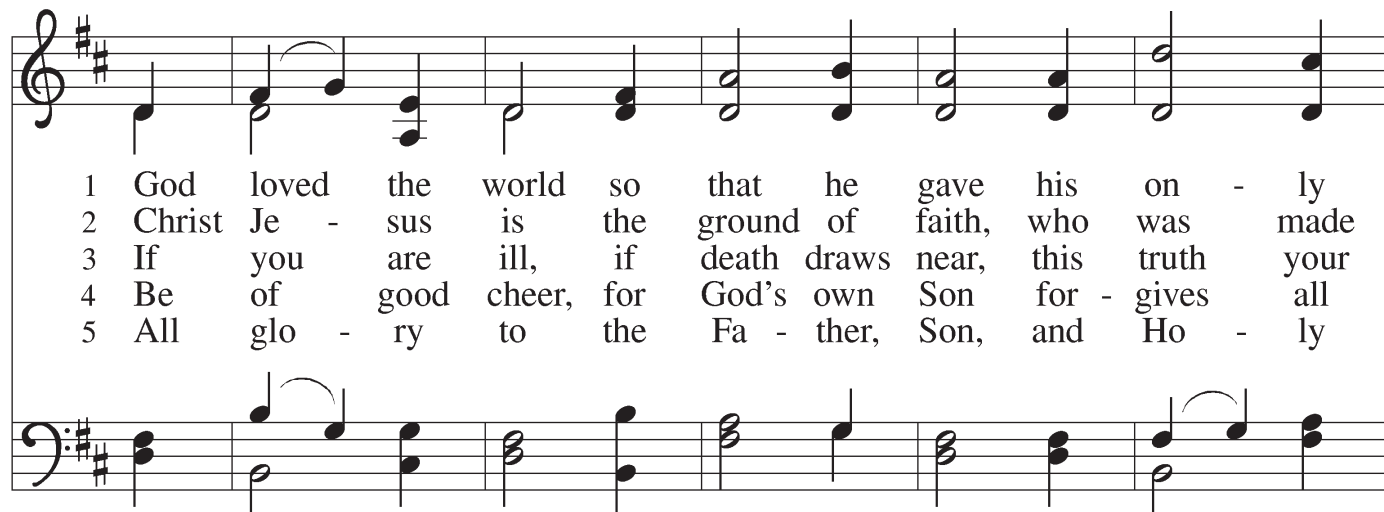
Blessing

Beloved, may God shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.
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 323: **God Loved the World**

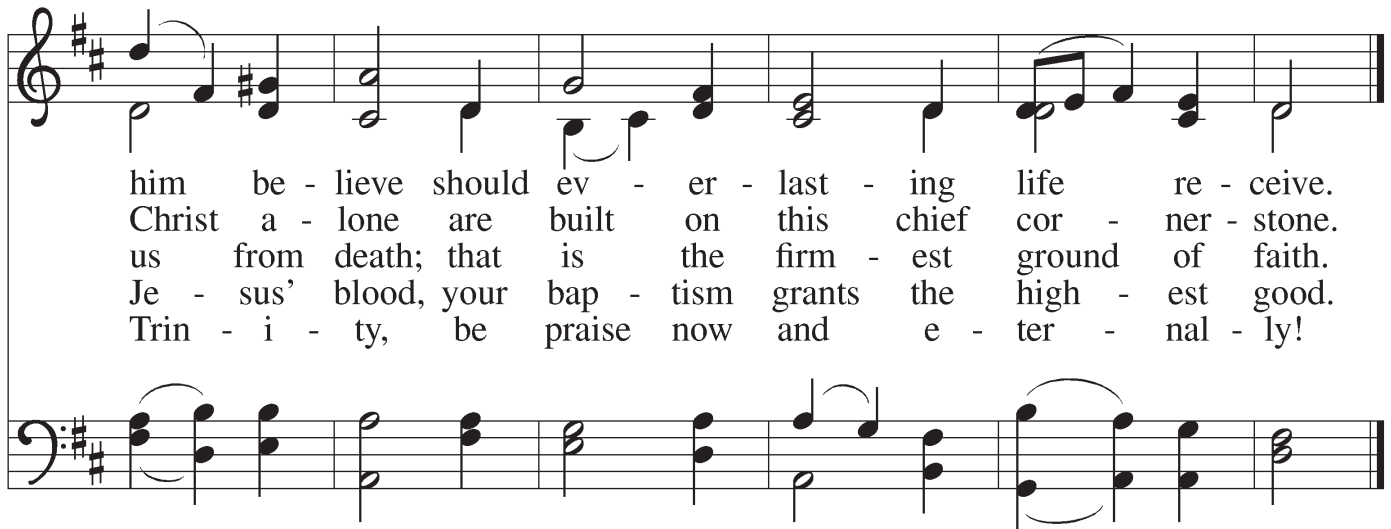
ROCKINGHAM OLD



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

Dismissal Go in peace, sustained by God's promises. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

8 a.m. "Recessional on ROCKINGHAM"
 Andrew Peters, organ

10:30 a.m. "Largo for Violin and Piano in f# minor"
 –Francesco Maria Veracini
 Evie Garrington, violin and Tim Garrington, piano



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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. Emmett & Katherine Cruson

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10:30 a.m. Nancy Nyhus

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8 a.m. Laura Libby
10:30 a.m. Matt Miller

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