



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3

Augustana
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to the season of Epiphany at Augustana! Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning “revelation” or “appearance” and celebrates Christ being revealed to the Gentiles. The Gospel lessons during this season, which follows Christmas and ends before Ash Wednesday, begin and end with the Divine voice claiming and affirming Jesus as “Beloved” and God’s very own. Our hope and prayer are that you, too, will understand your calling as a beloved child of God!

Thanks to **Pastor Mark Peterson**, Augustana member and retired pastor, for presiding over communion at worship today.

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 ♦ “Glory, Glory, Hallelujah” –spiritual

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 creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

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 673: God, Whose Almighty Word ITALIAN HYMN



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

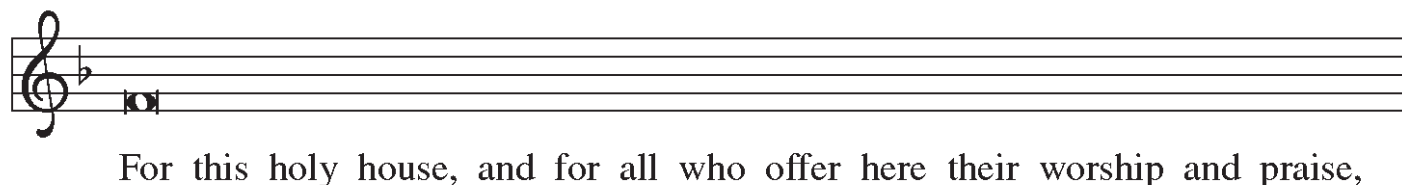
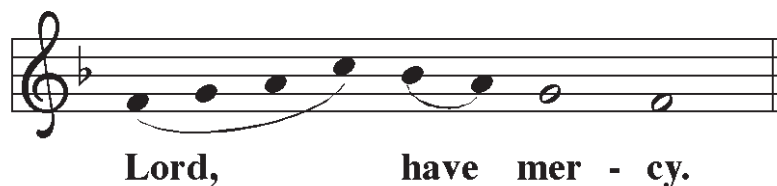
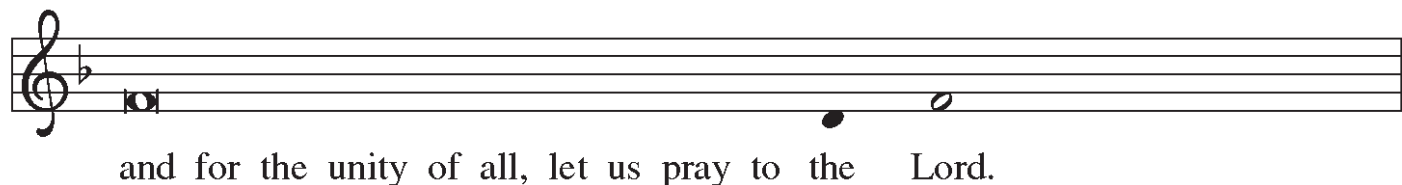
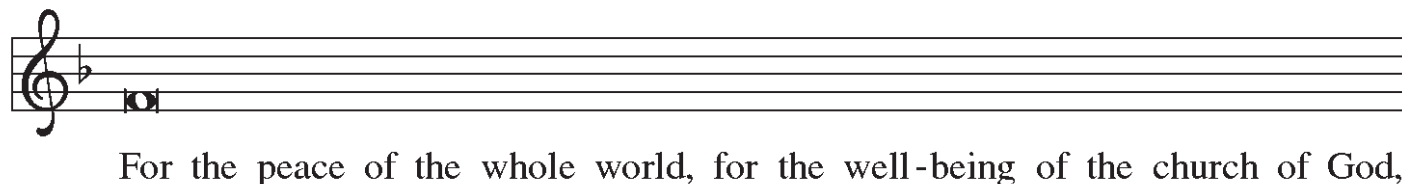
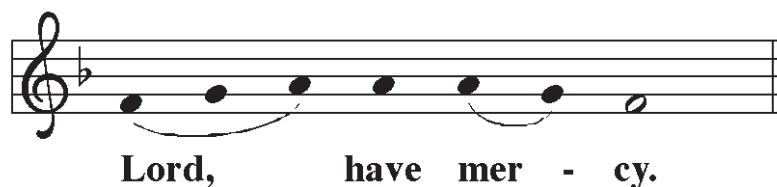
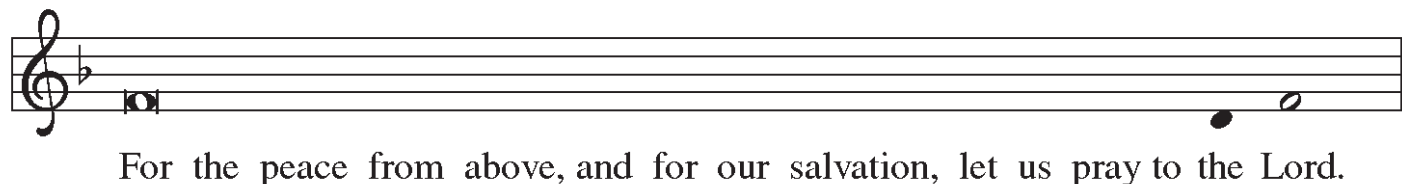
gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

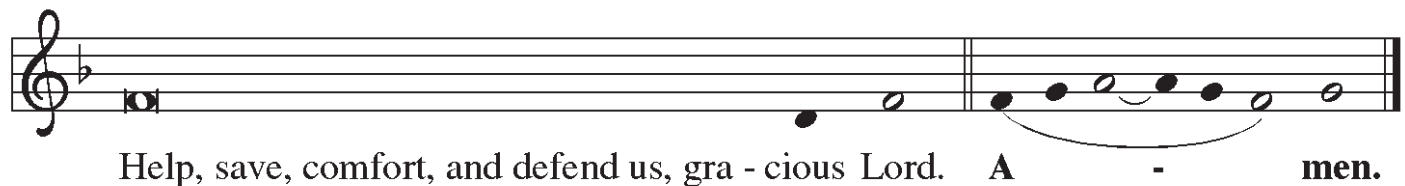
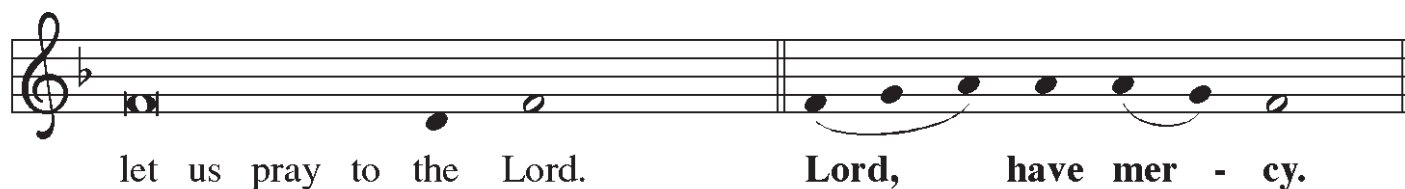
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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

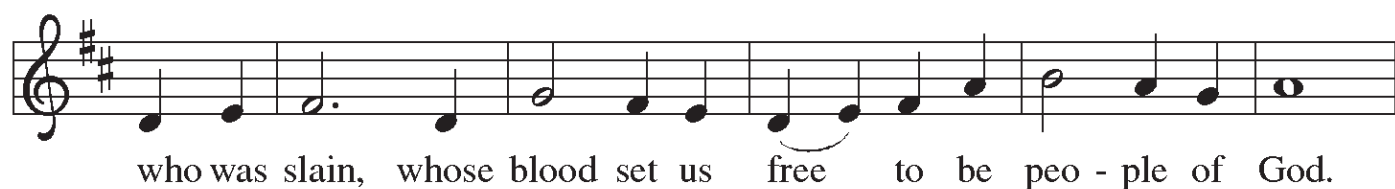
Greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie





Canticle of Praise





slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, **you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading ♦ Isaiah 40:21–31

A reading from Isaiah.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

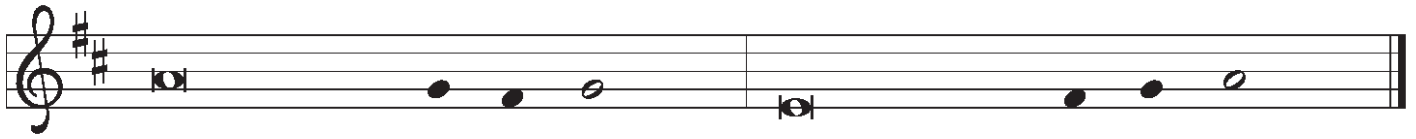
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 147:1–11, 20c

Antiphon: *(sung by choir)* The Lord heals the broken hearted.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

²The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.

**³The LORD heals the | brokenhearted
and binds | up their wounds.**

**4^rThe LORD counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names.** *Antiphon*

⁵Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

⁶The LORD lifts | up the lowly,
but casts the wicked | to the ground.

**⁷Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp | to our God,**

**⁸who covers the heav- | ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow up- | on the mountains.**

Antiphon

**⁹God provides food | for the cattle
and for the young ravens | when they cry.**

**¹⁰God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**

**¹¹but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} | Hallelujah!**

Antiphon

Second Reading ♦ 1 Corinthians 9:16–23

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Mark 1:29–39

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

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem

"Children of the Lord" –Natalie Sleeth

Cherub Choir

We are all children of the Lord, black and white, red and yellow.

We are all children of the Lord let us live in harmony!

Many names, many faces, many lands, many places,

But through time and through spaces, we are one humanity.

We are all children of the Lord, one by one, all together.

We are all children of the Lord, just like one big family.

We are all children of the Lord.

Children's Sermon

Sermon ♦ Pastor Gail Mundt

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 665: **Rise, Shine, You People!**

WOJTKIEWIECZ



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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Installation of the Call Committee

Katherine Cruson, Heather Frank, Tim Libby, Katy Lunsford, Kent Mueller, Michael Zumwalt; alternates: Alan Motes and Holly Massie

In Holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of the church. Through Word and Sacrament, you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are here gathered, to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we are baptized.

The assembly stands.

**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.**

The assembly is seated.

St. Paul writes: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all" (1 Cor. 12:4-7).

You have been appointed to a position of trust and leadership in this congregation. You are to seek the will of God and the mind and spirit of the congregation with regards to pastoral needs. It will be your duty, in consultation with the office of the bishop, to seek out an appropriate candidate for the position of pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church.

You must be faithful in your efforts, always respecting the concerns of the congregation while, at the same time, maintaining the integrity of the process. In all your deliberations, you are to be examples of faith active in love, seeking to maintain the life, harmony, and ministry of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of this appointment?

We will and ask God to help and guide us.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these members of the Call Committee? Will you remember them in your prayers and respect their responsibilities and honor their efforts? **We will and ask God to help and guide us.**

I now declare you installed as the Call Committee of Augustana Lutheran Church. God bless you and your work together.

The assembly stands.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

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

The assembly is seated.

Offering

Your gifts help fund the Augustana Vocal Ensemble which provide choral leadership in worship each week.



“Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place” –Gordon Young
Chancel Choir

Let heavenly music fill this place
and all the harmonies of heaven be heard;
let one grand song of praise resound, one alleluia!

Let mighty organs peal and roll and choirs invisible be heard;
let anthems grand now thrill my soul, one alleluia!

O may we join the heavenly choir
that through the ages will sing on;
in praise to Father and to Son, one alleluia!

–Gordon Young

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 302

DIX

3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, **O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

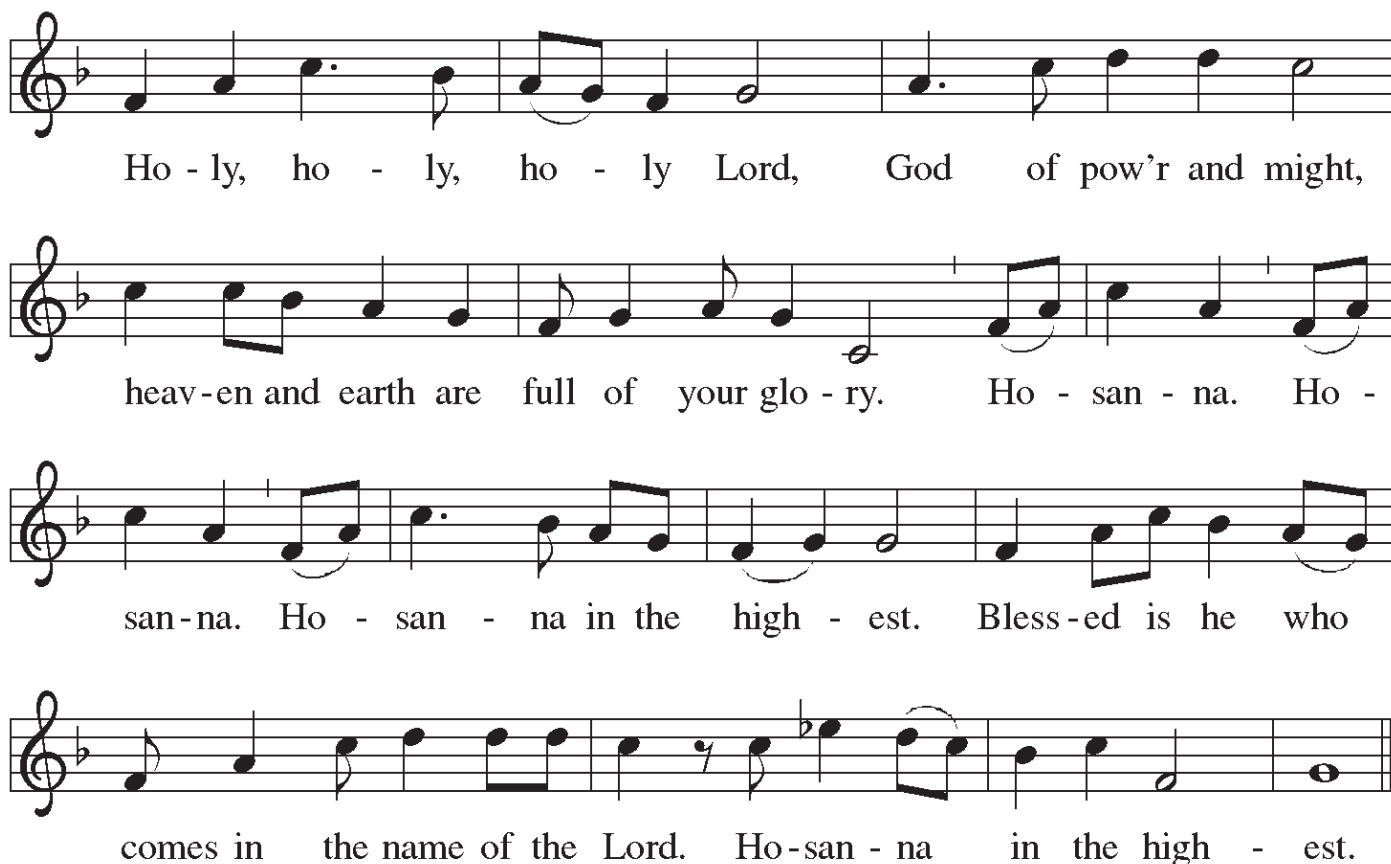
Great Thanksgiving

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'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Words of Institution

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.

Lord's Prayer

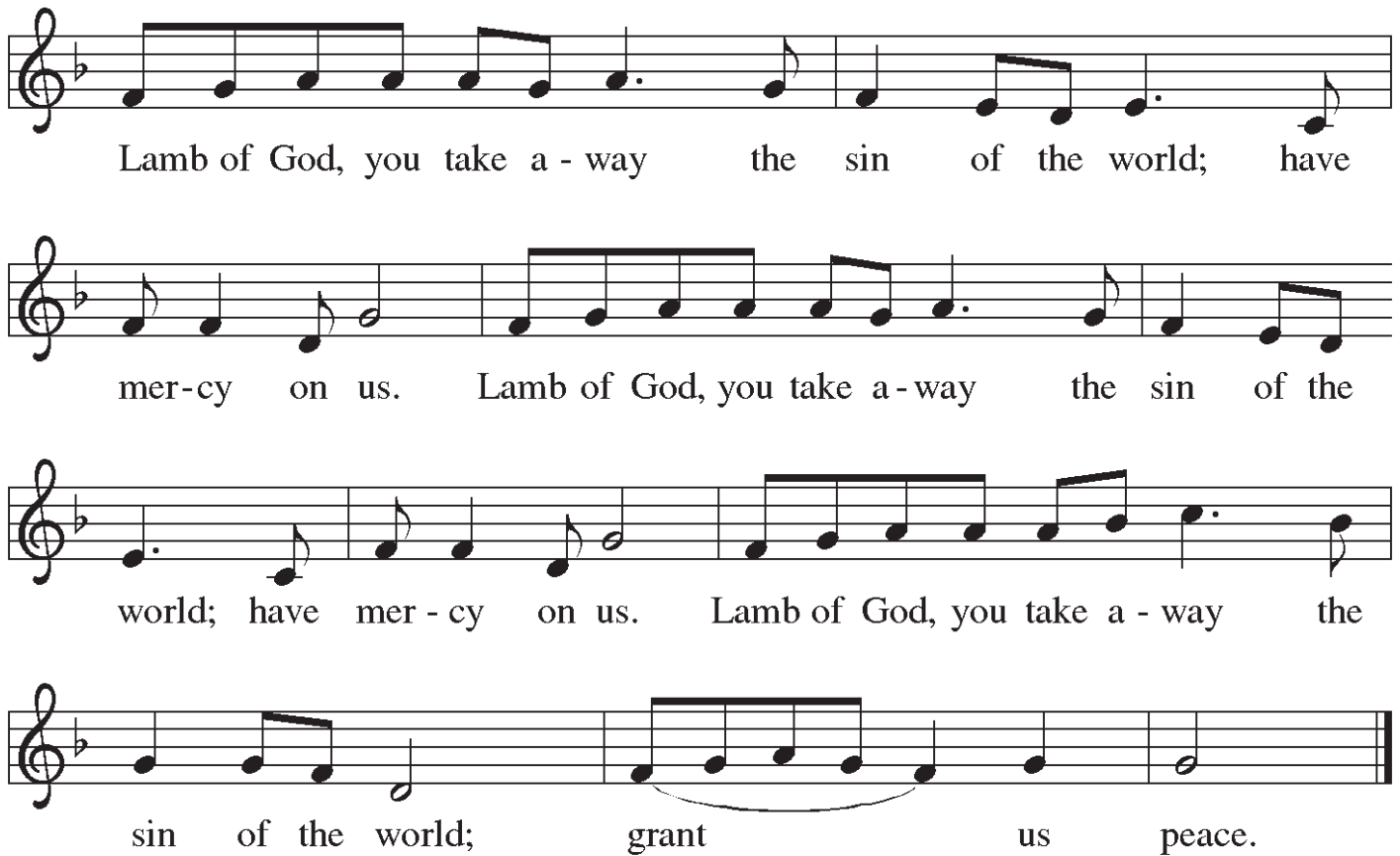
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

–arr. Andrew Peters

Chapel Ringers

“Lamb of God Most Holy” –Robert Pearsall

Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Lamb of God most holy, who upon the cross did suffer.

Patient and still and lowly.

Thyself to scorn did offer. Our sins were taken for us.

Else despair reigned over us: have mercy, O Jesu!

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

Gracious God, **we give you thanks for we have
feasted on the abundance of your house. Send
us to bring good news and to proclaim your
favor to all, strengthened with the richness of
your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of
righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who
calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and
your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

*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 773: **Precious Lord, Take My Hand** PRECIOUS LORD



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993

Music: PRECIOUS LORD, George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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

Postlude “Prelude in C Major” –Gordon Young

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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