

Welcome to worship on Transfiguration Sunday! Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins this week on Ash Wednesday (February 14, worship is at noon. and 7 p.m.). On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. Jesus' transfiguration sustains us as we turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. We will sing and say our closing alleluias in today's worship liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the season of Lent and we will rejoice in saying it again at Easter.

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 • "His Name So Sweet" -spiritual

This morning's prelude honors our celebration of Black History Month. The traditional spiritual "His Name So Sweet" was arranged by Black musician Hall Johnson (1888–1970) in *30 Negro Spirituals for Voice and Piano*.

Welcome

Ministry Moment: Volunteer Ministry

8 a.m. Morgan Levy + 10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg and Michael Graham

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

The assembly stands.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✤ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

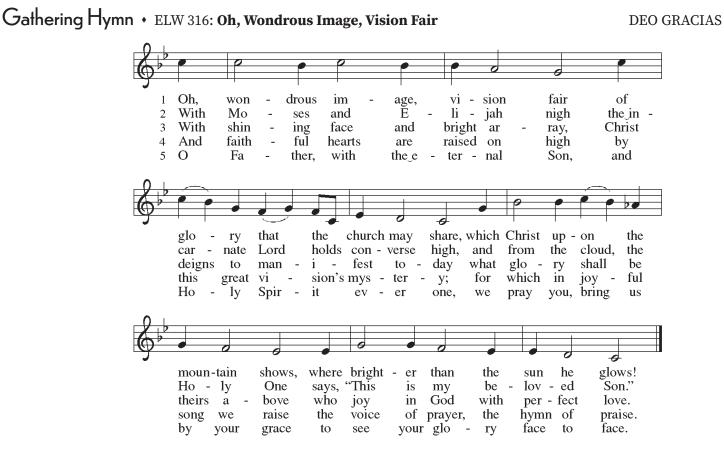
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.**

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.



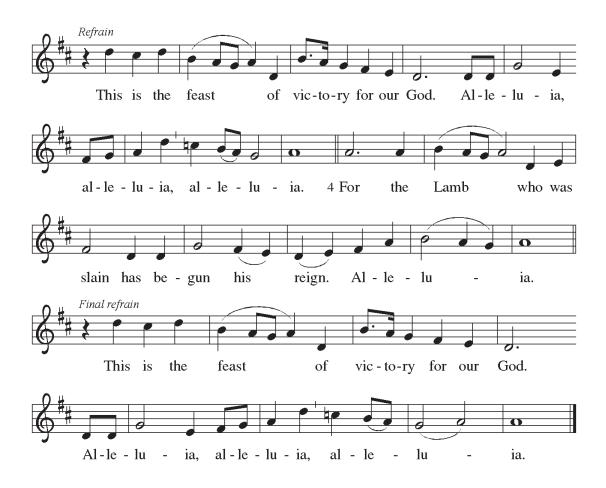
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Greeting

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.**

Canticle of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading • 2 Kings 2:1–12

A reading from Second Kings.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 50:1-6

Antiphon: (sung by choir) Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹ The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
² Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory. Antiphon
³ Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.
⁴ God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.
⁵ "Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.
⁶ The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,
for it is God who is judge. Antiphon

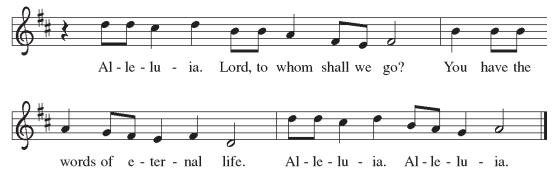
Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A reading from Second Corinthians.

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel • Mark 9:2-9

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

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem • 10:30 a.m. "Everywhere I Go" – Natalie Sleeth

Choristers

Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me. If I call upon him, he will hear me. Never will I fear, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go. In the dark of night should things alarm me, ever in his sight no ill may harm me. I will be of cheer, for the Lord is near, everywhere I go. He is with me day by day, he will be my strength and stay. From his path I will not stray but follow in his way. In the coming days of joy or sadness, I will praise his name with songs of gladness. For to me it's clear that the Lord is near, everywhere I go.

-Natalie Sleeth

Children's Sermon • 10:30 a.m.

Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day • ELW 917: Dazzling Presence on the Mountain



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Litany for Shining Light on Volunteers

The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Roman church:

⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us.

¹⁰Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor... ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

(Romans 12:4-6a, 10, 13)

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

As such, we serve as a house of hospitality, connecting with each other and our community. And by our baptisms, our life together is empowered by the Holy Spirit in service to one another.

Today we celebrate the ways our volunteers give time, energy, and faith in service to God through this congregation.

Please come forward for gratitude and blessing if you volunteer within our congregation in any capacity—in ministries, committees, or on Sunday mornings.

It takes the church to be the church. That's how church works.

So many things just wouldn't happen without you and your commitment to our congregation. Life together is possible because of your volunteer service. We give thanks to God for each one of you and all that you do.

Now receive this blessing:

May God who is gracious and merciful,

fill you with love as you seek to love God and neighbor.

May Jesus, shine through you as the light that shines before others.

May the Holy Spirit, inspire your service with faith and hope. Amen.

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

The willingness to give to and volunteer in God's ministry at Augustana helps the love of God be made known in the church and in the world.



"Sing Out with Splendor" –Joseph Martin

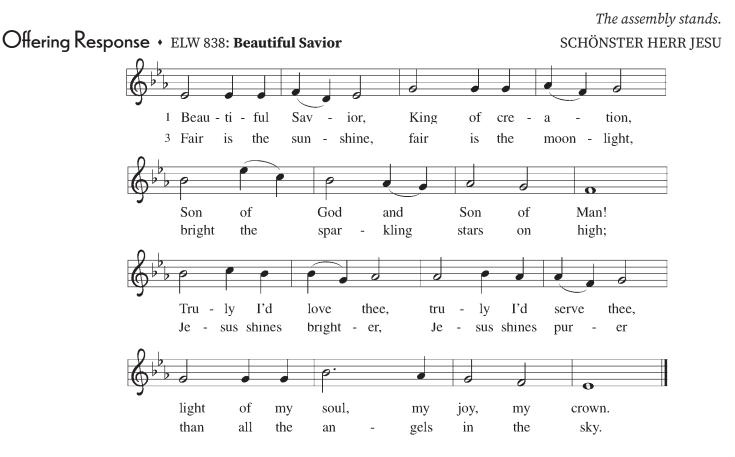
8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble + 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Sing out with splendor to God, our creator. We are the instruments; He is the song. He fills each heart with the joy of salvation. Sing out with joy, with praise loud and strong.

Sing out with splendor, with great exultation. Shout unto God, all His praises proclaim. Let now the songs of the ones He created sound forth in splendor, rejoice in His name.

Alleluia, praise the Lord with thanksgiving. Alleluia, praise the Lord and rejoice. Alleluia, praise the Lord with thanksgiving. Let the people rejoice. Let the people sing alleluia, singing as one mighty voice, mighty voice.

-Mary Martin



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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.

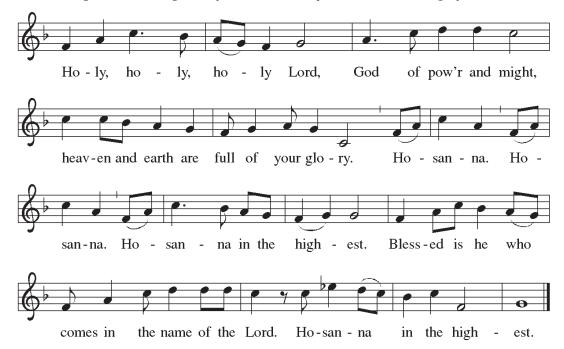
Great Thanksgiving

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:



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

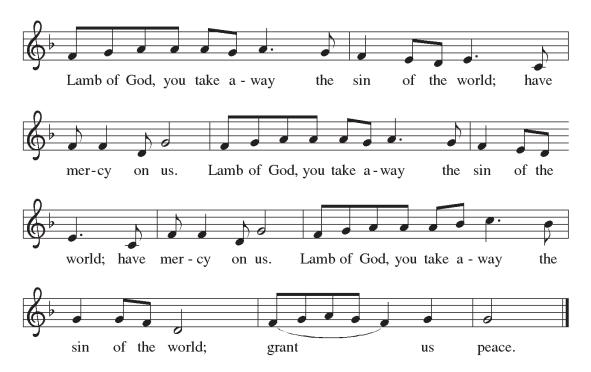
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

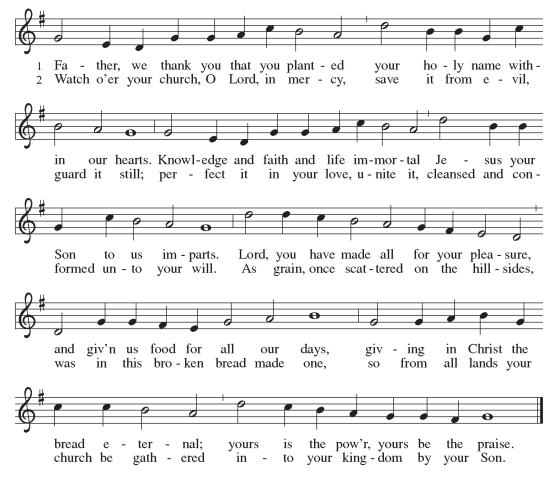
The assembly is seated.

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.





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"Mighty Lord" –Antonio Lotti

8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble • 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Mighty Lord, Thy faithfulness abideth ever, abideth to eternity. Mighty Lord, God of love, have mercy on us, Thy children who put their trust in Thee, O be merciful, mighty Lord, to us who know Thy love, Thy great love.

Blessing after Communion

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. The assembly stands.

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.

^{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.



Postlude "Recessional on DEO GRACIAS" -Healey Willan You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.

Flowers for worship are given in memory of Dorothy M. Gottenborg by Dave and Jean Gottenborg and family.



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 <u>Giving page at Augustana's website</u>, <u>augustanadenver.org</u>. You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Restrooms and water stations are located downstairs beneath the west entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.
- An elevator is available at the Fairfax Street entrance.
- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.
- The Ammerman Library is open and staffed every Sunday.
- Please make sure your cell phones are silenced during worship.
- Parents, for the safety and well-being of all our children, we ask that you attend your children at all times.
- If you would like to leave your bulletin for recycling, please place it at the end of the pew.

Worship Ministries

Bus Driver: Michael Graham **Choristers Accompanist:** Sharon Schillereff **Communion Bread:** February Kent Mueller **Communion:** 8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt 10:30 a.m. Christelle Menth Elaine Malzahn **Communion Linens:** February Kathy Edstrom Greeter: Janice Schulz 10:30 a.m. Library: Katherin Howell Livestream Assistant: Paul Blanchard 10:30 a.m. **Prayers:** Sue Ann Glusenkamp **Readers:** 8 a.m. Robin Hoffman 10:30 a.m. Mary Beth Brown **Ushers:** 8 a.m. AJ Levy Morgan Levy 10:30 a.m. Wil Crook Bill Crossen James Kastens

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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 (<u>augustanadenver.org</u>) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

Staff

Pastor: Caitlin Trussell Bridge Pastor: Gail Mundt **Director of Youth and Family Ministry:** Shanna VanderWel Nursery Attendant: Mary Beth Brown Faith Community Nurse: Sue Ann Glusenkamp **Director of Music and Organist:** Andrew Peters Chancel Choir Director: Kevin Padworski Augustana Vocal Ensemble: Emily Murdock, Bella Mallow, Blake Nawa`a, Keith Williamson **Choristers and Cantabile Director:** Angela Howard Finance Administrator: William Crossen **Building Systems Administrator: Christine** Peters Publications Administrator: Lyn Goodrum Administrator of Volunteer Ministry and Building Use: Julie MacDougall **AV Technicians:** Alice Alister and Jesse Crone Facility Manager: Craig Tamminga **Building and Grounds Manager:** Asmir Hodzic Wedding Coordinators: Ellen Kastens, Amy Tamminga, Erin Saboe Willoughby Augustana Early Learning Center Director: Kisanet Yohannes **President of the Congregation:** Heidi Johnson

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