

Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.



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Worship | Grow | Go

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 • "Adagissimo" –Johann S. Bach LyNette Rasmussen, piano

Welcome

Mission Moment • Katy Lunsford, Call Committee

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.

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 324: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

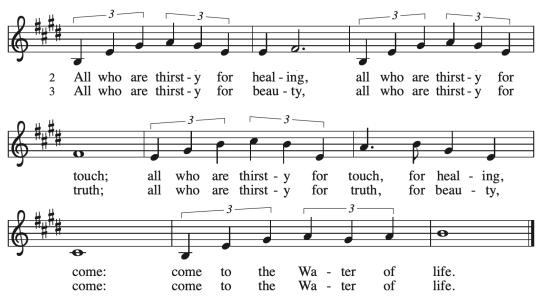
RATHBUN



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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.



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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through 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 • Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from Exodus.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

Psalm • Psalm 19

Antiphon: (sung by choir) The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God, and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²One day tells its tale | to another,

and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

³Although they have no | words or language, and their voices | are not heard,

*their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

 5 It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;

nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. Antiphon

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

Antiphon

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is | great reward.

12Who can detect one's | own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight, O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. Antiphon

Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

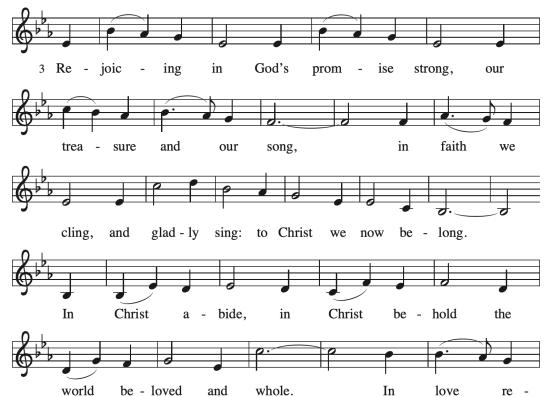
²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

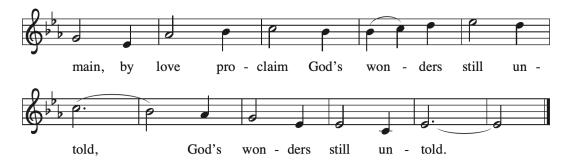
Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation • ACS 958

WONDERS





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Gospel • John 2:13-22

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

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem • "Jesus to the Wilderness" –Michael Bedford Cherub Choir

Jesus to the wilderness slowly made his way; Jesus to the wilderness went to fast and pray. Jesus to the wilderness looked to God and said, "By your Holy Spirit true may I now be led."

Jesus from the wilderness came forth clean and pure; Jesus from the wilderness came forth strong and sure. May we then, like Jesus Christ tempted though we be, Giving not to Satan's power, a joyful Easter see.

Children's Sermon

Sermon • Pastor Gail Mundt

Hymn of the Day • ELW 729: The Church of Christ, in Every Age

WAREHAM



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The assembly is seated.

Holy Baptism

Rejoice with **Catherine Alice Gentes**, daughter of **Michael and Meghan Gentes**, in her baptism. Welcome her into Christ's family today! Catherine's sponsors are Jeff Fairfax and Kelsey Hildreth.

Presentation

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Promises are made by the parents, the sponsors, and the assembly.

Profession of Faith

The assembly stands.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

We renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

The candidate is baptized.

Let us pray.

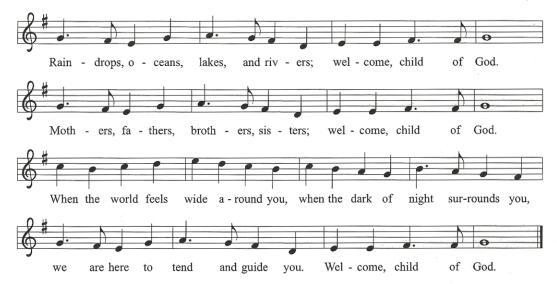
We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Please stand as we sing a word of welcome to the newly baptized.

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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

Baptisms remind us of our opportunities and responsibilities to support the children and youth with our prayers, presence, and financial gifts.



"Here I Am, Lord" –Ovid Young Chancel Choir

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone, I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send?

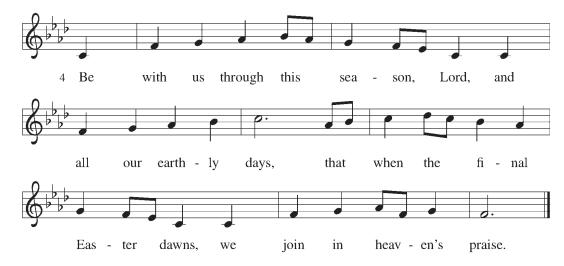
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. I will go, Lord. Here I am.

-Daniel L. Schutte

The assembly stands.

Offering Response • ELW 319: O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

CONSOLATION



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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.

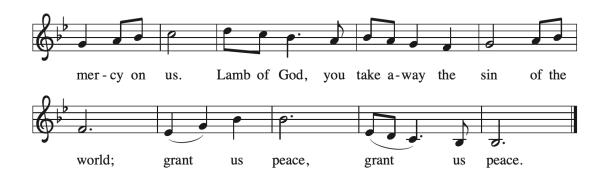
The assembly is seated.

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.





"Peace Like a River" –Sandra Eithun Chancel Handbells

"Lamb of God Most Holy" -Robert Pearsall Chancel Choir

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

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.**

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 808: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

LES PETITES SOEURS





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

Postlude • "Psalm 19" -Benedetto Marcello

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

Candles for the Christ Chapel altar lamp this month are given in memory of Dorothy and Louie Toscano by their daughter, Karen Yeager, and family.

Candles for the Sanctuary altar lamp this month are given in loving memory of Lucille D. Smith by her daughter, Lisa A. Smith.



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

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Marcia Olson

Cherub Choir Accompanist:

Tim Garrington

Communion Bread:

March Robin Hoffman

Communion:

8 a.m. Roger Lipker 10:30 a.m. Jordan Hainey

Lance Wheeland

Communion Linens:

March Mark Caldwell

Greeters:

10:30 a.m. Nancy Cowee

Library:

Linda Crow

Livestream Assistant:

10:30 a.m. Bill Crossen

Prayers:

Nancy Nyhus

Readers:

8 a.m. Tim Libby

10:30 a.m. Izzy Howard

Ushers:

8 a.m. Jim Gustad

Pat Vaillancourt

10:30 a.m. Annie Nessa

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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) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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