

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 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 • "Children's Prayer from Sweden" —Roberta Bitgood

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 326: **Bless Now, O God the Journey**

LLANGLOFFAN

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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Greeling

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 ♦ ACS 955: Come to the Water of Life

WATER OF LIFE

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

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

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It features two vocal parts, 1 and 2. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, **by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from hopelessness. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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 ♦ Numbers 21:4–9

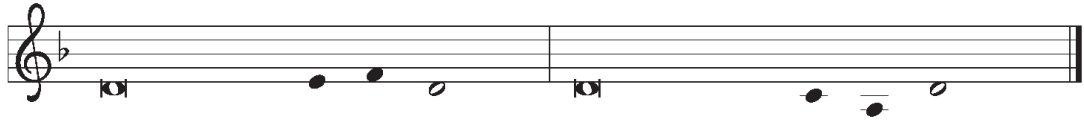
A reading from Numbers.

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Antiphon: *(sung by choir)* You deliver your people from their distress.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,

³gathering them in | from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

¹⁷Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;
through their sins they | were afflicted.

**18They loathed all man- | ner of food
and drew near | to death's door.**

19 Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD
and you delivered them from | their distress. *Antiphon*

**²⁰You sent forth your | word and healed them
and rescued them | from the grave.**

**²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

**²²Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy.** *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ Ephesians 2:1–10

A reading from Ephesians.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

The assembly stands.

3 Re - joic - ing in God's prom - ise strong, our
 trea - sure 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

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Gospel • John 3:14–21

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For

all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ 10:30 a.m. “What Wondrous Love” –Trevor Manor
Choristers and Izzi Howard, cello

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing to God,
to the Lamb Who is the great “I Am,” while millions join the theme I will sing!

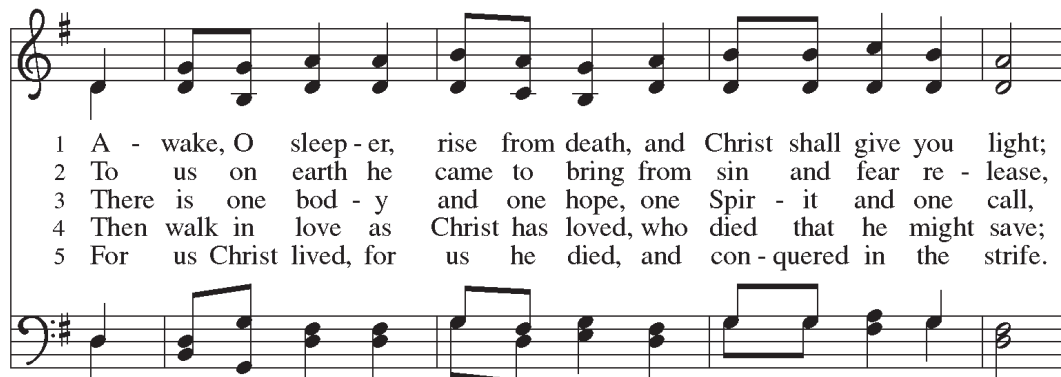
Children’s Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

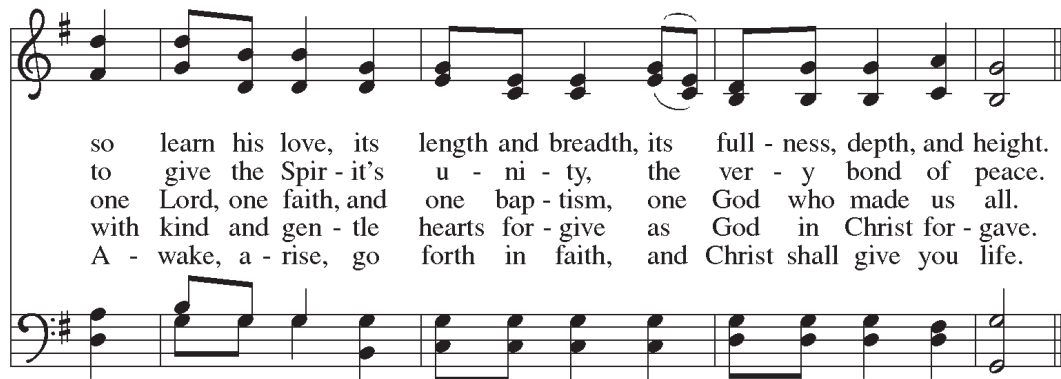
The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 452: **Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death**

AZMON



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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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

*The Augustana Early Learning Center is a vibrant, welcoming and safe
preschool for the community with thanks to your generous gifts.*



“Come and Mourn With Me Awhile” – Anna Laura Page
8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble ♦ 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Come and mourn with me awhile, come to the Savior's side;
Come together, let us mourn, our Lord is crucified.

Have we no tears to shed for Him while soldiers scoff and foes deride;
Ah, look how patiently He hangs, our Lord is crucified.

O love of God! O sin of man! In this dread act your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love, our Lord is crucified.

Come and mourn with me awhile, come to the Savior's side;
Come together, let us mourn, our Lord is crucified.

–Frederick Faber

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.

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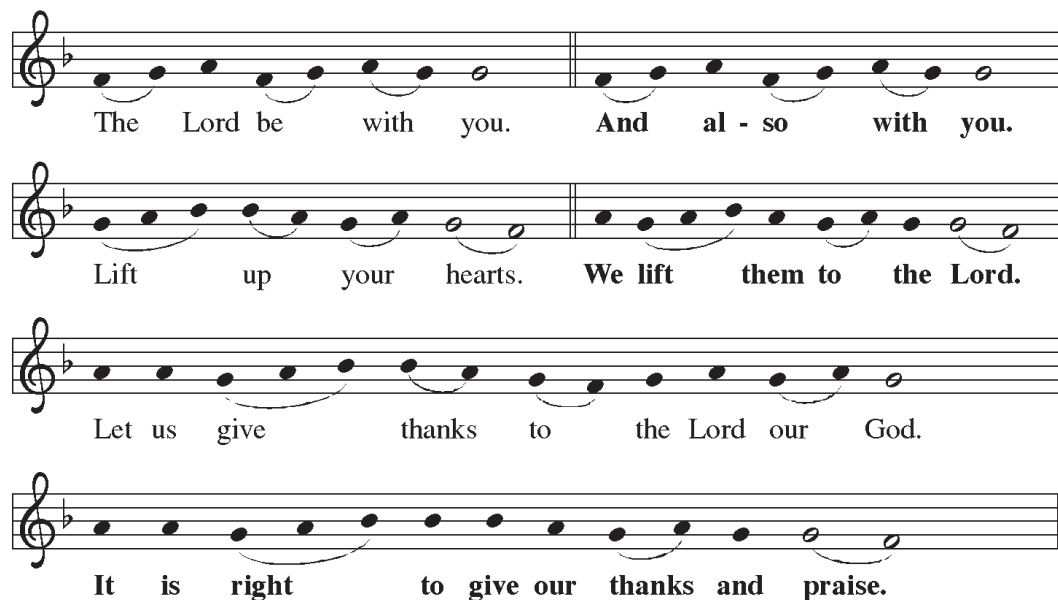
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Offertory Prayer

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 al - so 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

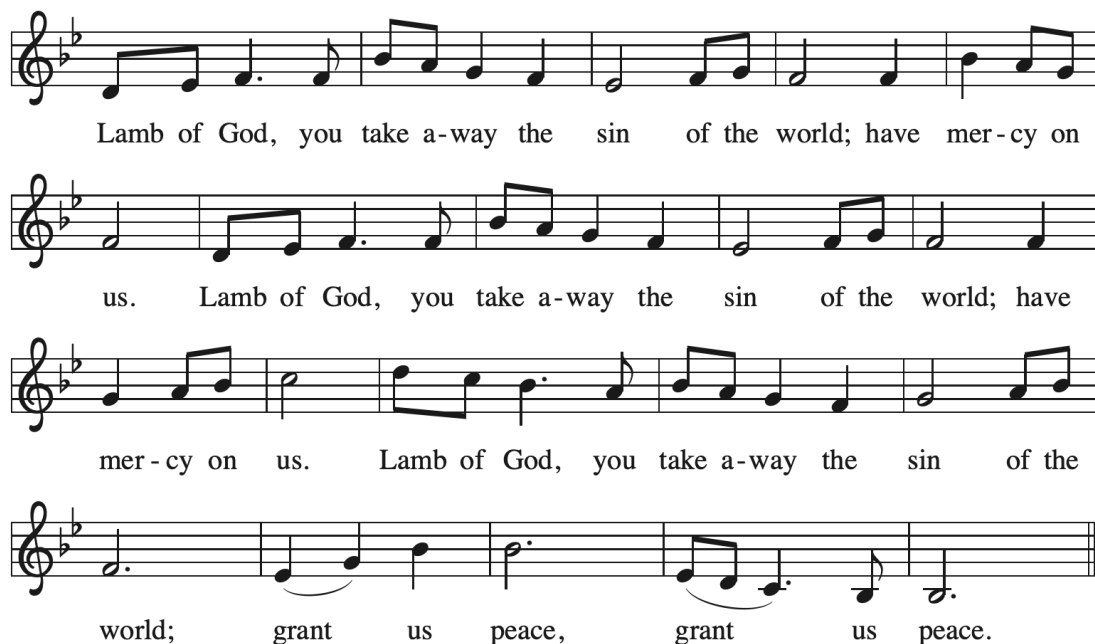
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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



8 a.m. "Nunc Dimitis" –Amy Beach
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation:
which thou hast openly prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and a glory for the people Israel.
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.

10:30 a.m. "Passacaglia" –George F. Handel
Caroline Stratton and Sharon Schillereff, 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.*

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

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Dismissal

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

Postlude ♦ "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" –Emma Lou Diemer

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

Flowers for worship today are given in memory of Dorothy and Louis Toscano on their 77th wedding anniversary by their daughters, Karen Yeager and family and Debbie Dorn and family, and in honor of the baptismal birthday of Arlo VanderWel by his family.



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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.

Worship Ministries

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Bella Mallow

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Sharon Schillereff

Communion Bread:

March Robin Hoffman

Communion:

8 a.m. Robin Hoffman
10:30 a.m. Mitch & Kari Kusek

Communion Linens:

March Mark Caldwell

Greeters:

10:30 a.m. Ken Beazer
Aaron Beazer

Library:

Katherin Howell

Livestream Assistant:

10:30 a.m. Paul Blanchard

Prayers:

Todd Engdahl

Readers:

8 a.m. Roger Lipker
10:30 a.m. Marcia Olson

8 a.m. AJ Levy
Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. Wil Crook
Bill Crossen
James Kastens
Craig Tamminga
Miles Tamminga

Ushers:

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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](https://www.augustanadenver.org)) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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