



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

Augustana
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 ♦ "Fantasy on an Irish Ballad" –Andrew Clarke
Kent Mueller, cello

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.**

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 339: Christ, the Life of All the Living

JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

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 ♦ ACS 955: Come to the Water of Life

WATER OF LIFE

3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

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Prayer of the Day

O God, **with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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 ♦ Jeremiah 31:31–34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 51:1–12

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) Create in me a clean heart, O God.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.

Antiphon

**⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.**

**⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. *Antiphon*

**⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.**

**¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

**¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.**

**¹²Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. *Antiphon***

Second Reading ♦ Hebrews 5:5–10

A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

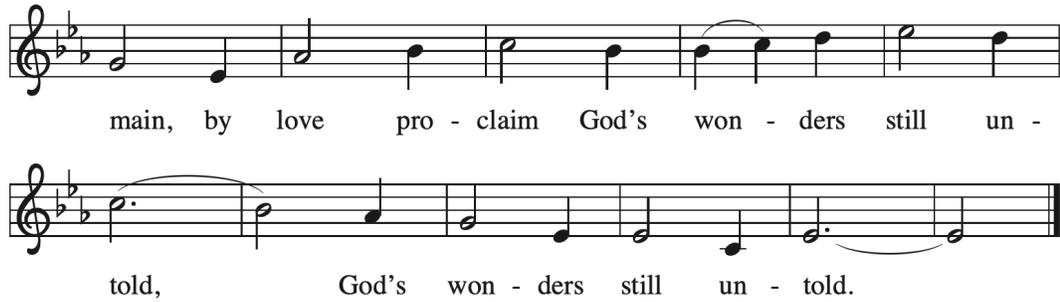
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation ♦ ACS 958

WONDERS

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



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Gospel ♦ John 12:20–33

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

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

The assembly is seated.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon ♦ Pastor Gail Mundt

Hymn of the Day • ACS 1043: Spirit, Open My Heart

The assembly stands.
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Refrain



All: Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

Cantor: 1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
All: 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
All: 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of
kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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Holy Baptism

Rejoice with **Juliana Fae Bredenber**, daughter of **Peter and Erin Bredenber**, in her baptism. Welcome her into Christ's family today! Julianna's sponsors are Matthew Fay and Andrea Buglione.

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.

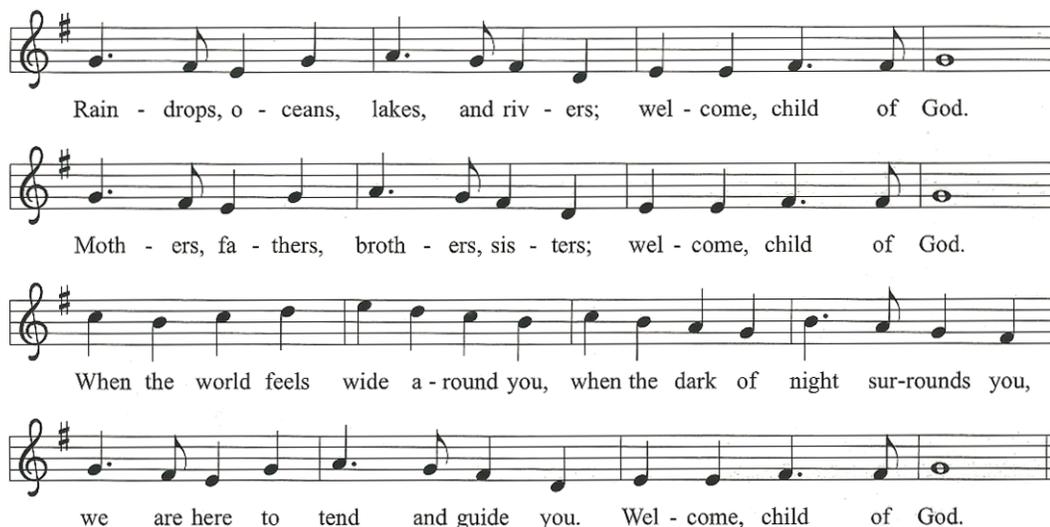
Let us pray.

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.



Rain - drops, o - ceans, lakes, and riv - ers; wel - come, child of God.

Moth - ers, fa - thers, broth - ers, sis - ters; wel - come, child of God.

When the world feels wide a - round you, when the dark of night sur-rounds you,

we are here to tend and guide you. Wel - come, child of God.

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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

Your gifts help fund the beautiful music that enhances Augustana's worship services each week.



“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” –spiritual, arr. Jeffrey Van Chancel Choir

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself.

Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves.

Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

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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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 worshipping 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, grant us peace.

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” –arr. Andrew Peters
 Chapel Ringers

“Largo” from *Concerto in C Major*, RV 400 –Antonio Vivaldi
 Kent Mueller, cello

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.*



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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

Postlude • “Adagio in G Major” –Jean Langlais

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.

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8 a.m. Jim Dierker
10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg
Katherine Cruson

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March Mark Caldwell

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10:30 a.m. Christopher Orwig
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10:30 a.m. Nancy Nyhus

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8 a.m. Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. Karen Morgenthaler

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8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims
10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown
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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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