

Welcome to worship! As the days shorten and news cycles intensify, we are reminded by Jesus to love our neighbors as ourselves in stories that feature God's grace—fitting for a broken world longing for wholeness. We also hear from the Bible book of James encouraging us to be doers of the word, not just hearers; to use our speech wisely; to feed the hungry; to care especially for orphans and widows; to honor the earth, give generously, and live in peace.

10:30 a.m. worship is livestreamed weekly especially to include our home-centered members who cannot join us in person. Celebrating our public worship, we also protect our kids in real time on livestream by redirecting the cameras to other views during children's time and 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 • "O God, My Faithful God" –Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Welcome

GATHERING *

Week after week, God calls us together to hear God's word and receive Christ's meal—to then be sent back into the world. We gather not on the Sabbath day, but on the day after; Sunday is the day of Resurrection.

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as we begin.

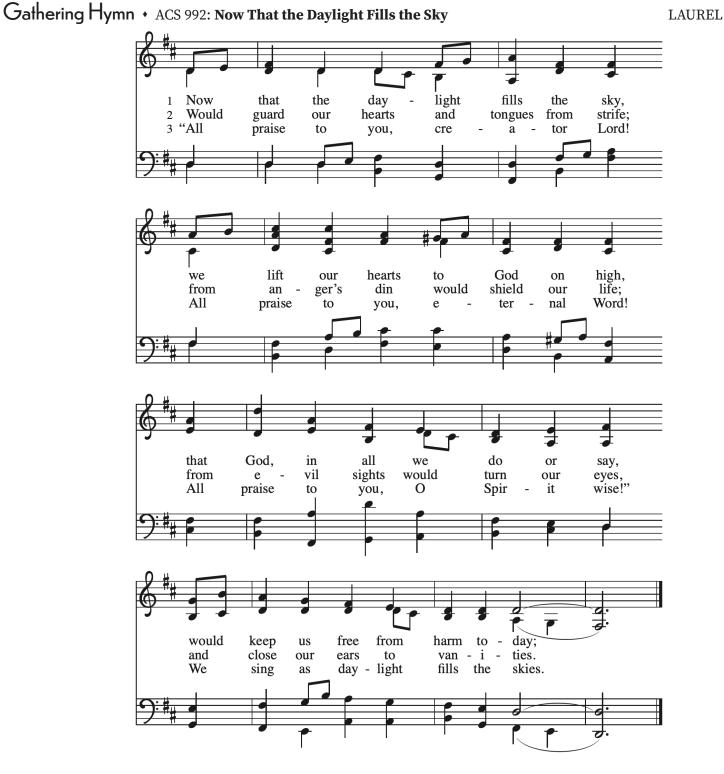
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♥ one God, whose grace flows freely, and whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God in hope.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Gracious God, draw us to your heart and reveal your steadfast love to us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues, causing conflicts and disputes. We neglect the needs of our fellow humans and we wound your good creation. In your abundant mercy, forgive our sins, and turn us to follow the way of Jesus. Amen. God promises to forgive us and to take away our sin. In the name of \clubsuit Jesus Christ, the source of unconditional grace, your sins are forgiven. **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.

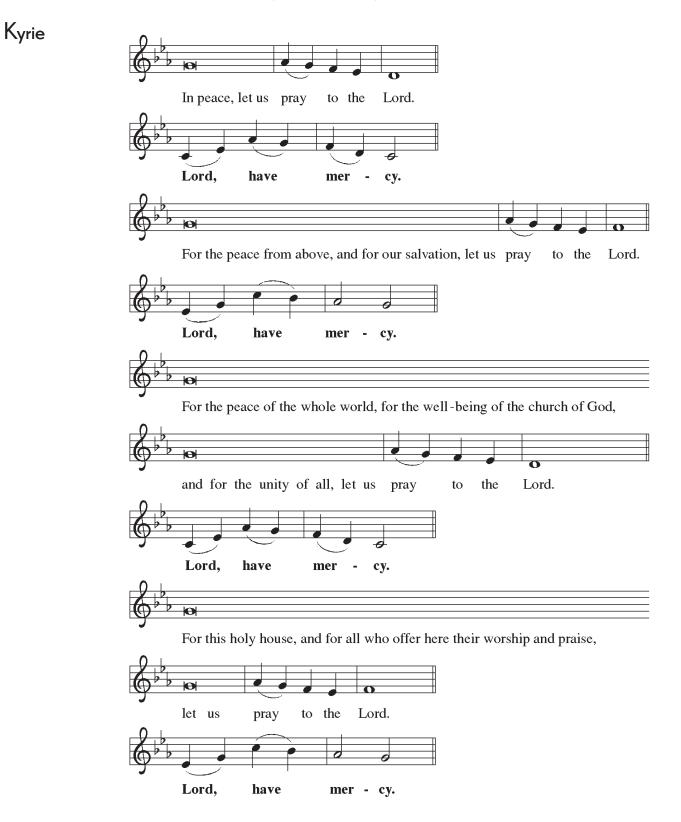


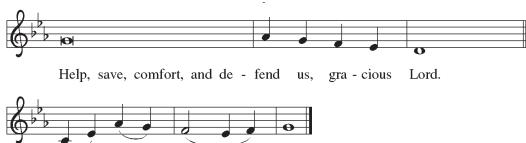
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Greeting

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

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time • 10:30 a.m.

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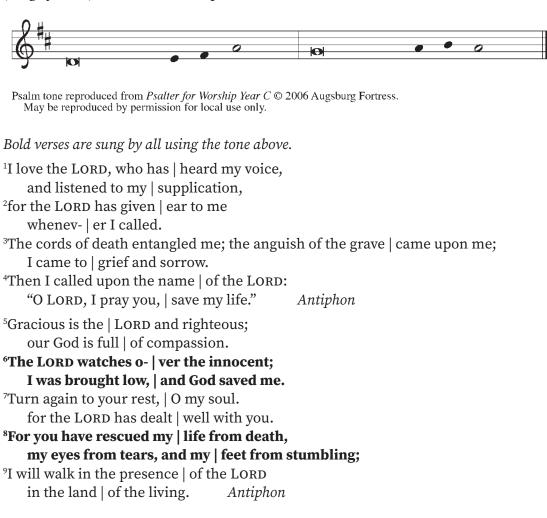
As Lutherans, we understand that the Word of God is proclaimed in scripture, sermon, song, and prayer, bringing God's Good News (Gospel) into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.

First Reading • Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah. ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakenswakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 116:1–9

Antiphon: (sung by choir) I will walk in the presence of the Lord.



Second Reading • James 3:1-12

A reading from James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for | the unrighteous,* in order to bring | you to God. (1 Pet. 3:18)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel • Mark 8:27-38

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

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

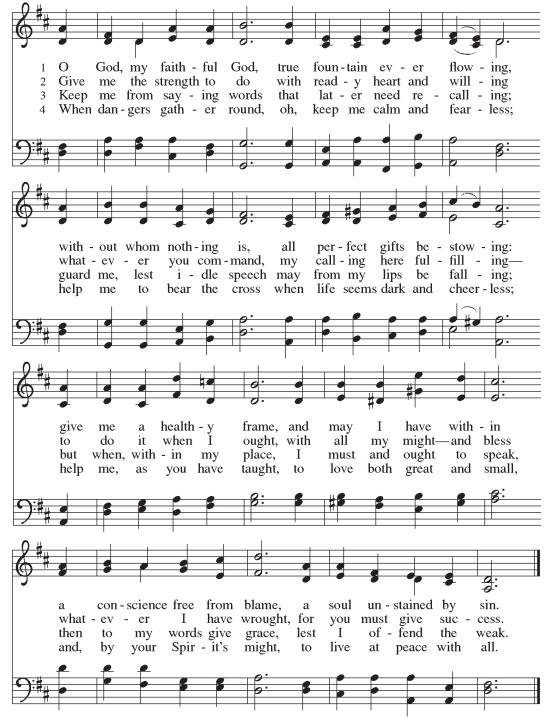
The assembly is seated.

Sermon • Pastor Kent Mueller

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day • ELW 806: O God, My Faithful God

WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT



Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

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.**

Farewell and Godspeed for the Gentes Family • 10:30 a.m.

The assembly is seated.

Michael, Meghan, Cate, and Renee Gentes are leaving our congregation in their move to Minnesota. We wish to bid them farewell.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus . . .

We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts in your new community as partners with us in the kingdom of God.

The assembly stands.

People of God, will you promise to continue to support and pray for this family in their life in Christ, if so answer, "we do." **We do.**

Eternal God, we thank you for Michael, Meghan, Cate, and Renee Gentes and for our life together in this congregation and community. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

You are invited to greet one another with these words: "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

MEAL *

In the meal of bread and wine we are forgiven, sustained, and become what we receive: we are the body of Christ to be God's presence in the world for love, justice, and healing.

Blessing of the Choir Robes

Offering

As we enter the changing fall season, we remember to count the blessings and bounty that each one brings of their time, talent, and treasures.



-Ministry Highlight brought to you by Stewardship Committee

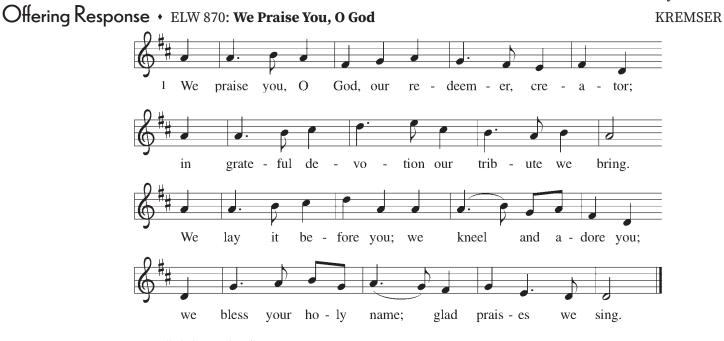
"Give Me Jesus" – Trevor Manor

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

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus. And when I am alone, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus. And when I come to die, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

-spiritual

The assembly stands.

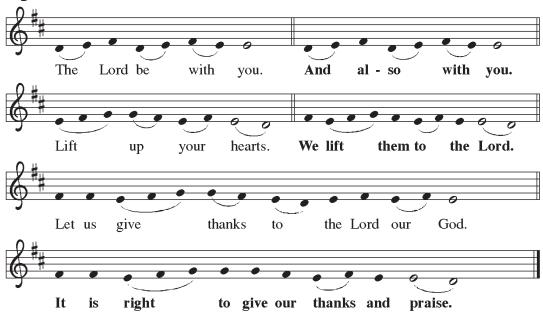


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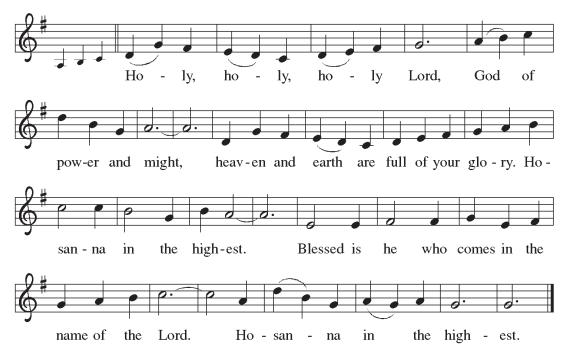
Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all people in need, through Jesus Christ, our hope and holy light. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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:



Eucharistic Prayer

Compassionate God, author of the cosmos, heaven and earth reveal the wonder of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, 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, from Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **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.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Holy Communion

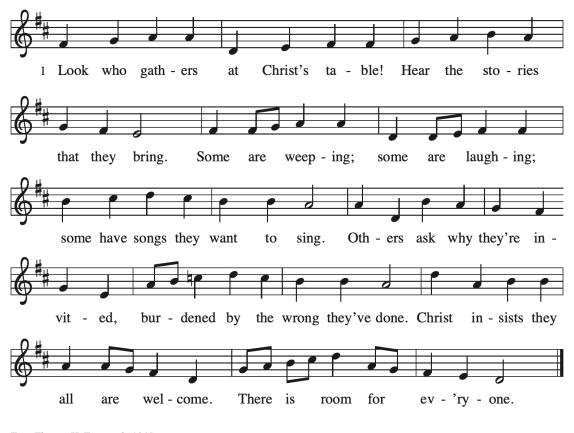
The assembly is seated.

We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. All adults, and children of any age with parental permission, are welcome to commune—both those present in person and on livestream.

- The ushers will invite you into the center aisle to receive gluten-free bread from the server.
- Receive wine (darker color) or grape juice (lighter color) from the server, place the empty cup in the basket or empty tray, and return to your seat.
- If you desire a blessing rather than communion, please approach the servers with your arms crossed.
- If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher so that communion may be brought to you in the pew.

ACS 977: Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

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Communion Anthem • "Let Us Break Bread Together" –spiritual, arr. William Lawrence Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

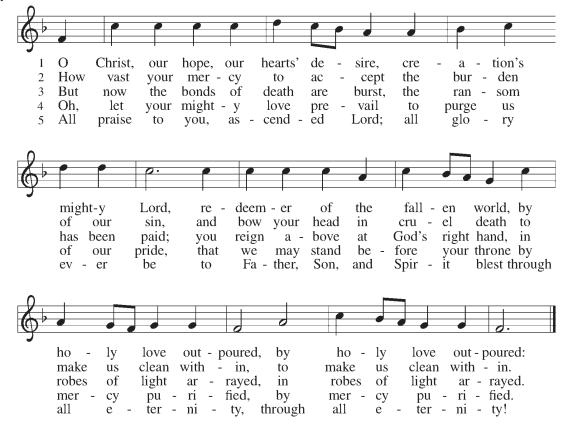
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy if you please.

Communion Hymn • 10:30 a.m. ELW 604: O Christ, Our Hope

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN



Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt. Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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

Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others. **Amen.**

SENDING *

The Church cannot be contained within these walls. Through word and meal, the living Christ encounters us in this place, and we are empowered for ministry. God sends us as bearers of hope into a struggling world.

Blessing May the God who is love ★ be gracious to you, and fill you with hope. 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.

Sending Hymn • ACS 987: Guide My Feet

GUIDE MY FEET



Text: African American spiritual Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual; arr. *This Far by Faith* Arr. © 1999 Augsburg Fortress

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Dismissal Go in peace, sent on the way of Jesus. Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Soon I Will Be Done" -spiritual, arr. Calvin Taylor You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.

Faith Formation and Music Ministry begin today!

Faith Formation and Music Ministry for children and youth begin today, Sunday, September 15!

9–9:30 a.m.

- Cherub Choir (age 4–grade 2)
- Choristers (choir for grades 3–5)
- Chancel Handbells (grades 6–12)

9:30–10:15 a.m.

- GIFT (pre-Kindergarten-grade 4)
- Confirmation (grades 5–8)
- Breakfast Club (grades 9–12)

11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

• Sunday Lunch for all

Noon-12:45 p.m.

- Cantabile (choir for grades 6–12)
- Chapel Ringers (handbells for grades 4–5)
- Recorder Ensemble (grades 2–3)

Scan the code to register online!

For information on music ensembles, contact **Andy Peters** (303-388-4678 or peters@augustanadenver. org). For information on Faith Formation, contact **Deacon Shanna VanderWel** (shanna@ augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

Adult Forum

Discussions and learning for adults of all ages, Sundays, 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room.

- September 15: Pastries with the Pastor an update on Pastor Caitlin's first four months as senior pastor, including an introduction to Welcome 150.
- September 22: Prayer Ministry at Augustana -Pastor Karen will talk about prayer in general and more specifically the importance of prayer in this congregation.
- September 29: Habitat for Humanity shares an update about the Augustana Homes project.

Sunday Lunch

All are invited to Fellowship Hall for a simple catered (or potluck!) lunch on Sundays following 10:30 a.m. worship. While this lunch is free, donations are welcome. Costs average around \$10 per person per meal. Sunday Lunch RSVPs are requested by the Wednesday prior to Sunday; please use your worship slip. Visitors are always welcome.

- September 15: Primo Hoagies and chips
- **September 22:** "Soup"tember Potluck This Sunday you are invited to bring a crock pot of soup, bread, salad or dessert to share for our Sunday Lunch.
- September 29: Mici Italian

Sign up to help with serving and cleaning with **Deacon Shann**a (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 117). Thank you!





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. Activity bags for children are available just outside of Christ Chapel. On the south side of the Sanctuary, children are also welcome to borrow items from the Worship & Wiggle shelf. Please return the items after worship. 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). 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.
- Accessible seating for people with assistive health and mobility devices is available on the south side of the sanctuary.
- 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

Altar Guild: September Pat Miller Lisa Boe-Sims Bus Driver: Tim Libby

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Cantor:	
	Blake Nawa`a
Communion Bread:	
September	Robin Hoffman
Communion:	
8 a.m.	Robin Hoffman
10:30 a.m.	Katherine Cruson
	Karen Bourg
Communion Linens:	
September	Julie Shellhorn
Crucifer:	
10:30 a.m.	John Flory
Greeters:	
10:30 a.m.	Ken Beazer
	Aaron Beazer
Library:	
	Billie Wolter
Prayers:	
	Todd Engdahl
Readers:	
8 a.m.	Mark Caldwell
10:30 a.m.	Mitch Kusek
Ushers:	
8 a.m.	Lisa Boe-Sims
	Kirsten Lamphere
10:30 a.m.	Griffin Brown
	Robert Brown
	Emmett Cruson
	Jordan Ourada
	Rosalee Wanchisen
	Lance Wheeland

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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.

Staff

Senior Pastor: Caitlin Trussell Assisting Pastor (interim): Karen Ullestad Assisting Pastor (interim): Kent Mueller **Director of Youth and Family Ministry:** Deacon 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

Office Hours:

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