

Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 1

Augustana
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Reformation Day is a celebration of God's grace—that in Jesus, we are set free from fear and sin and sent to love and serve others. This day also reminds us that we can't somehow manage or contain God's grace as individuals or as the church. Rooted in the past and growing into the future, our faith is always reforming in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world.

This morning some of Augustana's young people will take part in the Affirmation of Baptism (or Confirmation). We pray for their journey of faith as they affirm for themselves the promises parents and sponsors made for them on the day they were baptized.

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 • "Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound" —George F. Handel
Dawn Kramer and Tim Libby, trumpet

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 ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of unconditional grace, your sins are forgiven. **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 729: The Church of Christ, in Every Age

WAREHAM

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



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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.**

The assembly is seated.

Augustana Story • Don Troike

Each week through November 17, a congregation member has been invited to share their story about their experience of Augustana and/or generosity. Their story inspires us to consider how our parallel experiences affect our lives and generosity. Our giving impacts our ministries here and in the community as well as our facilities from which we do ministry for the sake of the gospel.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious Father, **we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Anthem • “Kyrie” –Jake Averitt

Cantabile

Kyrie eleison. Our hearts and voices we raise.

Christe eleison. Let us rejoice in this day.

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
 whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well with my soul.

–traditional Latin text and Horatio Spafford

◆ WORD ◆

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 ◆ Welcome 150 Bible Verse

Titus 3:4–5

A reading from Titus.

⁴When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm ◆ Psalm 46: **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** –arr. Michael Costello

All sing stanzas 1, 2, 4; the choir sings stanza 3 alone.

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.**

(choir alone) And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

**That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.**

Second Reading ♦ Romans 3:19–28

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

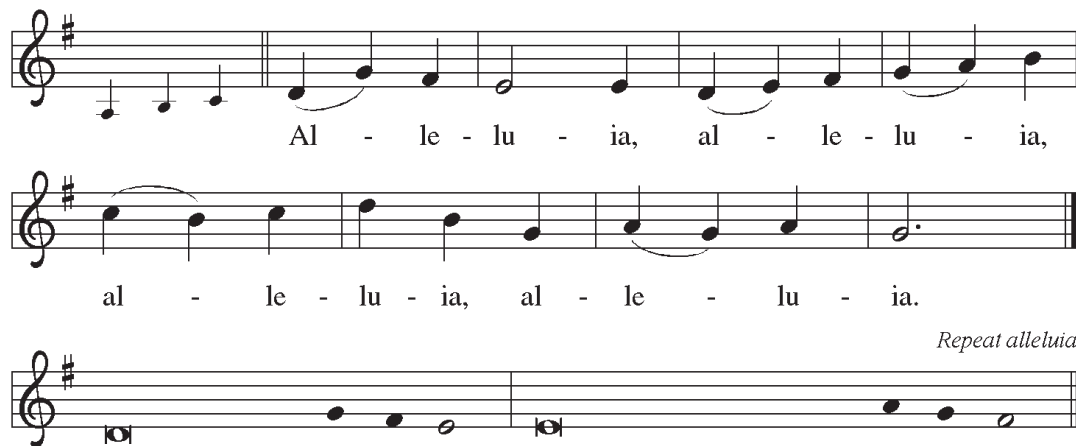
²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands.



Cantor: If you continue in my word, you are truly | my disciples,*
and you will know the truth, and the truth will | make you free. (John 8:31–32)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel • John 8:31–36

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

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day • ACS 1005: Ask the Complicated Questions

RESTORATION

1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale; for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,

strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Children's Time

Children will be invited to sit with Deacon Shanna on the Chancel steps during the Affirmation of Baptism through the Choir's anthem blessing of the confirmands.

Affirmation of Baptism

Presentation Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present these people who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Annika Theiss, daughter of Mike and Arianne Theiss

Eugene Trautmann, son of Steven and Yuki Trautmann

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

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?

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: I 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.**

The assembly is seated.

Affirmation of Baptism

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in 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 person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in **Annika** and **Eugene**
the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever. **Amen.**

Anthem

"Cum Sancto Spiritu" –Antonio Vivaldi
Chancel Choir

Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

With the Holy Ghost in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Reception of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of God's love, and for these brothers and sisters in Christ, who are becoming part of our Augustana community today. We rejoice with you and look forward to worshiping, learning, serving and growing in faith together.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:
to live among God's faithful people;
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper;
to 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?

New Members: *I do, and I ask God to help me and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to welcome, encourage and pray for these sisters and brothers?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism and your call to become part of the Body of Christ. Nourish us in faith, and open our hearts and minds to one another and to the world. Bless our congregation and these new members; we pray this in the name of Christ.

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.

Offering

As we look around, we see so many others whose needs are greater than ours.

Through our giving, let us reach out to them to do all we can to help.

—Offering Highlight brought to you by Stewardship Committee



“Laudamus te” –Antonio Vivaldi

Emily Murdock and Bella Mallow, duet

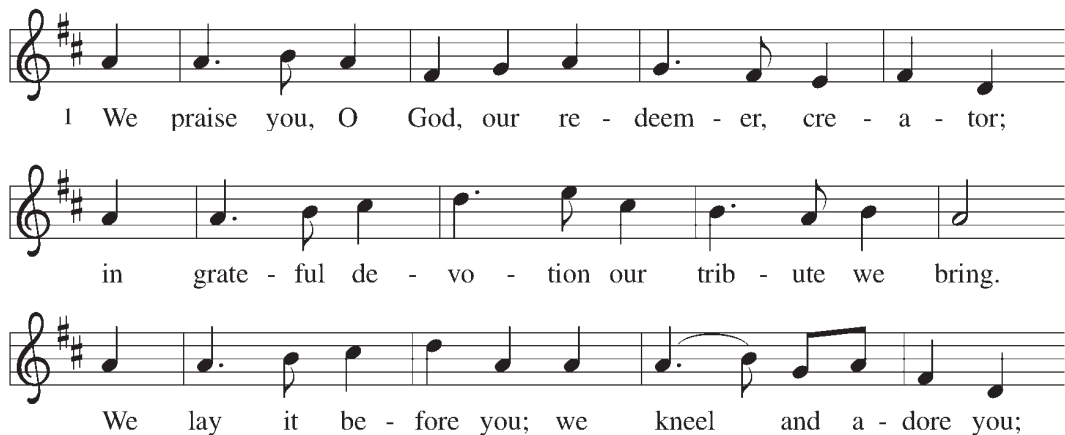
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We adore Thee. We glorify Thee.

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 870: We Praise You, O God

KREMSER



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;



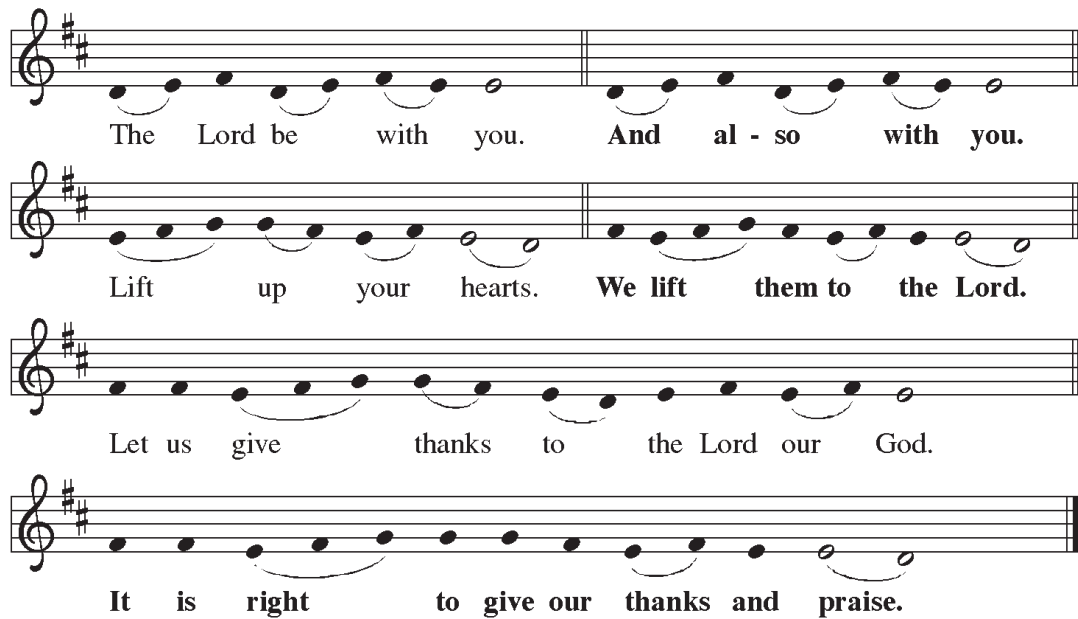
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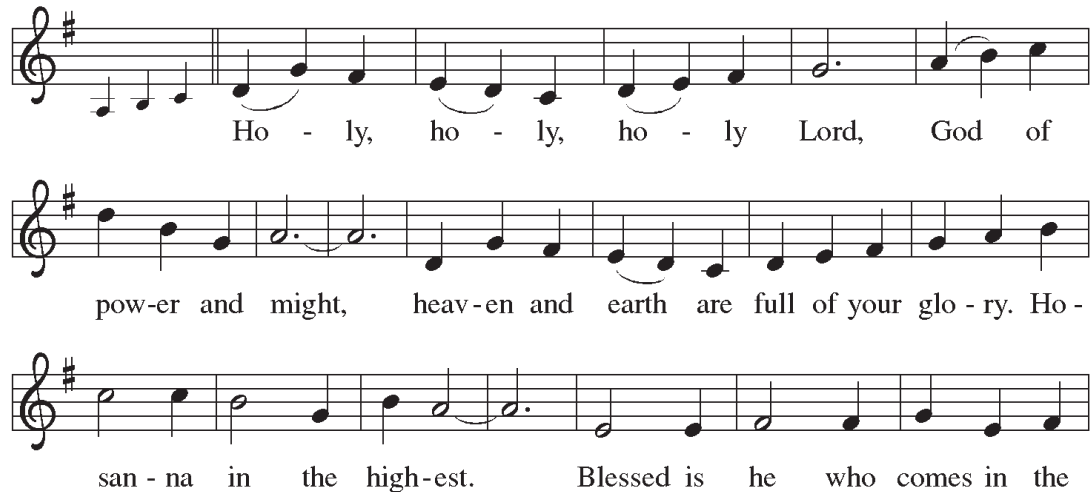
Offertory Prayer

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 978: **God Welcomes All**

AMEN THEMBA

The hymn will be sung twice.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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Communion Anthems

“Trumpet March” –Jean-Baptiste Lully

“Sinfonia” –Henry Purcell

“March” –Johann S. Bach

Dawn Kramer and Tim Libby, trumpet

The communion hymn “God Welcomes All” will be sung repeatedly until the conclusion of communion. The repetition of a simple song may deepen prayer and meditation.

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 your grace 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.**

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 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
 4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
 though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
 to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
 through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
 and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
 and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
 that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
 who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
 see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
 may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

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Dismissal

Go in peace, sent on the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude • “A Mighty Fortress” –Helmut Walcha

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

Flowers for worship today are given in memory of Nina Forgo by Mark Caldwell.



Evangelical
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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.
- Activity bags for children are available just outside of Christ Chapel. On the south side of the Sanctuary, children are 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

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October Paul Whitehurst

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Henok Yohannes

Cantabile Accompanist:

Tim Garrington

Cantor:

Bella Mallow

Communion Bread:

October Kelly McCartney

Communion:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. Jayme Howard
Julie Churchill
Cathy Miller

Communion Linens:

October Ellen Kastens

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. John Flory

Greeters:

10:30 a.m. Ken Beazer
Aaron Beazer

Library:

Linda Crow

Prayers:

Roger Lipker

Readers:

8 a.m. Nancy Nyhus
10:30 a.m. Elaine Malzahn

Ushers:

8 a.m. Roger Lipker
Rob Trussell
10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg
Dana Buhr
Herman Ezpeleta
John Flory
Greg Hempelman
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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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