

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.


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Welcome to worship during this time of Advent—the first season of the Christian church year that includes the four Sundays before Christmas. Advent means arrival, so each year we anticipate: Christ’s return, John the Baptist’s call to preparation and repentance, and the incarnation that brings God into skin and solidarity with the world through Jesus. At the same time, we celebrate the advent of Jesus Christ in the Word that is read, preached, prayed, and sung, as well as his advent in Holy Communion.

Silence will be kept at various times during worship to emphasize the waiting aspect of the season of Advent and to slow us down at a time of year when events outpace our sensibilities.

May Advent worship strengthen us in faith and embolden us to live the radical grace that proclaims the good news of Jesus by our words and actions.

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 ♦ “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” —Anne Krentz Organ

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, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

God of mercy, **we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers alone and turn away from our neighbors. We trust false promises and cling to false comforts. We grow fearful.**

God in our midst, **bring your mercy to birth in us. Still our minds with your holy peace. Infuse our hearts with your advent hope.**

By the power of the Holy Spirit, the grace of God is yours, and your sins are forgiven through ✠ Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 259: **Fling Wide the Door**

MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
 king's com-mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
 Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; arr. hymnal version
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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.**

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time ♦ 10:30 a.m.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, God of our ancestors in the faith, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

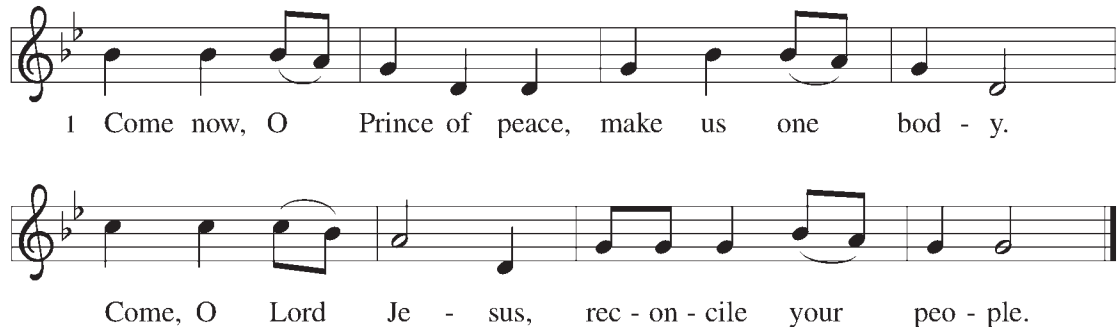
O fearful and fragile ones, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

Following the Advent wreath lighting, the assembly is invited to sing.

ELW 247: **Come Now, O Prince of Peace**

OSOSŎ



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◆ 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 ◆ Jeremiah 33:14–16

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 25:1–10

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. *Antiphon*

⁵**Lead me in your | truth and teach me,**
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,**
for they are from | everlasting.

⁷**Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;**
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;**
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

A reading from First Thessalonians.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

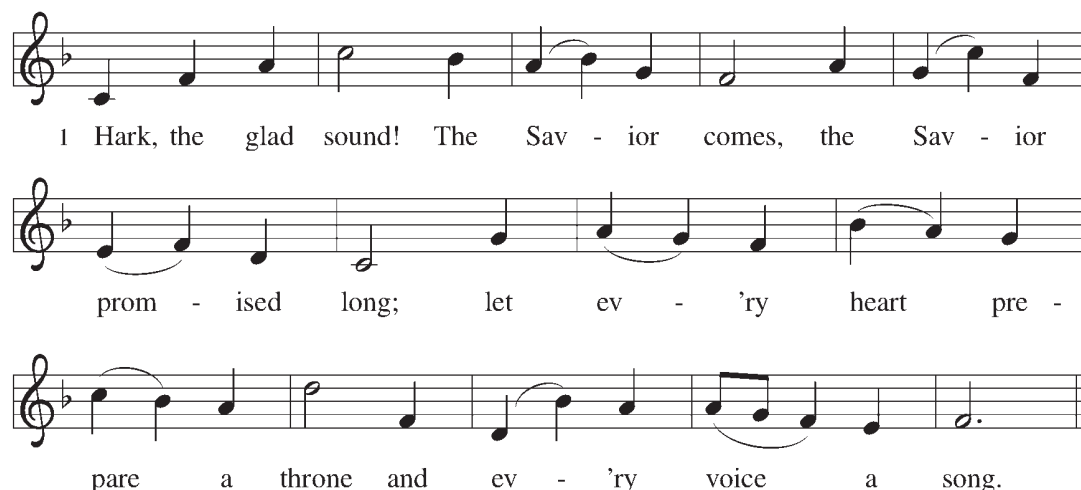
¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation ♦ ELW 239: **Hark, the Glad Sound**

CHESTERFIELD



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Gospel ♦ Luke 21:25-36

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Kent Mueller

Silence is kept for reflection.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ACS 1078: **There Is a Longing in Our Hearts**

LONGING



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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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:

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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

*Thank you, Lord, for insulating us from the distractions and anxieties of our
temporal life so that we may be stewards of your coming Kingdom.*

—Offering Highlight brought to you by Stewardship Committee



"O Dayspring" –Karen Marrolli

8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble ♦ 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir and Lydia King, violin

**Come, O Dayspring, and break forth from amid the depths of night.
Come inflame the darkness with harmonies of light.**

Rise like dawn in starlight to wake the slumbering soul.

Come, O Dayspring, and make our spirits whole,

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;

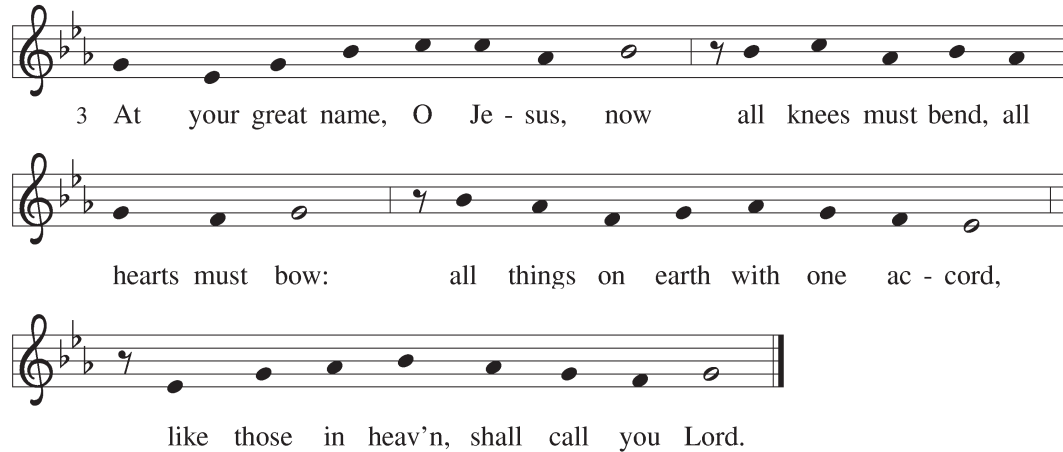
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

—Karen Marrolli and J.M. Neale

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 245: **Creator of the Stars of Night**

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, plainsong mode IV

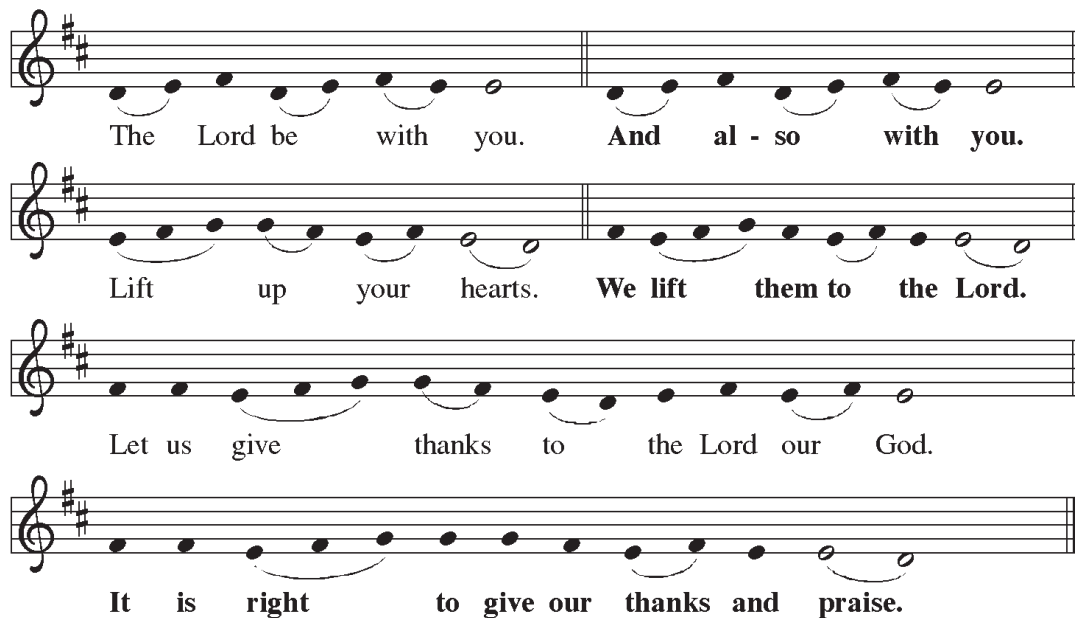
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Offertory Prayer

Generous God, **we thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for shining your light through us. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us now to bring hope to a weary world. 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.

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:

ELW 192: **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of the wilderness,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, 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.*

4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We
praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

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Communion Anthem

“Ave Verum” –Wolfgang A. Mozart

Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine,

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary,

Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.

You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of us.

Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit cum sanguine

From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood,

Esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine.

Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.



Cantor: 1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
 Quartet: 2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
 All: 3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
 All: 4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
 All: 5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
 war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
 death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
 north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
 pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
 scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
 we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
 kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
 new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

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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, we thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you
 for showering us with mercy, for shining your light through us. Come, Lord Jesus, and go
 with us now to bring hope to a weary world. **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

God of endings and beginnings,
 God in the darkness and the light,
 God our hope for today and tomorrow,
 ✕ bless and keep you now and forever. **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 • ELW 244: **Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f' rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude ♦ “Voluntary in C Major” –Thomas Arne

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

Flowers for worship today are given in memory of Dorothy Toscano by her daughters, Karen Yeager and family and Debbie Dorn and family.

Candles for the Christ Chapel altar lamp this month are given in memory of Dorothy Toscano by her daughter Karen Yeager and 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.
- 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

Acolyte:

10:30 a.m. Robert Brown

Advent Prayers:

8 a.m. Alan Motes
Millie Motes

10:30 a.m. Margaret Aarestad
Brynn Aarestad

Altar Guild:

December Bill Crossen
Rhonda Crossen

Bus Driver:

Ryan VanderWel

Cantor:

Emily Murdock

Communion Bread:

November Ron Glusenkamp

Communion:

8 a.m. Laura Libby
10:30 a.m. Jamie & Ellen Kastens

Communion Linens:

November Kathy Edstrom

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown

Greeters:

10:30 a.m. Emmett & Katherine Cruson

Library:

Billie Wolter

Prayers:

Julie Shellhorn

Readers:

8 a.m. Karen Bassford
10:30 a.m. Allison Terry

Ushers:

8 a.m. Jim Gustad
Pat Vaillancourt
10:30 a.m. Jayme Howard
Annie Nessa
Inez Smith
Kathi Schmidt
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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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