



Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship
November 27, 2024 | 7 p.m.

Augustana
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Augustana Lutheran Church welcomes you to this special Thanksgiving worship service. Following worship, the celebration continues for everyone! All are welcome downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a bite of pie at the 45th Annual Pie Fest.

Thanksgiving Eve worship is livestreamed 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.

Prelude ♦ "The First Thanksgiving" –Howard S. Savage

Welcome

*Please bring your canned goods forward during the hymn
and hand them to the children, who will take them to the altar.
Let an usher know if you need assistance.*

The assembly stands.

Opening Hymn and Procession of Canned Food

ELW 681: We Plow the Fields and Scatter

WIR PFLÜGEN

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt.
Music: WIR PFLÜGEN, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Anthem

“All Thy Gifts of Love” –David L. Brunner
Cherub, Choristers, and Cantabile Choirs

For food in a world where many walk in hunger,
for peace in a world where many walk in fear,
for friends in a world where many walk alone,
we give you thanks, O God.

For health in a world where many walk in sickness,
for joy in a world where many walk in grief,
for friends in a world where many walk alone,
we give you thanks, O God.

For love in a world where many walk in anger,
light in a world where many walk in darkness,
friends in a world where many walk alone,
we give you thanks, O God.

For these and all the many things unspoken,
for gifts unknown or, as of yet unseen.

For these and all thy gifts of love, we give thee thanks, O God.

–Diocese of Huron and David L. Brunner

First Reading ♦ Joel 2:21–24, 26a

A reading from Joel.

²¹Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the LORD has done great things!

²²Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

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



1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet-ing,
2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless-ing,



a song of grate-ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing:
a song of grate-ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press-ing:



you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen-dor;
cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,



de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won-der.
and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

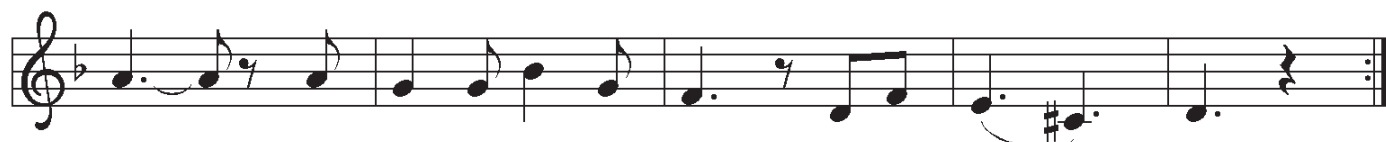
Refrain / Estribillo



Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a -



bove: Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu -



ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al-le - lu - ia!



Text: Carlos Rosas, b. 1939; tr. *With One Voice*
 Music: ROSAS, Carlos Rosas
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Second Reading ♦ Colossians 3:14–17

A reading from Colossians.

¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel ♦ Matthew 6:25–33

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

[Jesus taught the crowds, saying:] ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil

nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

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

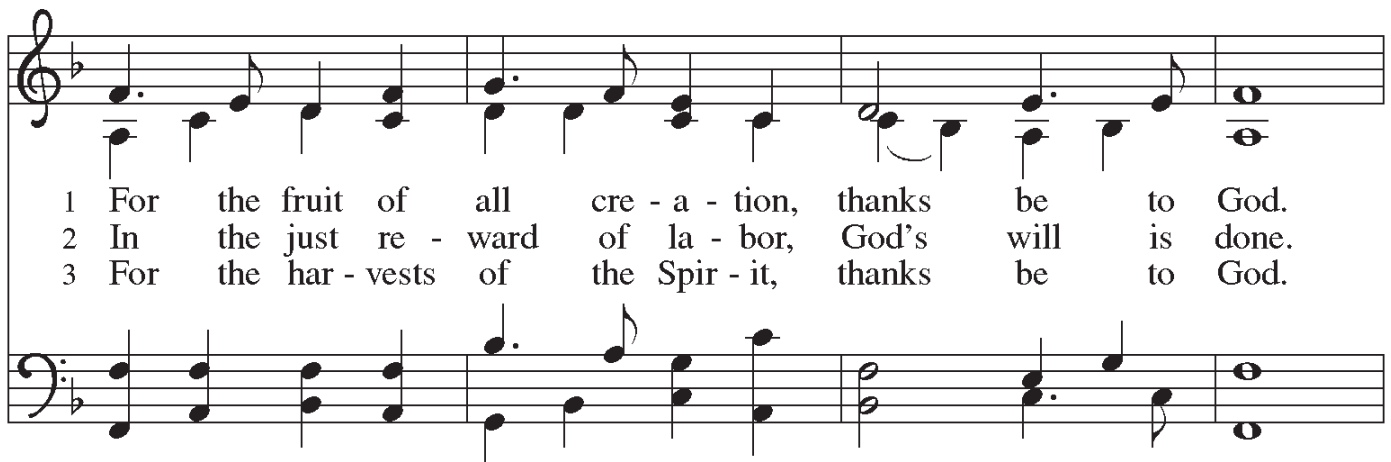
The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Karen Ullestad

The assembly stands.

Hymn ♦ ELW 679: **For the Fruit of All Creation**

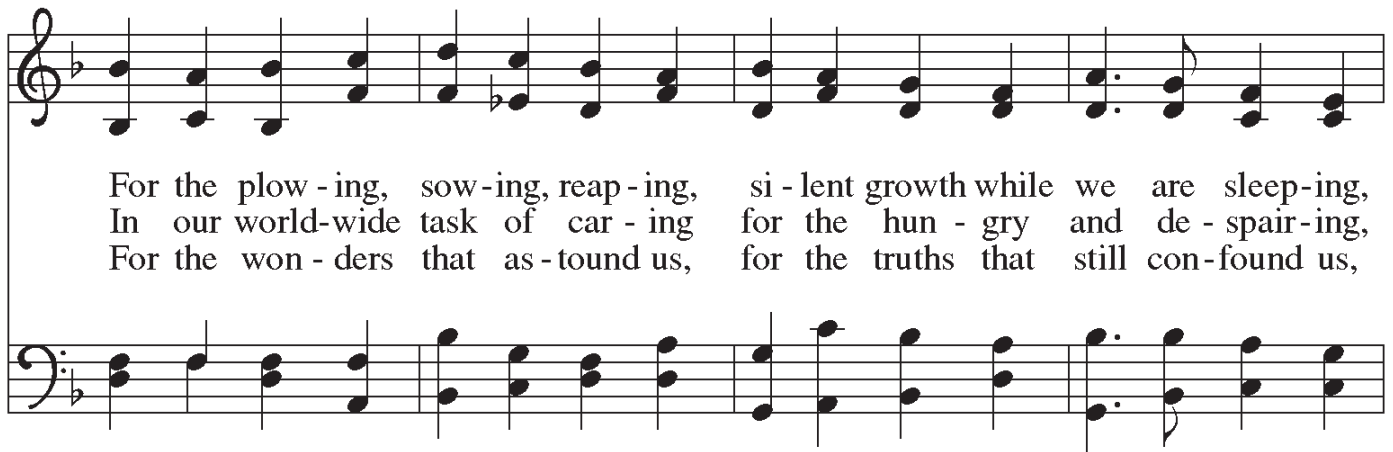
AR HYD Y NOS



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Peace

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

The assembly is seated.

*All offerings given this evening will go to **ELCA World Hunger**, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty here in the United States and around the world.*



“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” –David Cherwien
Chancel Choir

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,
costly cross, grave’s shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
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all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.

Open our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

–Robert L. Edwards

Litany of Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world;

for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;

for seen and unseen splendors.

Thank you, God.

For human life;

for talking and moving and thinking together;

for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

Thank you, God.

For children;

for their energy and curiosity;

for their brave play and startling frankness;

for their sudden sympathies;

Thank you, God.

For the young;

for their high hopes;

for their irreverence toward worn-out values;

for their search for freedom;

for their solemn vows;

Thank you, God.

For growing up and growing old;

for wisdom deepened by experience;

for rest in leisure;

and for time made precious by its passing;

Thank you, God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;

for healing our diseases;

for preserving us in temptation and danger;

Thank you, God.

For the church into which we have been called;
for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament;
for our life together in the Lord;
We praise you, God.

For your Holy Spirit,
who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;
who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;
We praise you, God.

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and lives again as our hope and salvation;
for our hope in him;
and for the joy of serving him;
**We thank and praise you, Eternal God,
for all your goodness to us.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.
God's love is everlasting.

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Holy Communion

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.

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

- *Communion is by intinction this evening. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will receive a wafer of bread (gluten-free available) which you may dip in either wine (dark color) or grape juice (clear).*
- *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.*

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.**

Blessing

May the God who is love ✠ be gracious to you, and fill you with hope. **Amen.**

Hymn ♦ ELW 840: **Now Thank We All Our God** NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Dismissal Go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “Now Thank We All Our God” –Sigfrid Karg-Elert
*All are welcome downstairs in Fellowship Hall for the 45th Annual
 Pie Fest.*



Evangelical
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Welcome!

- 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 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. 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.
- 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.

- 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.

Thanksgiving Eve Ministries

Cherub Choir Director:

Marcia Olson

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Tim Garrington

Christelle Menth

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Children and Youth

November Altar Guild:

Sonja Engebretson

Ushers:

Bill Crossen

Emmett Cruson

Katherine Cruson

Craig Tamminga

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

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Assisting Pastor (interim): Kent Mueller

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Advent and Christmas



Advent Devotion Books

Pick up a free copy of *Good News, Great Joy* available at worship entrances with brief daily scripture, quote, story, and prayer to inspire faith and hope from Advent through Epiphany.

We're buying farms this Advent!

An **ELCA Good Gifts Farm** includes animals, farm implements, and the educational support needed to grow and market their food, so a family can become self-sufficient.

Between December 1–24, make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church and write “FARM” in the memo line, or use the QR code to donate online.



Christmas at Augustana

Choirs, Bells, and Orchestra Concert
Friday, December 6 | 7 p.m. | Sanctuary
Freewill offering supports Augustana's Music Ministry

Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 7 | 9 a.m.
Caroling to Augustana members and friends followed by pizza lunch. RSVP to **Deacon Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org) by Wednesday, December 4.

Advent Adventure

Sunday, December 8 | noon–2 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
For kids and the young at heart! Come for arts and crafts and a taco bar lunch.

Bless the Years

Thursday, December 12
11 a.m. | Worship/Communion | Sanctuary
Noon | Lunch | Fellowship Hall
RSVP for Advent and Christmas worship and catered lunch to Augustana's office (303-388-4678 or info@augustanadenver.org) by Sunday, December 8. Sponsored by Augustana's 60+ Ministry and Health Ministry.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15 | 10:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

A Quieter Christmas Worship

Wednesday, December 18 | 6:15–7 p.m.
Christ Chapel
A more reflective Christmas worship with Holy Communion, Christmas carols, and prayer.

Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24 | Sanctuary
11 a.m. | 3 p.m. | 5 p.m. | 7 p.m.
Hear the Christmas story, enjoy beautiful music, and sing familiar carols. Prelude music will begin 20 minutes prior to each of the services, and each service will have Holy Communion. The 11 a.m. service is less than an hour in length.

Festival of World Christmas Carols

Sunday Worship, December 29
8 a.m. | 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a hymn festival of Christmas carols from around the world.