

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 • "Fading into View" –Karen Bassford Kirsten Daniel, flute; Kent Mueller, cello; Karen Bassford, piano

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.

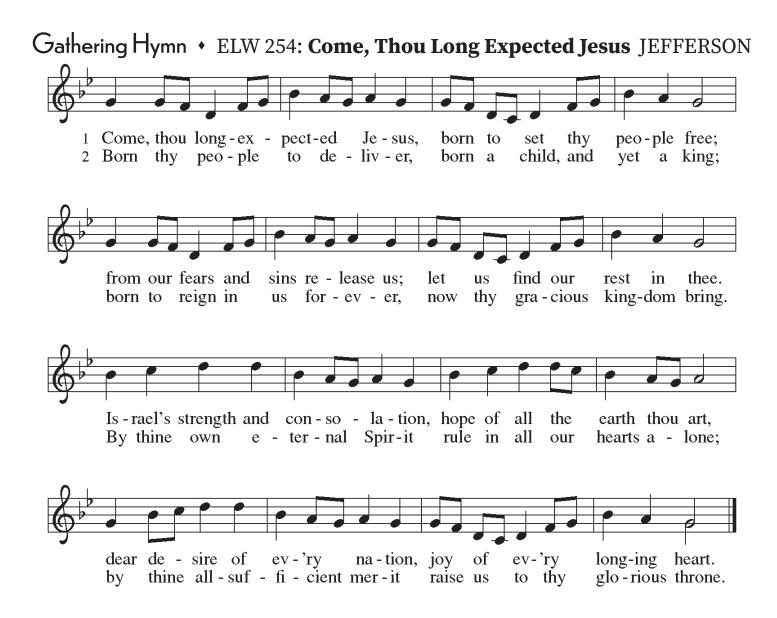
Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

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.



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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Anthem • 10:30 a.m. "Room in my Heart" – Mark Burrows Cherub Choir

> I'm making room in my heart for love. Room for the baby. No, I don't mean maybe. Room in my heart for love.

> I'm making room in my heart for peace. Room for the baby. No, I don't mean maybe. Room in my heart for love.

I'm making room in my heart for joy. Room for the baby. No, I don't mean many. Room in my heart for joy.

-Mark Burrows

Children's Time • 10:30 a.m.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise a redeemer who will bring justice to those who are poor, who will deliver those in need and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on Jesus, our hope and holy light.

O people of peace, come, let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.

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



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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 Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from Malachi.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Psalm • Luke 1:68–79 Antiphon: (sung by choir) In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high will break upon us.

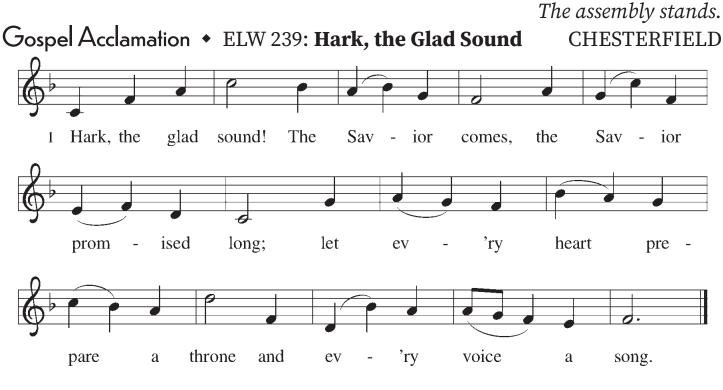


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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above. ⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel, you have come to your people and | set them free. ⁶⁹ You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior, born of the house of your | servant David. ⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies, ⁷¹ from the hands of | all who hate us, ⁷² to show mercy | to our forebears, and to remember your | holy covenant. Antiphon ⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham: ⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our | enemies, free to worship you | without fear, ⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life. ⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way, ⁷⁷ to give God's people knowledge | of salvation by the forgiveness | of their sins. ⁷⁸ In the tender compassion | of our God the dawn from on high shall | break upon us, ⁷⁹ to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death, and to guide our feet into the | way of peace. Antiphon

A reading from Philippians.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



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Gospel • Luke 3:1-6

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

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ. The assembly is seated.

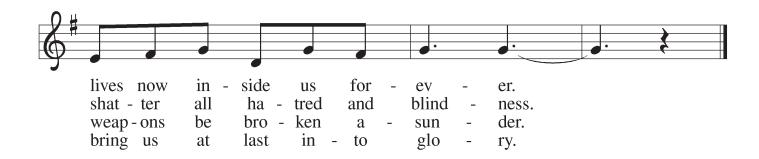
Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Silence is kept for reflection.

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day • ELW 242: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn REJOICE, REJOICE





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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

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace."

Peter 4:10

All we have are gifts from God, and our stewardship is the responsible use of those gifts. Your generous stewardship helps share the grace of God with others in our community and beyond. Thank you!



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8 a.m. "Thou Shalt Know Him" – Mark Sirett Augustana Vocal Ensemble

> Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums, nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown,

but his coming known shall be,

by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.

Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

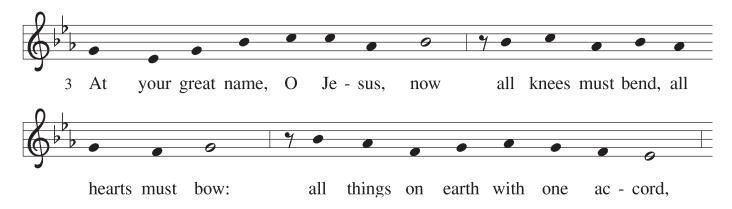
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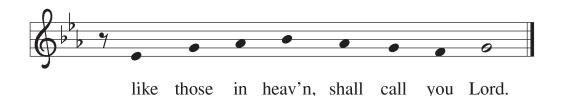
10:30 a.m. "Long the Days of Waiting" – Mark Shepperd Chancel Choir with Kirsten Daniel, flute and Isabelle Howard, cello Long the days of waiting, longer still the nights; Dark, the dead of winter, yearning for the light. Watching for the sunrise, reaching for the dawn, Let us pray with eyes wide open this our Advent song: Come, O come, Lord Jesus, like the morning sun! Cast your light across our darkness; make our hearts your home. Lost the word of wisdom, missing what is true, Seeking after knowledge without knowing you. Listening for a prophet, hearing only noise, Loud the thoughts so deep within us silencing your voice. Harsh the guilt we carry, evils we have done, Pleading for your presence, wounded and alone. So we come believing, in the dark of night, That your saving presence with us will bring life and light. Come, O come, Lord Jesus, like the morning sun! Cast your light across our darkness, make our hearts your home.

-Dean Nadasdy

The assembly stands.





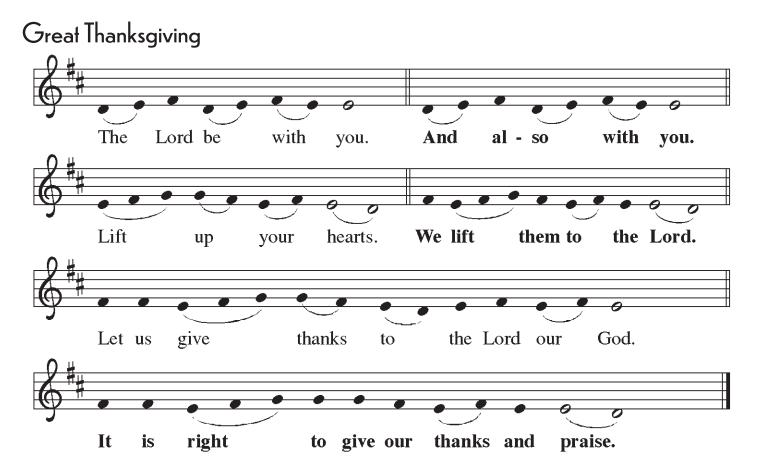


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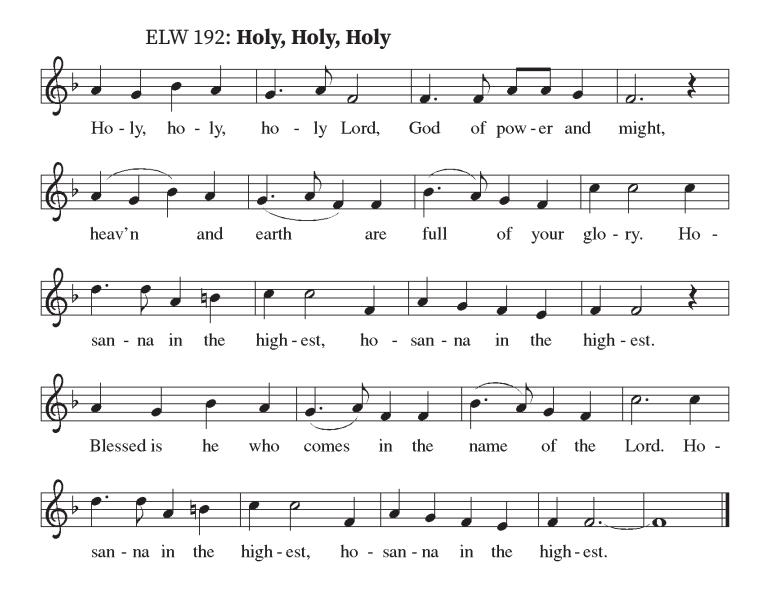
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Offertory Prayer

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.



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:



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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

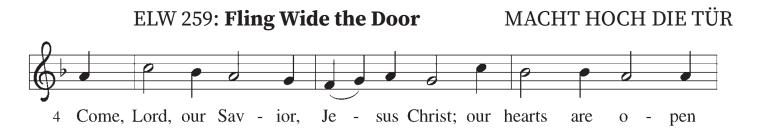
The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

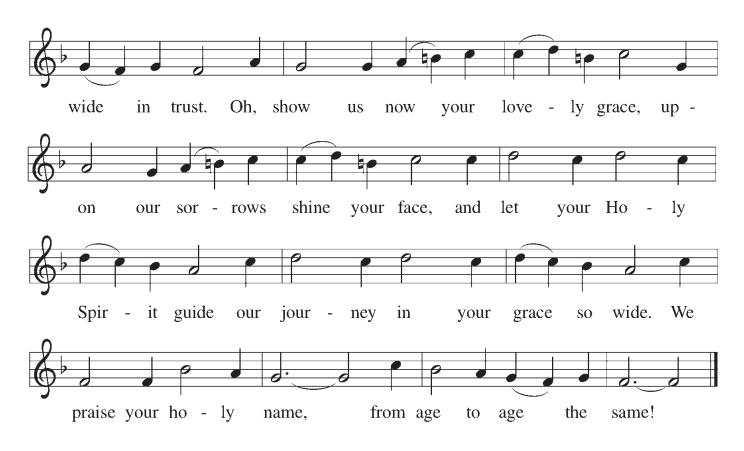
Holy Communion

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 glutenfree 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.





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Communion Anthems

"I Received the Living God" –David Cherwien "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" –David Cherwien Kirsten Daniel, flute and LyNette Rasmussen, piano

10:30 a.m. ELW 241: **O Lord, How Shall I Meet You** WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN

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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

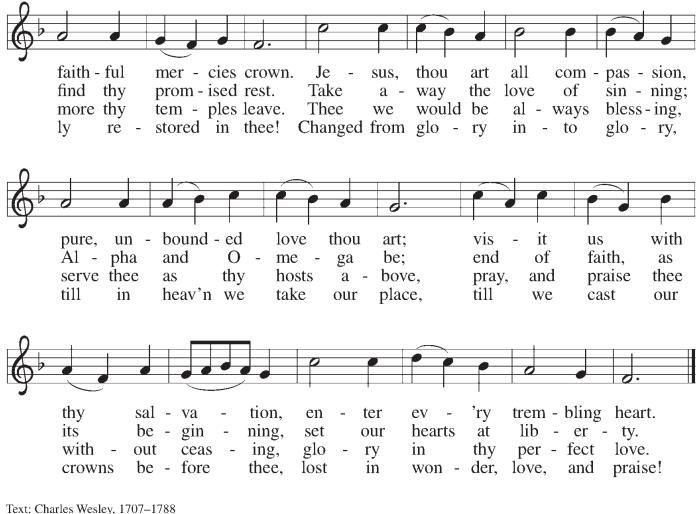
Generous God, we thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for shining your light through us. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us now to bring hope to a weary world. **Amen.**

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 631: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL di - vine, of Love all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy heav'n, to 1 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in to ev -'ry Al-might - y, 3 Come, to de - liv - er; let us all thy Fin ish then thy new cre - a tion, pure and spot - less 4 -Fix dwell-ing, earth come down! in us thy hum - ble all thy trou - bled breast: all thee in - her - it: let us in let us life re - ceive; sud - den - ly nev - er, nev - er re - turn, and let us be; let thy great sal - va - tion per - fect us see



Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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

Postlude • "Of the Father's Love Begotten" –James Pethel You are welcome to sit by the organ console during the postlude.

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



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.

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 (<u>augustanadenver.org</u>) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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Worship Ministries

Acolyte:

10:30 a.m. Will Reinert Advent Prayers:

8 a.m. Pierce, Greta, Orson, & Felix Devol Jon & Karen Morgenthaler 10:30 a.m. Amelia Matossian Marcia Olson

Altar Guild:

December Bill Crossen Rhonda Crossen

Bus Driver:

Cantor:

Bella Mallow

Michael Graham

Cherub Choir Director: Marcia Olson **Cherub Choir Accompanist:**

Tim Garrington

Communion Bread:

December Ron Glusenkamp Communion: 8 a.m. Morgan Levy 10:30 a.m. Betty Boyd Pat Miller

Communion Linens:

December Kathy Edstrom **Crucifer:**

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

Greeter:

10:30 a.m. Janice Schulz

Library:

Katherin Howell

Prayers:

Nancy Nyhus

Bill Crossen

James Kastens

Readers:

8 a.m. Roger Lipker 10:30 a.m. Tim Garrington Ushers: 8 a.m. AJ Levy Morgan Levy 10:30 a.m. Wil Crook Craig Tamminga Miles Tamminga

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