

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 9

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Welcome to worship on the Sundays after Epiphany (January 6) when we celebrate the in-breaking of God's light. Epiphany means "manifestation." Beginning with the "wise men" from the East, the readings during these weeks reveal that the manifestation of God is for all people everywhere. Through Word and the sacraments of communion and baptism we too are invited to rise and shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon us. Fed and nourished in worship, we are sent forth to manifest and shine the light of Christ.

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 ♦ "Prelude on WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET" –Paul Manz

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, Source of grace, Light of the world, Wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Merciful God, **you speak compassion into the world, while we ignore the needs of our neighbors, give in to scarcity and fear, and assume the worst about one another. Restore our hearts to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Hear this promise of grace: In ✠ Christ, your sins are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Live anew as beloved children of God. **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 308: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there

God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.

Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with

you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your

ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For

in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

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 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai
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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

O God, **we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time ♦ 10:30 a.m. Nellie Jarvis

♦ 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 ♦ Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹ But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
- ³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
- ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
- ⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- ⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 29

Antiphon: (sung by choir) The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

- ¹ Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³ **The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.**
- ⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.** *Antiphon*
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷ **The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.**
- ⁸ **The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.** *Antiphon*
- ⁹ **The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"**
- ¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**
- ¹¹ **O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.** *Antiphon*


Second Reading ♦ Acts 8:14–17

A reading from Acts.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Cantor: A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, | the Beloved,*
with whom I | am well pleased.” (Matt. 3:17)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel ♦ Matthew 16:20–24

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

²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ “Cross+Fit”

Dave Jarvis, Executive Director, Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day ♦ Little Room –Nick Ehrhardt

Capo 2

Verse 1 When my world is shaking
And all of my rocks are breaking
My little heart is aching . . . to be inside of

Chorus My little room where I can pray
Trust that God will find a way to
Even on the darkest night
Fill the sky with little sparks of light

Lower: God I pray

Higher: God I pray

Lower: God I pray

All: God I pray

Verse 2 When the flames are burning
And my deepest fears are churning
My little heart is yearning . . . to be inside of *Chorus*

Bridge

Lower: God help me to hold together.

Higher: When I fall apart.

Lower: God help me face the weather.

Higher: When the rains start

Lower: God teach me how to wait.

Higher: When the questions come.

Lower: God teach me how to pray.

Higher: When I'd rather run...away.

Lower: God I pray

Higher: God I pray

Lower: God I pray

All: God I pray

Verse 3 When the lightning's laughing.
And the thunder claps are crashing
Remind me that you're asking for me to go inside of *Chorus (x2)*

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

“We Lift Up” –Nick Ehrhardt
Dave and Nellie Jarvis

All: Ooooh, Ooooooh, We Lift Up Our Prayers.
(Repeat throughout)

Leader: For the planet, for its people.
For the church and its many shapes of steeples.
For the hungry, for the cold.
For the young and for the old.
For our joy and for our pain.
For the sunshine for the rain.
For the dying, for the sick.
For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick.
For our leaders for their minds.
For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines.
For the world and its frantic pace.
For the places where we find deeper space.
For all yearning hearts beneath the sun.
For the chance for a prayer for everyone.
(Congregation may insert additional petitions here)
For our words and for our silence. *(Pause)*
Ooooh, Ooooooh, Ahhhmen.

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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

*Everything we have, including our lives, talents, and resources are gifts from God,
and we are called to be wise stewards by sharing these gifts generously.*



“The Waters of Life” –James Biery

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

The Father's voice calls us, above the waters.

The glory of the Son shines on us.

The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 302: As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;

3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;

so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.

all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Offertory Prayer

God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, the universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness;
out of exile; into the future.
We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for Jesus:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; with us now.
We thank you, O God.

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.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,
in your church, without end. **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.*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul
Jesus, you will never let me go
You've taken me, from the miry clay
You set my feet upon the rock and now I know
I love you
I need you
And though my world may fall you will never let me go
My savior
My closest friend
I will worship you until the very end.

Just Be –Nick Ehrhardt

Be still and know I am God.
Be still and know I am.
Be still and knoo-oow
Be-ee-ee still. Just be-ee-ee. Be-ee-ee-ee.

Be still and know I am God.
Be still and know I am.
Be still and knoo-oow
Be-ee-ee still. Just be-ee-ee. Be-ee-ee-ee.

(without accompaniment)

Be still and know I am God.
Be still and know I am.
Be still and knoo-oow
Be-ee-ee still. Just be-ee-ee. Be-ee-ee-ee.

Be-ee-ee-ee (three times)

–Psalm 46:10

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Sanctuary –John W. Thompson & Randy L. Scruggs

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

(Repeated two more times)

–Ephesians 2:19–22

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Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with this holy meal.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of
grace and freedom for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,
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

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
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 308: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

4 Al - mighty - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

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| <p>5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!</p> | <p>6 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.</p> |
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Dismissal

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

Postlude ♦ “Recessional on WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET” –Max Droschner

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



Evangelical
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in America

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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10:30 a.m. Ginny Kusek
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Bella Mallow
Communion Bread:
January Karen Bassford
Communion:
8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt
10:30 a.m. Pat Miller
Jayme Howard
Communion Linens:
January Margaret Aarestad
Crucifer:
10:30 a.m. Jack Kusek
Greeters:
10:30 a.m. Kevin & Janet Flesch
Library:
Katherin Howell
Livestream Assistant:
Paul Blanchard
Prayers:
Nick Massie
Readers:
8 a.m. Nancy Nyhus
10:30 a.m. Katrina Crook
Ushers:
8 a.m. AJ Levy
Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. Wil Crook
Bill Crossen
James Kastens
Craig Tamminga
Miles Tamminga

About our Christmas Art

The exquisite Christmas banners and altar frontal are comprised of thousands of fabric pieces glued in place to create a tapestry of mosaic color featuring the Christmas star and the light of Christ shining into the heavens and the earth. The banners were designed by Ken Phillips, a Denver artist who specializes in liturgical fabric art. They were created as a community art project at Regis University. This Christmas art installation is provided through a memorial gift given to Augustana for our spiritual arts.

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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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