

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 26, 2025 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



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Worship | Grow | Go

Welcome to worship on the Sundays after Epiphany (January 6) when we celebrate the inbreaking 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.

The Sanctuary candles are in temporary new places during these Sundays after Epiphany through March 2. The candles from the altar are on the pulpit where God is revealed through the Word. The Paschal candle is at the lectern where readers' baptismal light "so shines before others." And the Sanctuary Lamp symbolizing Jesus' presence is at the foot of the altar as Lutherans confess that Jesus' real presence is "in, with, and under" the bread and wine of communion. God promises to be everywhere with us through the highs and lows, revealing new things and nudging at our assumptions to see God anew.

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 • "Two Pavanas" – Luis Milan, arr. Kirsten Daniel 8 a.m. Andrew Peters, organ • 10:30 a.m. Augustana Instrumental Ensemble

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.

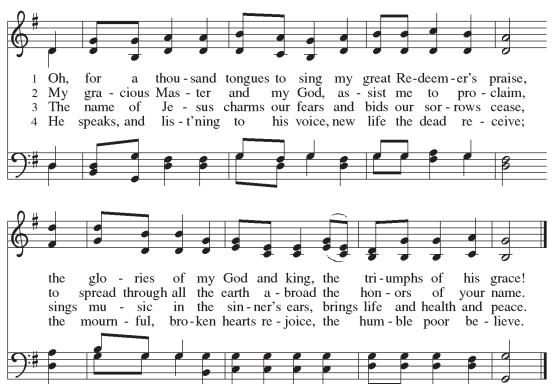
Merciful God, you speak compassion into the world, while we ignore the needs of our neighbors, give in to scarcity and fear, and assume the worst about one another. Restore our hearts to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you in the light of Christ. Amen.

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 886: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON



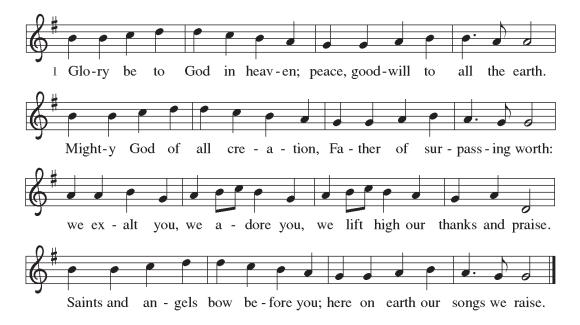
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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.**

Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time • 10:30 a.m.

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 • Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from Nehemiah.

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 19:1–10

Antiphon: (sung by choir) The heavens are telling the glory of God!



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

- ¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God, and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale | to another, and one night imparts knowledge | to another.
- ³ Although they have no | words or language, and their voices | are not heard,
- ⁴ their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again; nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. Antiphon

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.
 ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.
 ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.
 ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A reading from First Corinthians.

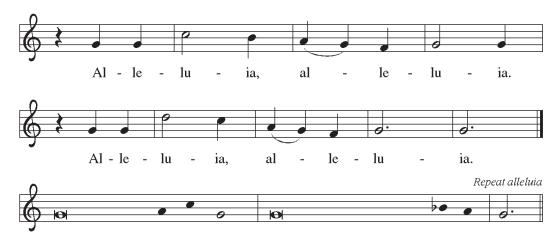
¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news | to the poor,* and to proclaim release | to the captives. (Luke 4:18)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel • Luke 4:14-21

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

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

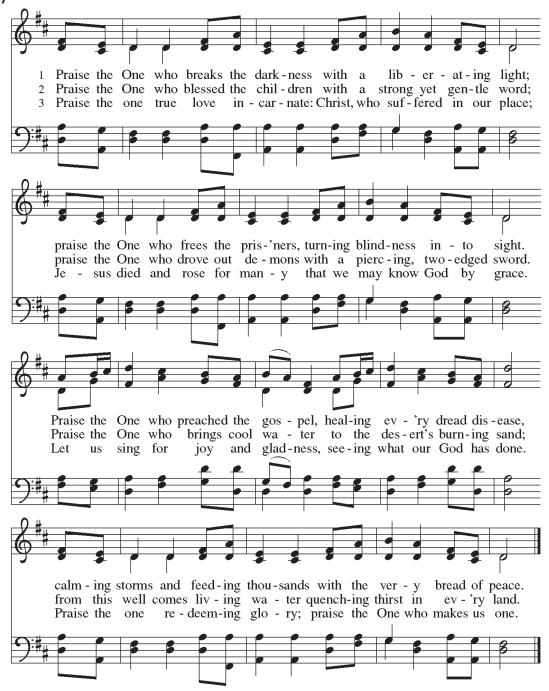
The assembly is seated.

Sermon • Pastor Karen Ullestad

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day • ELW 843: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

NETTLETON



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Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813
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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:
God of grace, **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

Through generously sharing our gifts from God, we refresh our souls and impart wisdom to our lives.



-Offering Highlights by Augustana's Stewardship Committee

"Jesus is Calling" -Aaron David Miller

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

Softly, tenderly Jesus is calling to you.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching for you and me.

Time is now fleeting, moments are passing, passing from you and me; Shadows gathering, nighttime is coming, coming for you and me.

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and me.

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and me.

Come home, you who are weary.

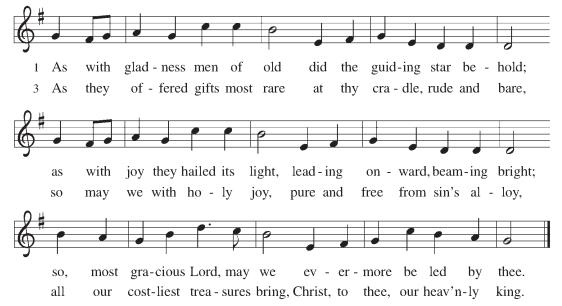
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling sinners to come home.

-Will Thompson

The assembly stands.

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

DIX



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

Offerfory 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.

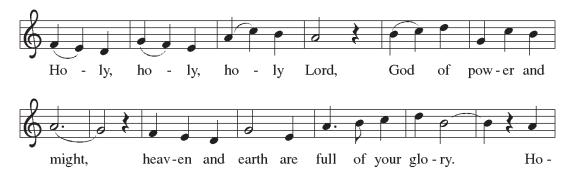
Great Thanksgiving

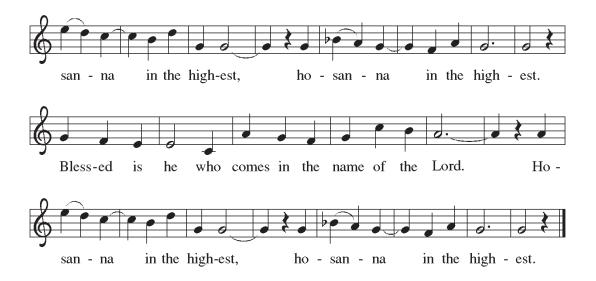
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

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

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

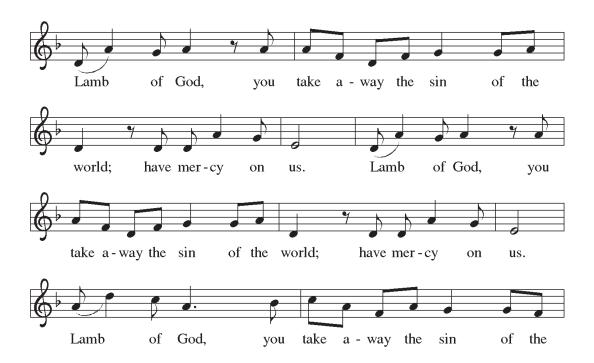
The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

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.





Communion Anthem

8 a.m. "God Be In My Head" – John Rutter Augustana Vocal Ensemble

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

-Sarum Primer

10:30 a.m. "Three Dances" –arr. Kirsten Daniel "Gagliarda" –Alonso De Muddara

"Gagliarda" –Alonso De Muddara "Villanella" –Jean Baptiste Besard

"Branle Gay" –Jean Baptiste Besard

Augustana Instrumental Ensemble

10:30 a.m. ELW 469: By Your Hand You Feed Your People

CAMROSE



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo ple, food of an gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour age to the hun gry, lost, be reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv-ing to-ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored.

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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

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 Φ 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 314: Arise, Your Light Has Come

FESTAL SONG



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825−1893
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Dismissal Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Psalm 19" -Benedetto Marcello

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

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.
- From Christ Chapel, restrooms and water stations are located at the north end of the hallway leading from Christ Chapel. Restrooms and water stations are also located downstairs beneath the west sanctuary 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. Beck Miller

Altar Guild:

January Tracy Lutz

Bus Driver:

Henok Yohannes

Cantor:

Emily Murdock

Communion Bread:

January Karen Bassford

Communion:

8 a.m. Tim Libby

10:30 a.m. Christelle Menth

Paul Whitehurst

Communion Linens:

January Margaret Aarestad

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

Greeters:

10:30 a.m. Ken Beazer

Aaron Beazer

Library:

Linda Crow

Livestream Assistant:

Nancy Nyhus

Prayers:

Mark Peterson

Presiding Pastor:

Mark Peterson, retired

Readers:

8 a.m. Mark Caldwell

10:30 a.m. Anne Stratton

Ushers:

8 a.m. Roger Lipker

Lisa Boe-Sims

10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg

Dana Buhr

Herman Ezpeleta John Flory

Allan Schneider

Greg Hempelman Kristin 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.

Staff

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