

Welcome to worship on this Presentation of Our Lord day, when Jesus was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth. In many church traditions, this day is also referred as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the Light of the World.

We are highlighting Christ as the Light of the World in the placement of our sanctuary candles. 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 • "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" –spiritual

Welcome

Community Ministry Spotlight • Krista Kilgus, Executive Director, Urban Servant Corps, Denver

GATHERING *

Thanksgiving for Light

The assembly stands.

Forty days have passed since we celebrated Christ's birth— God's Light breaking into the world. Today, we recall the day when he was brought to the temple, offered in faith and obedience to the law of Moses. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna saw him, recognized the promise fulfilled, and declared their joy.

We give thanks for the Light of Christ!

Now, in this community of faith, we recognize Christ among us, a living presence in the bread we break, the life we share, the love we witness.

We give thanks for the Light of Christ!

Fill us with the brightness of faith, that we, as people of the Light, may carry a burning flame of compassion and love into the world. May we proclaim Jesus, the Light for all nations, a hope that never fades.

We give thanks for the Light of Christ! Amen!

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 705: God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Anthem • "What Color Is God's Skin" -Thomas Wilkes and David Stevenson Cherub Choir; Pat Murphy, soloist; Laurel Robinson, sign language interpreter "Good night," I said to my little son, so tired out when the day was done. Then he said, as I tucked him in, "Tell me, Daddy, what color's God's skin?" Chorus: What color is God's skin? I said, It's black, brown, it's yellow, it is red, it is white. Everyone's the same in the good Lord's sight." He looked at me with his shining eyes. I knew I could tell no lies, When he said, "Daddy why do the different races fight, if we're the same in the good Lord's sight?" Chorus "Son, that's part of our suffering past, but the whole human family is learning at last, that the thing we missed on the road we trod is to walk as the daughters and the sons of God." Chorus

Children's Time and Installation of Congregation Council

The following people have been elected to positions of leadership as your congregation council.

Betty Boyd	Morgan Levy
Erin Brown	Jo Martin
Robert Brown	Nancy Nyhus
Jim Dierker Janet Flesch	Brian Willoughby
	Erin Brown Robert Brown Jim Dierker

On behalf of your sisters and brothers, siblings in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

I now declare you installed as officers and council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. **Amen.**

• WORD •

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

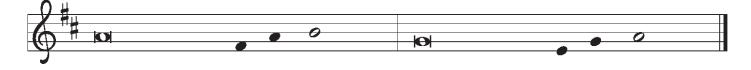
A reading from Malachi.

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 • Psalm 24:7–10

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) Lift up your heads, O gates, that the King of glory may come in.



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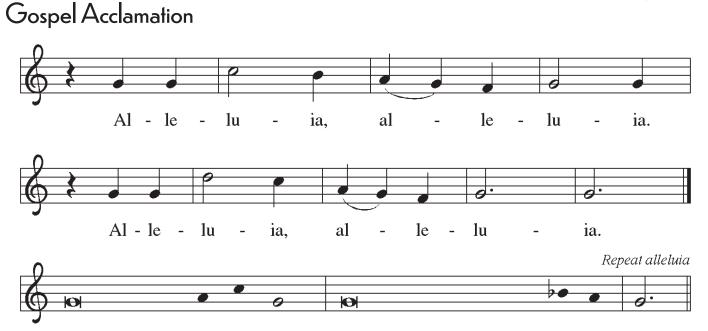
Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above. ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in. ⁸ Who is this | King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle! Antiphon ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in. ¹⁰ Who is this | King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory. Antiphon

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14–18

A reading from Hebrews

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.
¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.



Cantor: My eyes have seen | your salvation,* which you have prepared in the presence | of all peoples. (Luke 2:30-31)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel • Luke 2:22-40

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

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

- ²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;
- ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,
 - ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
- ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel."

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
 ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

The assembly is seated.

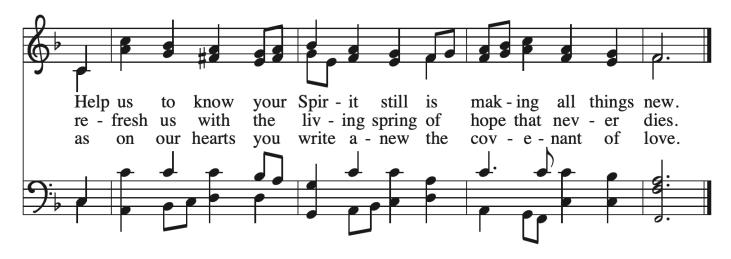
Sermon • Pastor Kent Mueller

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands.



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The assembly is seated.

Holy Baptism

Rejoice with **Wesley David Shorrosh**, son of **Andrew and Taylor Shorrosh**, in his baptism. Welcome him into Christ's family today!

Presentation

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Promises are made by the parents, the sponsors, and the assembly.

Profession of Faith

The assembly stands.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **We renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks . . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

The candidate is baptized.

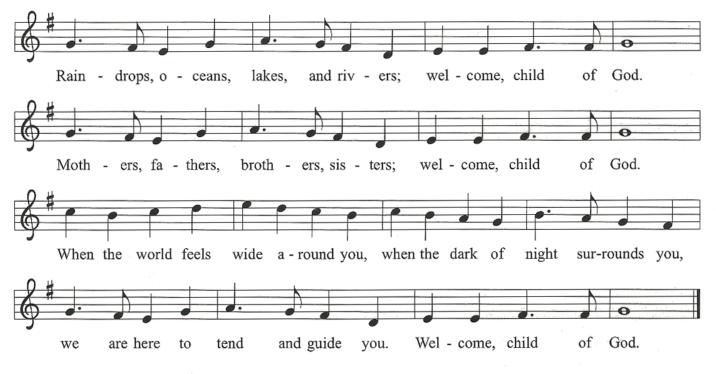
Let us pray.

We give you thanks . . . joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Please stand as we sing a word of welcome to the newly baptized.

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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 •

Offering

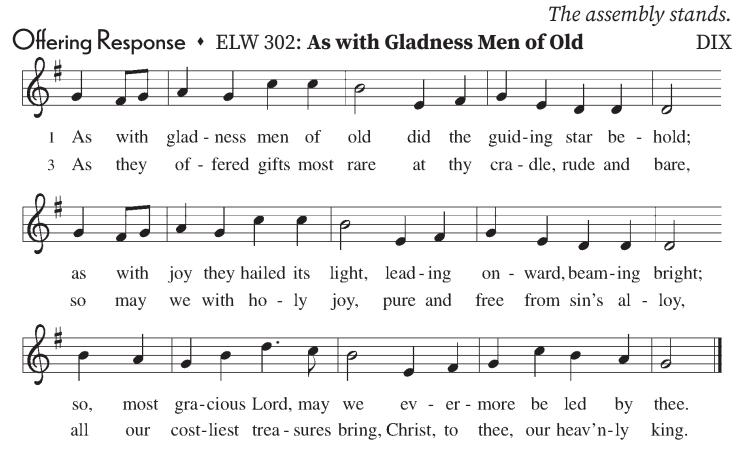
In offering our gifts, we trust that God, our rock and fortress, will guide us to use these gifts in God's service, just as God has faithfully been our refuge and protector. As we surrender all we have to God's care, we honor the unshakable hope and security God provides, knowing that in God, our resources are never in vain.



–Offering Highlights by Augustana's Stewardship Committee

"O Divine Redeemer" –Charles Gounod Chancel Choir

Ah! turn me not away, receive me though unworthy; hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress. Answer me from Thy throne, haste Thee, Lord to mine aid, Thy pity shew in my deep anguish. Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, though righteous Thine anger, O Lord, shield me in danger! O regard me, on Thee, Lord, alone will I call! O Divine Redeemer! I pray thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins. Night gathers round my soul, fearful I cry to Thee! Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me, hear my cry! Save me Lord, in Thy mercy; hear my cry; come save me, O Lord! Save in the day of retribution; from Death shield Thou me, O my God! O divine Redeemer! have mercy, help me, my Savior!



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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

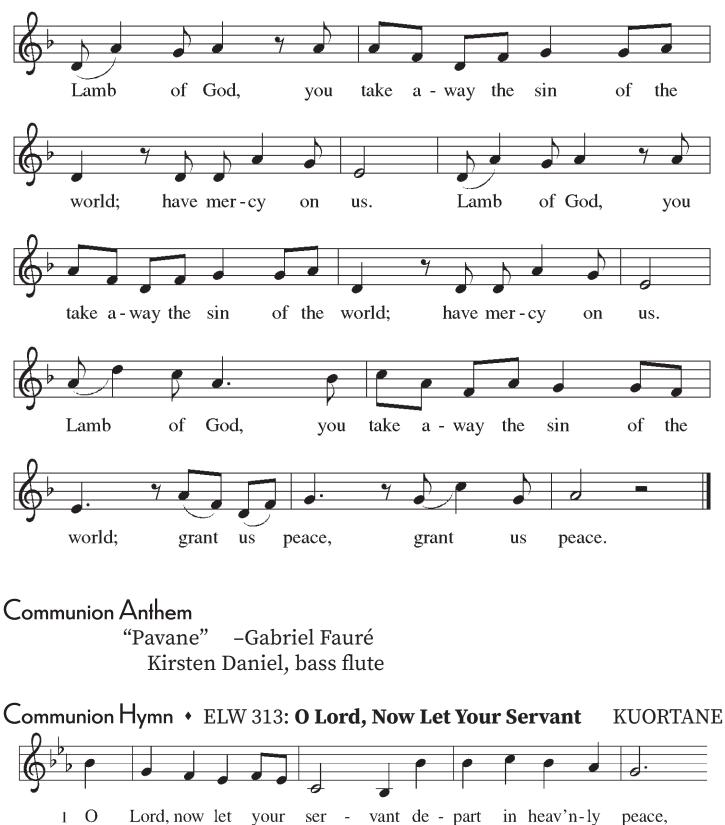
The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Holy Communion

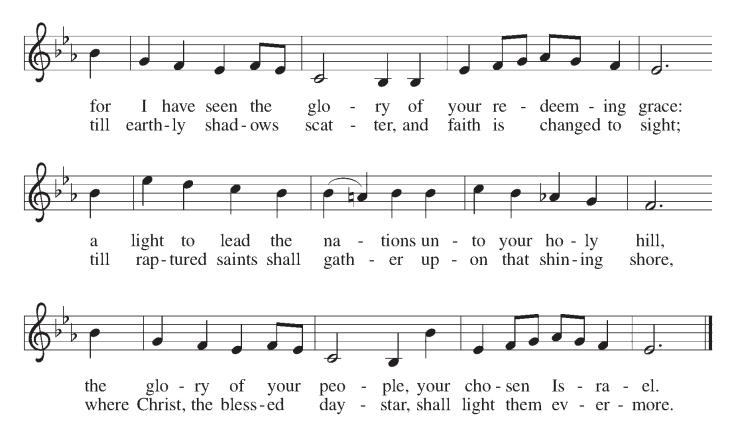
The assembly is seated.

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 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.



Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



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Blessing after Communion

The assembly stands.

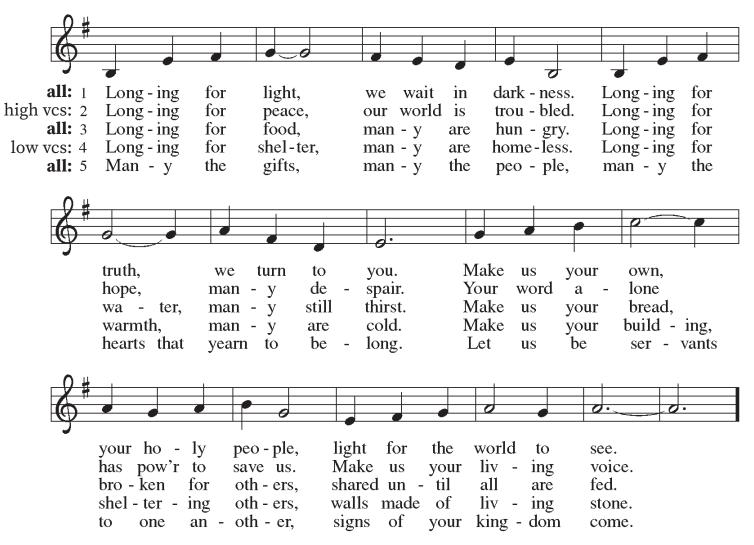
May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

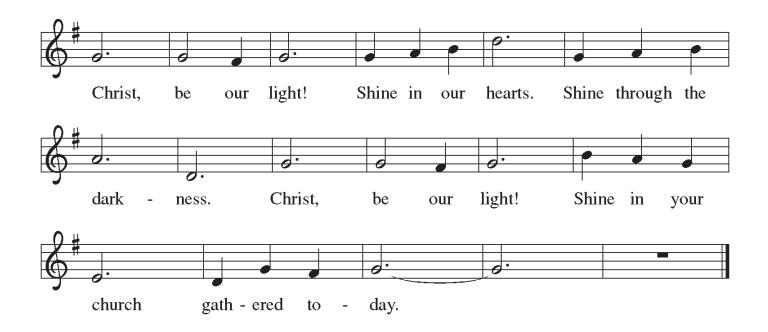
Prayer after Communion

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**. Blessing The Spirit of the triune God № bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. Amen.

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 715: Christ, Be Our Light CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT





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Dismissa Go in peace, shine with Light! Thanks be to God.

Postlude • "Prelude" from *Suite for Organ* -Adolphus Hailstork 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 <u>Giving page at Augustana's website</u> <u>(augustanadenver.org</u>). 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.

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. Amelia Matossian Altar Guild: February Pat Miller **Bus Driver:** Ryan VanderWel **Cantor:** Emily Murdock **Communion Bread:** February Karen Lambert **Communion:** 8 a.m. Roger Lipker 10:30 a.m. Mike & Annika Theiss **Communion Linens:** February Ellie Bonicelli **Crucifer:** 10:30 a.m. Max Johnson **Greeter:** 10:30 a.m. Jena Requist Library: **Billie Wolter** Livestream Assistant: Bill Crossen **Offering:** 8 a.m. Nancy Nyhus **Roger** Lipker 10:30 a.m. Heather Nelson **Prayers:** Nick Massie **Readers:** 8 a.m. Morgan Levy 10:30 a.m. Isabelle Howard **Ushers**: 8 a.m. Jim Gustad Pat Vaillancourt 10:30 a.m. Jayme Howard Annie Nessa Inez Smith Kathi Schmidt Brad Uyemura

Staff

Senior Pastor: Caitlin Trussell Assisting Pastor (interim): Karen Ullestad Assisting Pastor (interim): Kent Mueller Director of Youth and Family Ministry: Deacon Shanna VanderWel Nursery Attendant: Mary Beth Brown **Interim Faith Community Nurse:** Inez Smith **Director of Music and Organist:** Andrew Peters Chancel Choir Director: Kevin Padworski **Augustana Vocal Ensemble:** Emily Murdock, Bella Mallow, Blake Nawa`a, Keith Williamson **Choristers and Cantabile Director:** Angela Howard Finance Administrator: William Crossen **Building Systems Administrator: Christine** Peters Publications Administrator: Lyn Goodrum Interim Office Administrator: Janice Schulz **AV Technicians:** Alice Alister and Jesse Crone Facility Manager: Craig Tamminga **Building and Grounds Manager:** Asmir Hodzic Wedding Coordinators: Ellen Kastens, Amy Tamminga, Erin Saboe Willoughby, Pam Uyemura **Augustana Early Learning Center Director: Kisanet Yohannes President of the Congregation:** Roger Lipker **Office Hours:** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday **Augustana Early Learning Center:**

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