



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 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 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.

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 ♦ "Standin' in the Spirit" –Hart Morris

8 a.m. Andrew Peters, piano ♦ 10:30 a.m. Augustana Ringers

Welcome

♦ GATHERING ♦

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.

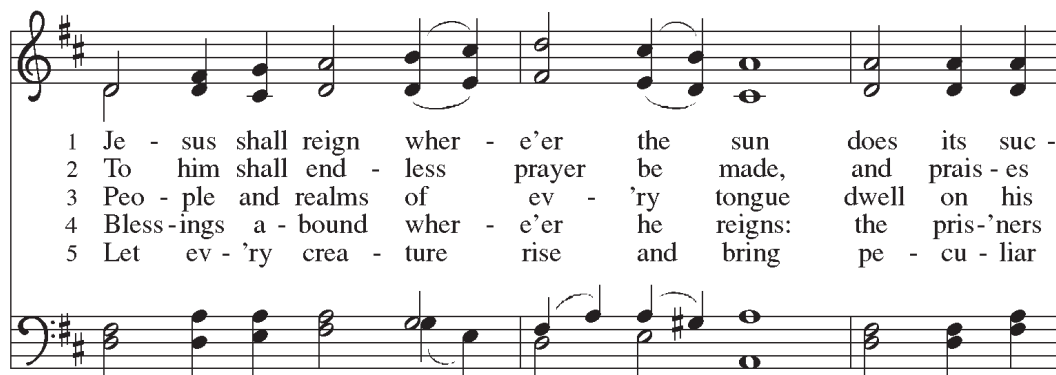
Merciful God, **you speak compassion into the world, while we ignore the needs of our neighbors, give in to scarcity and fear, and assume the worst about one another. Restore our hearts to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you in the light of Christ. Amen.**

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.**

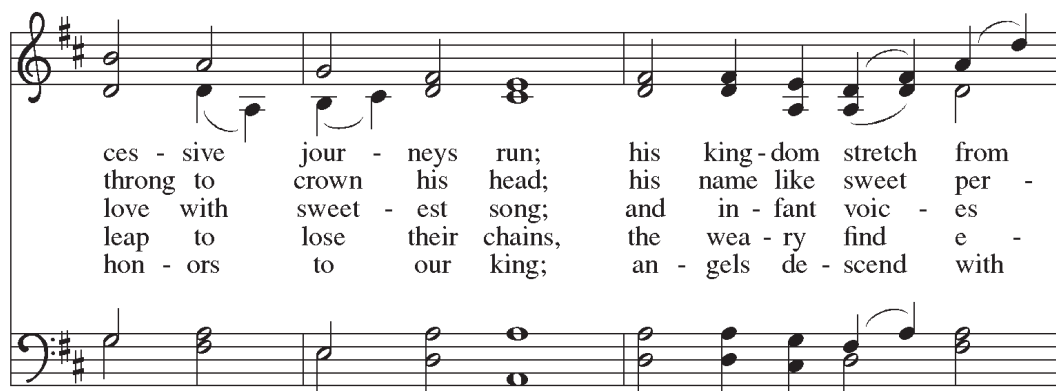
10:30 a.m. *For the Gathering Hymn, please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.*

Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 434: Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Prayer of the Day

Living God, **in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ 10:30 a.m. “Baba Yetu” –Christopher Tin, arr. Roger Emerson
Cantabile

Baba yetu, yetu uliye mbinguni yetu, yetu amina!
Our Father, who art in Heaven. Amen!

Baba yetu, yetu uliye jina lako eh litukuzwe
Our Father, hallowed be thy name.

Utupe leo chakula chetu tunachohitaji utusamehe makosa yetu eh!
Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us of our trespasses

Kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea usitutie katika majaribu lakini
As we forgive others who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but

Utuokoe, na yule, muovu e, milele!
Deliver us from the evil one forever.

Ufalme wako ufike, utakalo lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni. Amina
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen

–Swahili adaptation of the Lord’s Prayer by Chris Kiagiri

Children’s Time ♦ 10:30 a.m. Blessing the Knitters’ Prayer Shawls

♦ **WORD** ♦

First Reading ♦ Jeremiah 17:5–10

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

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

Antiphon: *(sung by choir)* They are like trees planted by streams of water.



Bold verses are sung by all using the tone on previous page.

**²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.** *Antiphon*

**⁴It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

**⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.**

**⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.** *Antiphon*

A reading from First Corinthians.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Cantor: Rejoice, and | leap for joy,*
for surely your reward is | great in heaven. (Luke 6:23)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel ♦ Luke 6:17-26

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

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their
ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

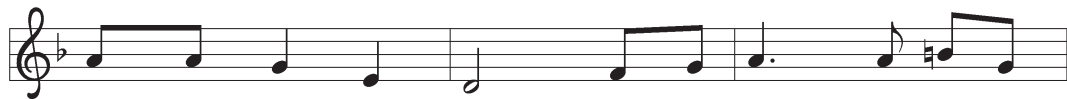
The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 334: **Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**

THOMAS



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

- 4 Give us eyes to see you clearly;
make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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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 ♦

Offering

*God asks that we steward the gifts and financial blessings He has given us
for His glory.*

—Offering Highlights by Augustana's Stewardship Committee



"Blessed" —Greg Knauf

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

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

I dwell in the high and holy place, but also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

For what does the Lord require of you but to do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with your God?

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

-adapted from Matthew 5:3, 5, 8; Isaiah 57:15; Micah 6:8; Psalm 51:10

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

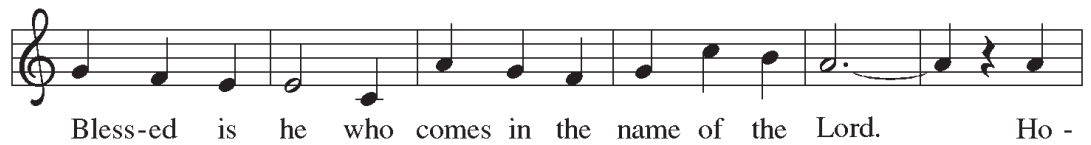
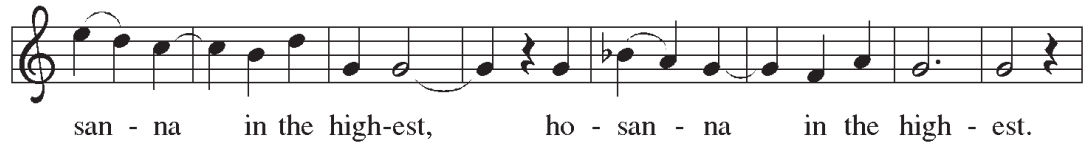
God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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.*

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 Anthems

“See What Love” –Lena J. McLin
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

See what love the Father has given us, that we may be called the children of love.
And every one who hopes in him through the Lord is blessed.

–John 3:1, 3

10:30 a.m. “Morning Has Broken” –arr. Buddy McElroy
Chapel Ringers

10:30 a.m. ELW 488: **Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness**

SCHMÜCKE DICH

1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,

come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:

Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;
o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im-mor - tal:
with the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for-ev - er."
Oh, most glo-rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

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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 ♦

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 725: **When the Poor Ones**

EL CAMINO



1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

Text: José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934

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Dismissal

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

Postlude ♦ “Finale” from *Suite No. 1 for Organ* –Ulysses Kay

The postlude closes our worship time together. You are welcome to come up to the organ console for a better view, listen from your pew, or leave quietly while others are enjoying the music.

Flowers for worship today are given by Reena Jabamoni in memory of her brother, Victor Devasahayam, who died on January 31, 2025.

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. Ginny Kusek

Altar Guild:
February Pat Miller

Bus Driver:
Tim Dickinson

Cantor:
Blake Nawa`a

Cantabile Accompanist:
Tim Garrington

Communion Bread:
February Karen Lambert

Communion:
8 a.m. Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. Katherine Cruson
Heidi Johnson

Communion Linens:
February Ellie Bonicelli

Crucifer:
10:30 a.m. Jack Kusek

Greeters:
10:30 a.m. Ruthie Swenson
Paul Gilbertson

Library:
Billie Wolter

Livestream Assistant:
Charlie Dickinson

Offering:
8 a.m. Nancy Nyhus
Roger Lipker
10:30 a.m. Heather Nelson

Prayers:
Shanna VanderWel

Readers:
8 a.m. A.J. Levy
10:30 a.m. Karen Morgenthaler

Ushers:
8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims
Kirsten Lamphere
10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown
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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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