

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 23, 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 • "There Is a Balm in Gilead" – spiritual, arr. David Cherwien

Welcome

GATHERING *

Confession and Forgiveness

nd 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.

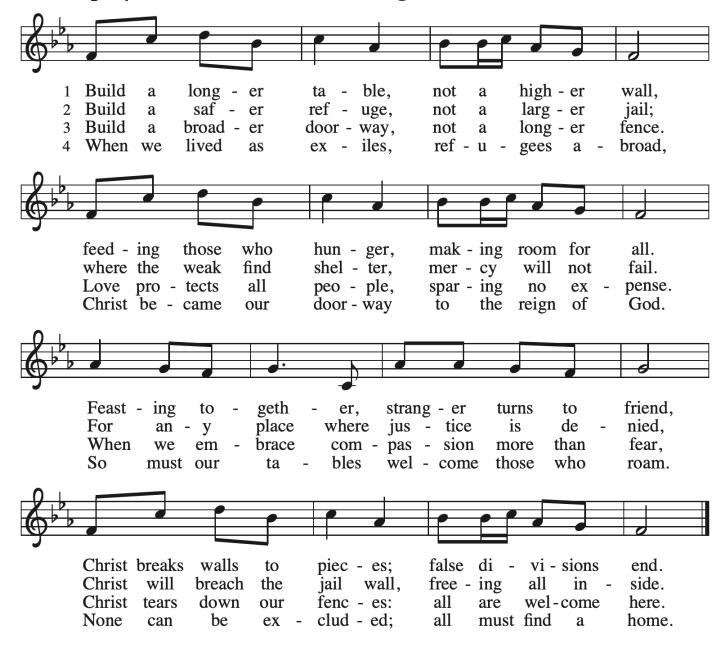
Merciful God, you speak compassion into the world, while we ignore the needs of our neighbors, give in to scarcity and fear, and assume the worst about one another. Restore our hearts to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you in the light of Christ. Amen.

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 • ACS 1062: Build a Longer Table

NOËL NOUVELET

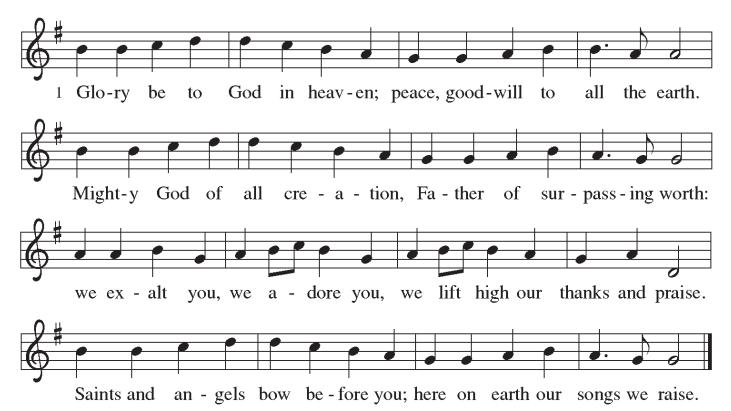


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Greeling The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time + 10:30 a.m.

First Reading • Genesis 45:3–11, 15

A reading from Genesis.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come-so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40

Antiphon: *(sung by choir)* The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above. ¹Do not be provoked by | evildoers; do not be jealous of those | who do wrong. ² For they shall soon wither | like the grass, and like the green grass | fade away. ³ Put your trust in the LORD | and do good; dwell in the land and | find safe pasture. ⁴Take delight | in the LORD, who shall give you your | heart's desire. Antiphon ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD, and see what | God will do. ⁶ The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun. ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes. ⁸ Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil. Antiphon ⁹ For evildoers shall | be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land. ¹⁰ In a little while the wicked shall | be no more; even if you search out their place, they will | not be there. ¹¹ But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land; they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

³⁹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.

⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you | they seek refuge. *Antiphon*

Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50

A reading from First Corinthians.

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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 O 0 O

Cantor: Love your enemies, and you will be children of | the Most High;* forgive, and you will | be forgiven. (Luke 6:35, 37) *The assembly sings the Alleluia again.*

Gospel • Luke 6:27-38

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

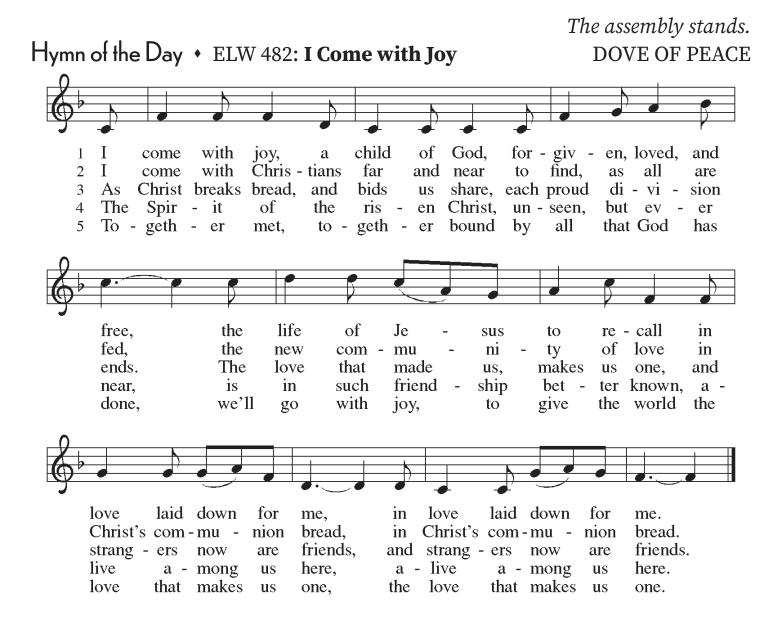
³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon • Pastor Kent Mueller

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



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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

Our stewardship of God's creation involves the caretaking of the environment as well as caretaking of our communities.



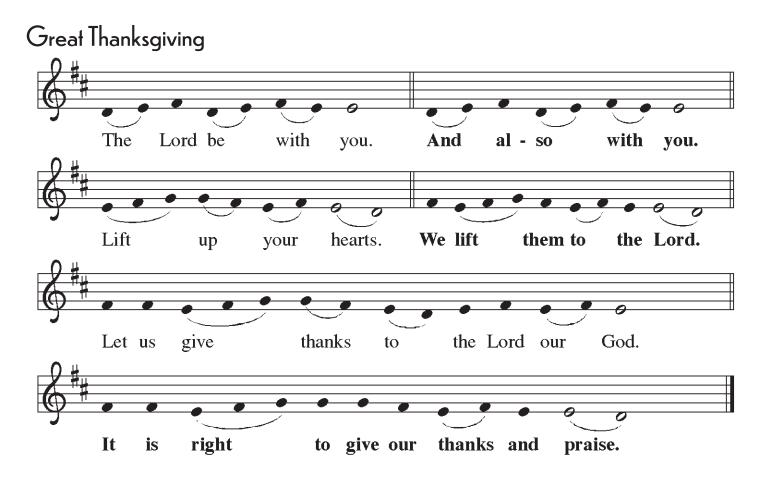
–Offering Highlights by Augustana's Stewardship Committee

"Sanctus" -Carlos Simon Augustana Vocal Ensemble Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus. Dominus Deus Sabbaoth. Plenti sunt coeli et terra, Gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The assembly stands. Offering Response • ELW 302: As with Gladness Men of Old DIX As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold; 1 of - fered gifts most rare cra - dle, rude and 3 As they at thy bare. joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright; with as we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy, SO may gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led thee. by so, most cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly all king. our

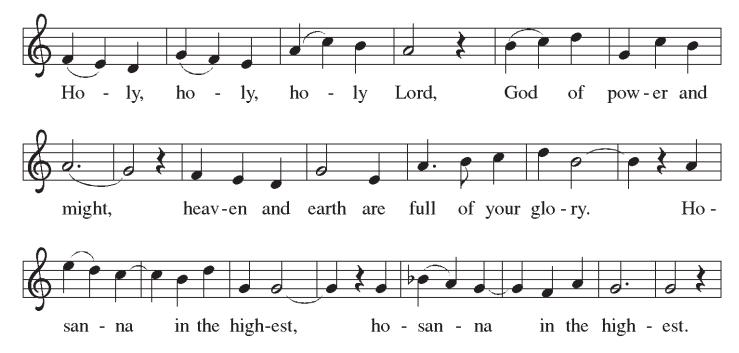
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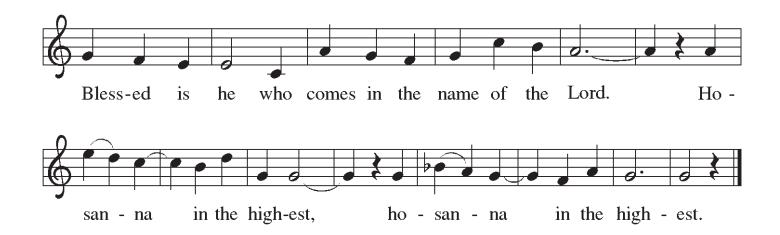
Offertory Prayer

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.



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 oxilo: into the future

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.

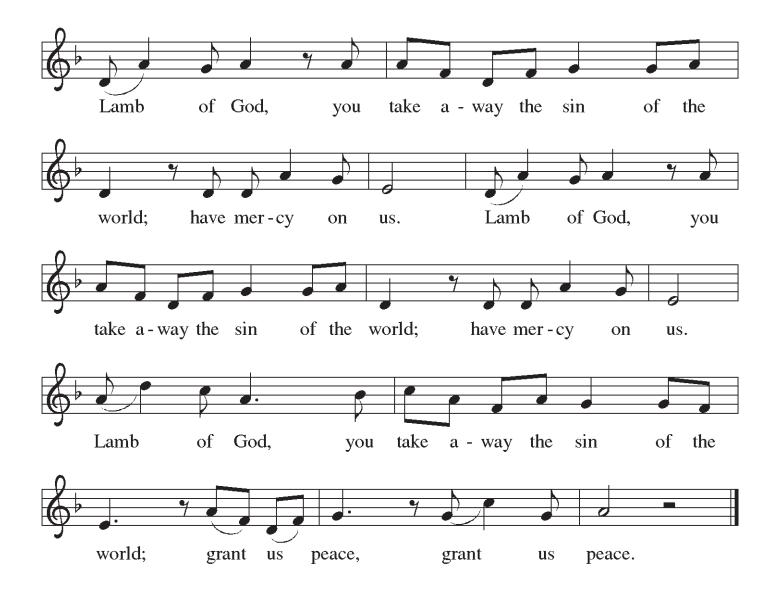
Holy Communion

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.



Communion Anthem

"Lamb of God, Grant Us Peace" –Z. Randall Stroope 8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace. Dona nobis pacem.

We pray for unity, pray for purity, O Lord, we pray for your strength and your blessing.

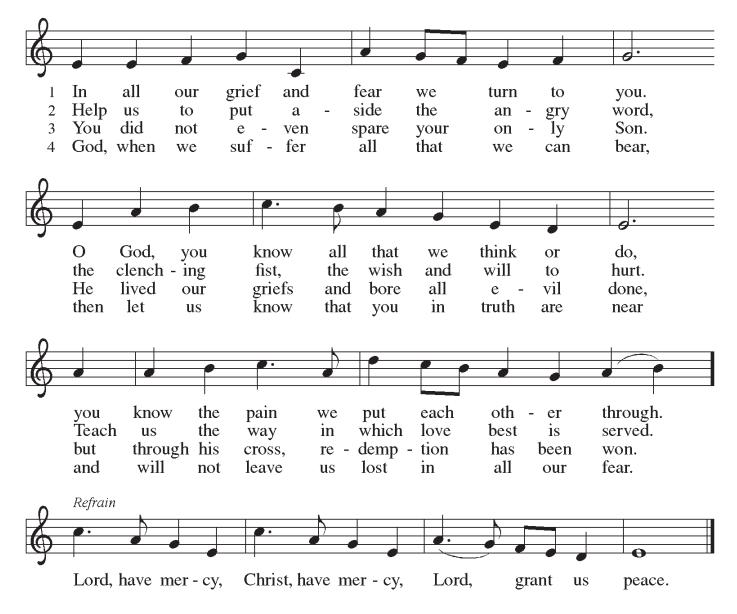
Lord, forgive our sin as we forgive those of others; save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, Thine is the power, Thine is the glory forever, forever and ever.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Dona nobis pacem. Amen. Grant us peace.

10:30 a.m. ELW 615: In All Our Grief

FREDERICKTOWN



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
Music: FREDERICKTOWN, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929
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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

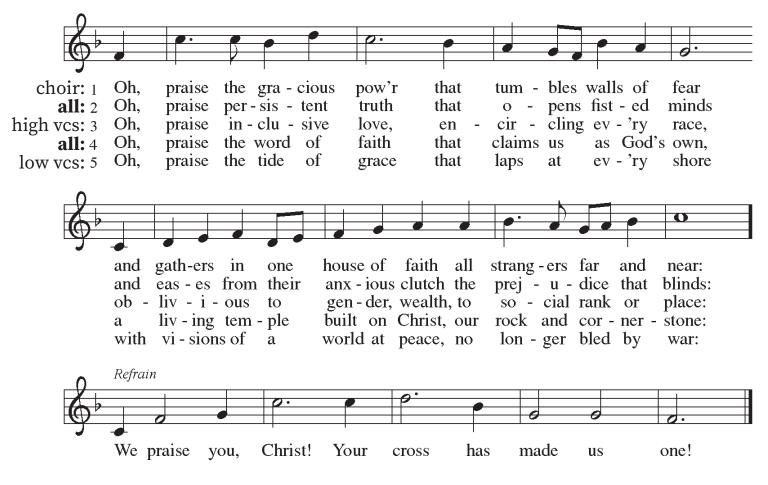
Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with this holy meal. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of grace and freedom for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

SENDING *

- 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 651: Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

CHRISTPRAISE RAY



cantor: 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth, **all:** the love, the word, the tide. Yet more than these, oh, praise their source, praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*

all: 7 Oh, praise the living Christ with faith's bright songful voice!
rce, Announce the gospel to the world and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

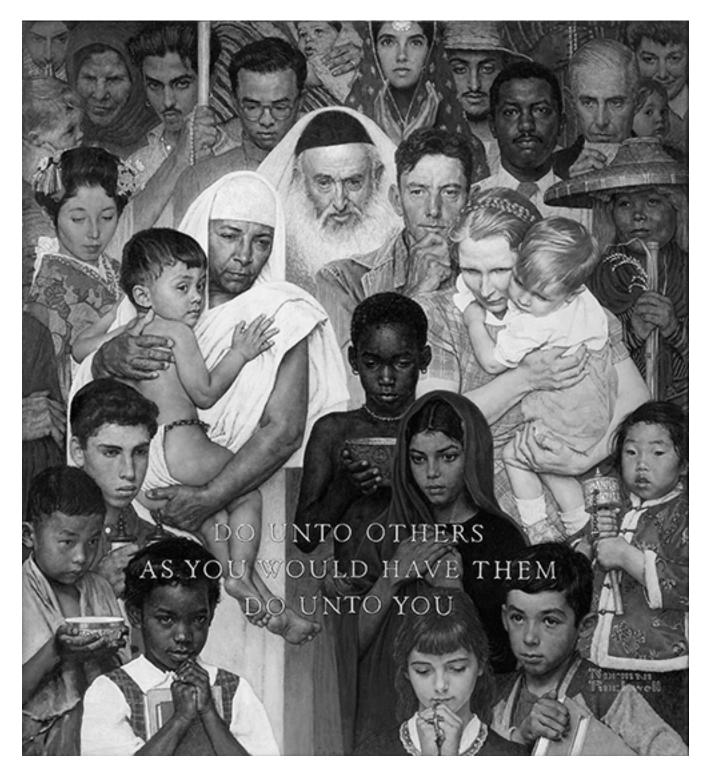
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Dismissal Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude • Improvisation on "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

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.



Norman Rockwell (1894–1978) Golden Rule 1961 Cover illustration for *The Saturday Evening Post*, April 1, 1961

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.

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. Caroline Stratton Altar Guild: February Pat Miller **Bus Driver:** Henok Yohannes **Cantor:** Keith Williamson **Communion Bread:** February Karen Lambert **Communion:** 8 a.m. Laura Libby 10:30 a.m. Betty Boyd Cathy Miller **Communion Linens:** February Ellie Bonicelli **Crucifer:** 10:30 a.m. Elise Earhart **Greeters:** 10:30 a.m. Mike & Angie Miller Library: Linda Crow Livestream Assistant: Nancy Nyhus **Offering:** 8 a.m. Nancy Nyhus **Roger** Lipker 10:30 a.m. Heather Nelson **Prayers:** Marcia Olson **Readers:** 8 a.m. Tim Libby 10:30 a.m. Marcia Olson **Ushers**: 8 a.m. Roger Lipker Rob Trussell 10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg Dana Buhr Herman Ezpeleta John Flory Greg Hempelman Kristin Hempelman Allan Schneider

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