

Transfiguration of Our Lord March 2, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.



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Worship | Grow | Go

Welcome to worship on Transfiguration Sunday! Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins this week on Ash Wednesday (March 5, worship is at noon. and 7 p.m.). On a high mountain, Jesus' transfiguration gives his followers a moment of awe in his dazzling light before the events that lead to the cross. We will sing and say our closing alleluias in today's worship liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the season of Lent and we will rejoice in singing and speaking it again at Easter.

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 • "Partita No. 1" – Johann S. Bach Caroline Stratton, piano

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.**

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 511: Thy Strong Word

EBENEZER



Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944

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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.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Anthem • "Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord" –traditional Cherub Choir

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

WORD *

First Reading • Exodus 34:29–35

A reading from Exodus.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out,

and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 99

Antiphon: (sung by choir) Proclaim the greatness of the Lord; worship upon God's holy hill.



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹The LORD is king; let the | people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

²The LORD, | great in Zion, is high a- | bove all peoples.

- ³ Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome; God is the | Holy One.
- ⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity; you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. Antiphon
- ⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool; God is the | Holy One.
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your | name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you | answered them,

you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.
 O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD
and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One.

Antiphon

Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

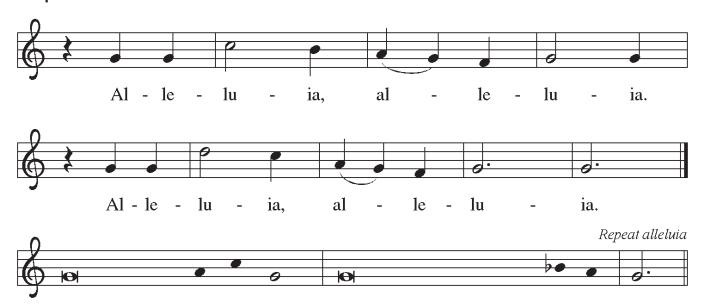
A reading from Second Corinthians.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: This is my | Son, my Chosen,*

lis- ten to him! (Luke 9:35)

The assembly sings the Alleluia again.

Gospel • Luke 9:28-36

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

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they

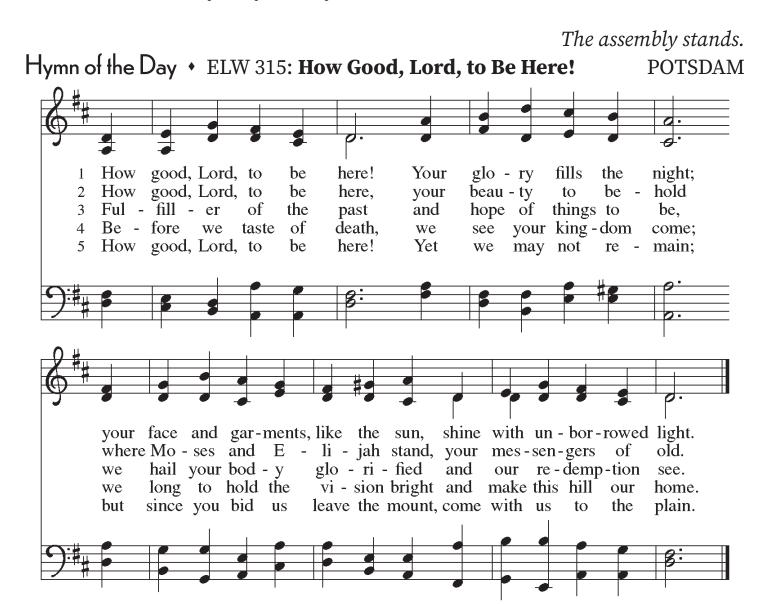
entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of God's love, and for these brothers and sisters in Christ, who are becoming part of our Augustana community today. We rejoice with you and look forward to worshiping, learning, serving and growing in faith together.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people;

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper; to proclaim the good news of Christ through word and deed; to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

New Members: I do, and I ask God to help me and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to welcome, encourage and pray for these sisters and brothers?

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

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism and your call to become part of the Body of Christ. Nourish us in faith, and open our hearts and minds to one another and to the world. Bless our congregation and these new members; we pray this in the name of Christ. **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

Embolden and transfigure us, as stewards of your Word and gifts to share your generosity with others.

-Offering Highlights by Augustana's Stewardship Committee



"Jesus on the Mountain Peak" – Michael Burkhardt Chancel Choir

Jesus, on the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing. Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising: Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking. All the Prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia!

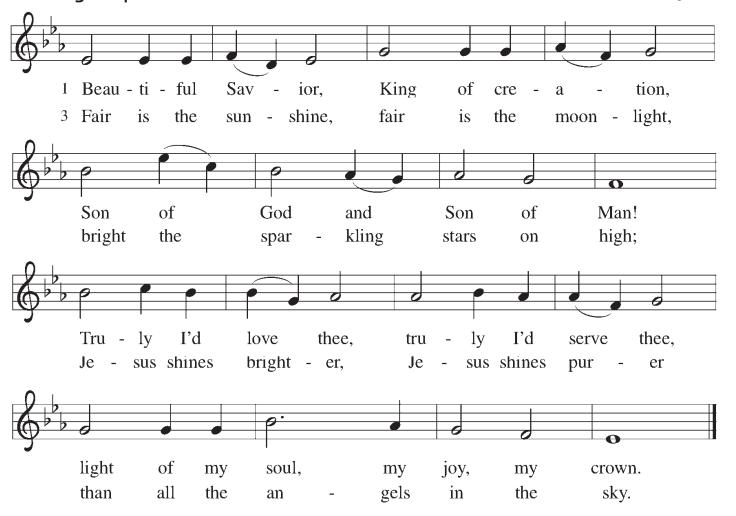
Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder, Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder: Alleluia!

Jesus is the chosen One, living hope of every nation, Hear and heed him, everyone; sing, with earth and all creation, Alleluia!

-Brian Wren

Offering Response • ELW 838: Beautiful Savior

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

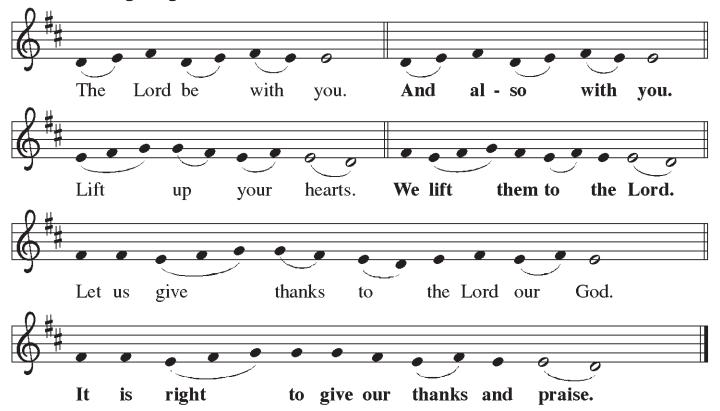


Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

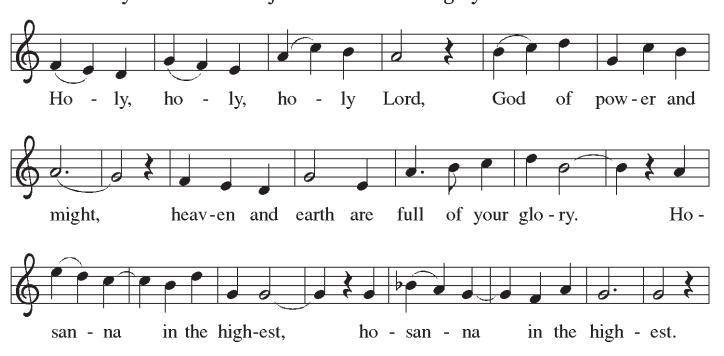
Offertory Prayer

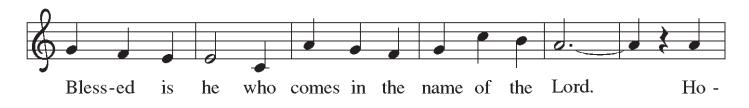
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

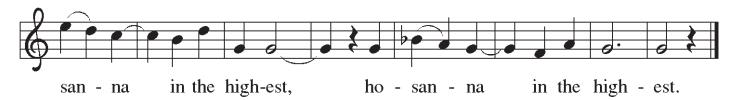
Great Thanksgiving



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

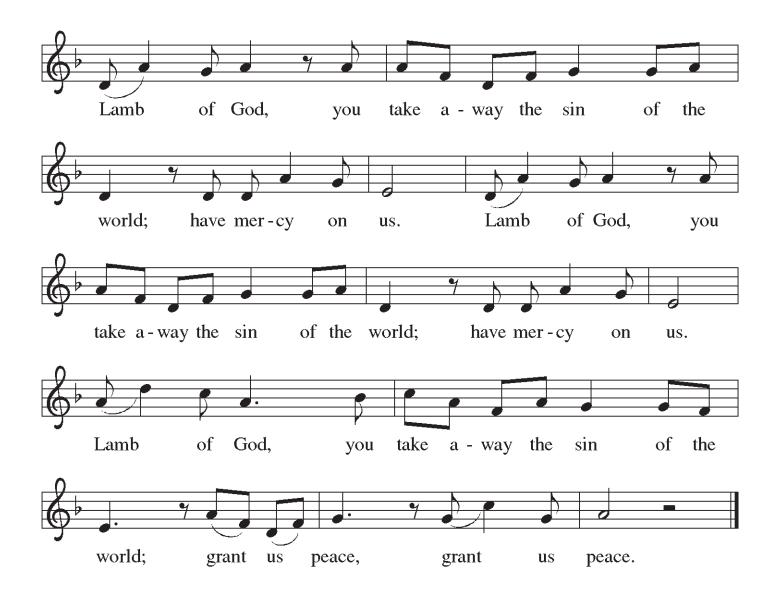
The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

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 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

"Author of Life Divine" –Cecilia McDowall Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Author of life divine, who hast a table spread, furnished with mystic wine and everlasting bread, preserve the life Thyself hast given, and feed and train us up for heaven.

Our needy souls sustain with fresh supplies of love, till all Thy life we gain and all thy fullness prove, and strengthened by Thy perfect grace, behold without a veil thy face.

-Charles Wesley

ELW 318: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

PRAISE, MY SOUL



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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 *

Children's Time ◆ "Hiding the Alleluia"

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God ♣ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

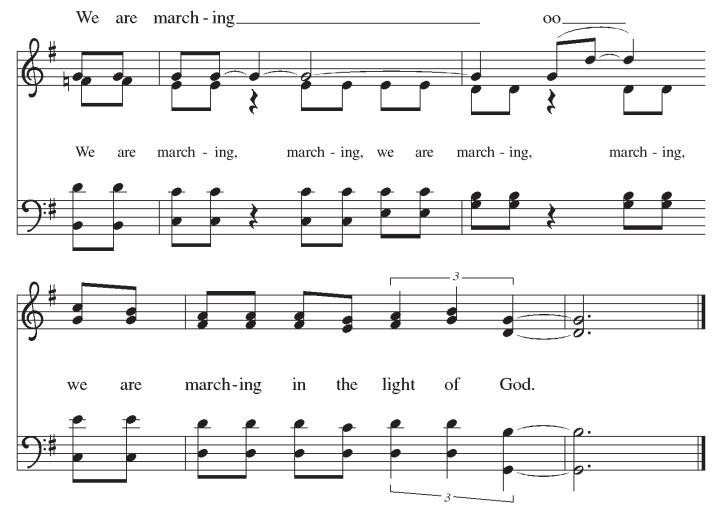
During the Sending Hymn, please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.

Sending Hymn • ELW 866: We Are Marching in the Light SIYAHAMBA





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Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984 Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional; arr. Freedom Is Coming Tr. and arr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

- 2. We are dancing . . .
- 3. We are singing...

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

Postlude • "Gigue" – Johann S. Bach Caroline Stratton, piano

The postlude closes our worship time together. You are welcome to listen from your pew or leave quietly while others are enjoying the music.

Flowers for worship are given in loving memory of Herbert and Lorna Schillereff and Steven Schillereff by Sharon Schillereff.

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. Millie Motes

Altar Guild:

March Pat Miller

Lisa Boe-Sims

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Ryan VanderWel

Cantor: Emily Murdock **Cherub Choir Accompanist:**

Tim Comington

Tim Garrington

Cherub Choir Director:

Marcia Olson

Communion Bread:

March Ron Glusenkamp

Communion:

8 a.m. Tim & Laura Libby

10:30 a.m. Beth Jackmond

Angie Ourada

Communion Linens:

March Kathy Edstrom

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Amelia Matossian

Greeter:

10:30 a.m. Janice Schulz

Library:

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Bill Crossen

Offering:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Janet Flesch

Brian Willoughby

Prayers: Anne Stratton

Readers:

8 a.m. Don Troike

10:30 a.m. Jon Gilbertson

Ushers:

8 a.m. Jim Gustad

Pat Vaillancourt

10:30 a.m. Jayme Howard

Annie Nessa Inez Smith Kathi Schmidt

Brad Uyemura

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