

First Sunday in Lent: Is Any Body There? Yes! March 9, 2025

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5



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Welcome to worship on Sundays in Lent. Each week the pastors will incorporate the theme "Is Any Body There? Yes!" into their sermons and will reflect on themes related to the Body of Christ—Embodiment, Mystery, Beauty, Sabbath, and Mortality—while Jesus' story of the Prodigal Son echoes within the words of our worship liturgy (Luke 16:11–32).

Jesus lived on our earth as we do, sharing with us an embodied presence. During Lent, we'll reflect on what it means to be human, as embodied people who are longing for connection, healing, and hope. And—because of Easter—we are now the Body of Christ, alive in the world. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus means that we are never alone. The Surgeon General's Advisory on loneliness recognizes the healing effects of social connection and community. During our six weeks of Lent, we will, together, deepen our connections with God, each other, and our community.

Our 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 ◆ "Moderato in F Major" -Elizabeth Stirling

Welcome

GATHERING *

Children's Time • 10:30 a.m.

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♣ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the joyous hospitality you grant to all people.

We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.

We fear scarcity, yet squander your abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In ♣ Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn • ACS 924: As the Winter Days Grow Longer SUO GÂN



- 1 As the win ter days grow long-er, draw-ing short the hours of night;
- 2 As the vines burst in to blos-som, fra-grant in the morn-ing air,
- 3 As we jour ney through this sea son, pil grims through a thirst y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn-ing light lift - ing spir - its with their sweet-ness, lur - ing hearts to thank-ful prayer quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn-ing peo-ple, here we gath-er, turn-ing watch-ful eyes to you: Lent-en peo-ple, here we gath-er, seek-ing lives re-freshed from sin. Wan-d'ring peo-ple, here we gath-er, called to rest a-long our way.



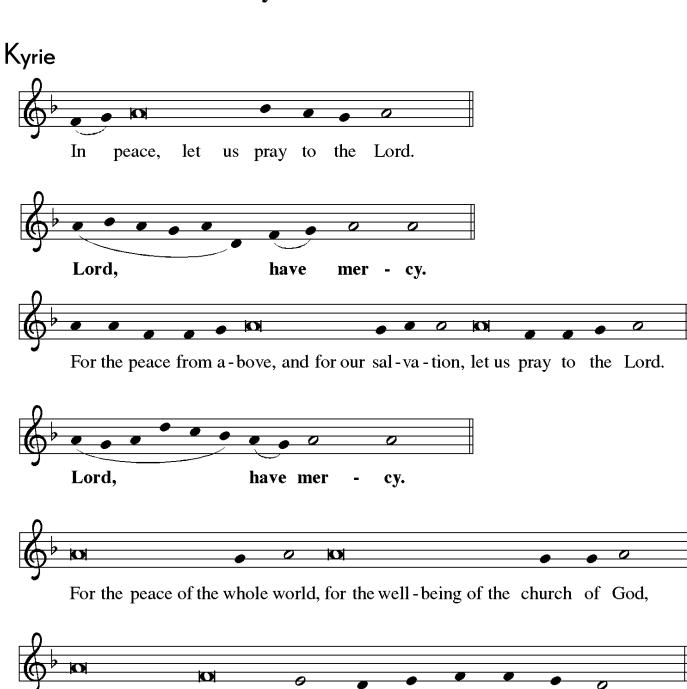
God who bless-es earth with spring-time, shine with-in our world a - new! God who bless-es earth with spring-time, bloom with-in our hearts a - gain! God who bless-es earth with spring-time, grant us sab-bath joy this day!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953 Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody

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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.



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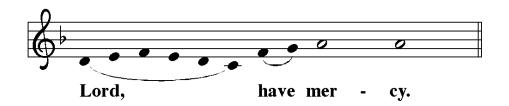
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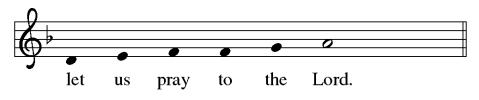
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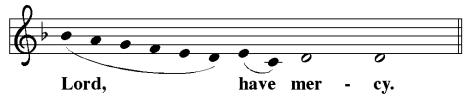
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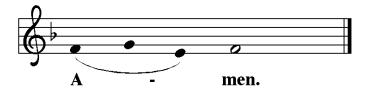


For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,









Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Anthem • 10:30 "A Lenten Love Song" –Helen Kemp Choristers

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane. He went there sad and very weary to be alone to pray. "Dear God, I am so sorrowful, is there no other way? Dear God, if it is possible, let this cup pass away."

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane. The olive tree bent over him, and heard him sadly pray: "Dear God, your Son is sorrowful, but knows your way is best." Let love take hold of me! Help me to be bold and free to do your will and rest.

Ubi caritas et amore, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are found, God is there.

-Helen Kemp

WORD *

First Reading • Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I

have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5 you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm ◆ Psalm 91: 1–2, 9–16

Antiphon: (sung by choir) God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.



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- ¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High, who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty— ²you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my stronghold, my God in whom I | put my trust." Antiphon
- ⁹ Because you have made the | LORD your refuge, and the Most High your | habitation,
- ¹⁰ no evil | will befall you, nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in | all your ways.
- ¹² Upon their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. *Antiphon*
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper; you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ I will deliver those who | cling to me;I will uphold them, because they | know my name.
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will | answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
- ¹⁶ With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation. Antiphon

Second Reading • Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans.

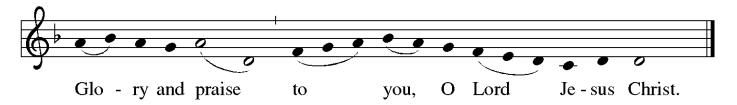
8b "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation





Cantor: One does not live by | bread alone,*
but by every word that comes from the | mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)

The assembly sings the Gospel Acclamation again.

Gospel • Luke 4:1-13

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

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

11 and

'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon ◆ Pastor Karen Ullestad

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day • ACS 922: When We Are Tested **SLANE** When we test ed and tle lone, are wres 2 When in the des ert we for lief, cry re tempt - ed 3 When we are to bar ter our souls, When we have strug - gled and searched through the night, fam - ished for bread when the world of fers stone, plead - ing for paths marked by tain lief. cer be trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con trol, sort - ing and sift ing the from the right, wrong nour - ish God, your us, by word and your way, lift love be yond sign us to you and test, teach us to wor ship and praise on 1y you, Say - ior, with cir cles sur round of us care,

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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, in your mercy, 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 food, devotion and safety are secure in the love of you God. Inspire us, even when we are in our wilderness times, to share this Good News.



"Come Down, O Love Divine" –Hilary Tadman-Robins Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

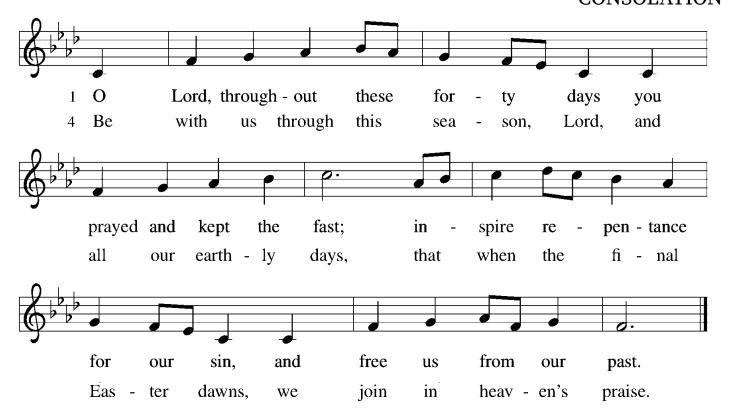
Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing: true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he becomes the place where the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

-Bianco da Siena, translated R.F. Littledale

Offering Response • ELW 319: O Lord, throughout These Forty Days CONSOLATION



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Offering Prayer

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to those who live in fear, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, embracing the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

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.

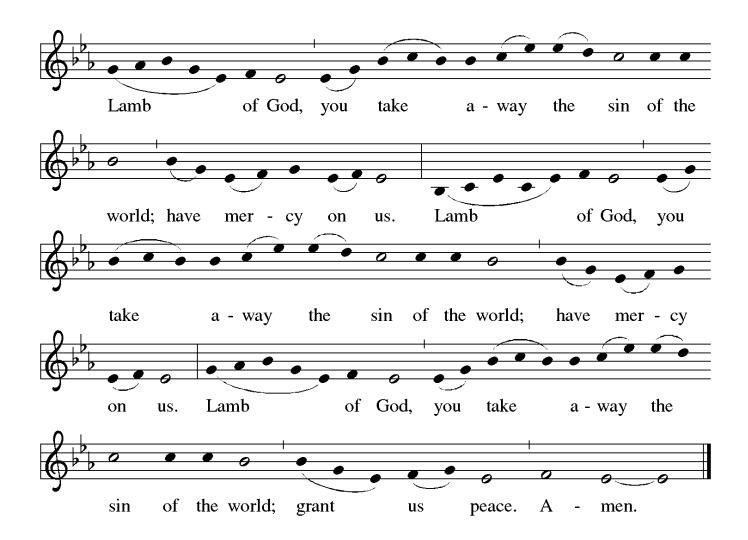
Holy Communion

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

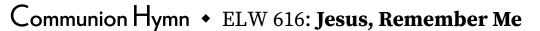
"Agnus Dei" – Franz Josef Haydn 8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere, miserere nobis.

Who beareth the world's transgressions, Lord have mercy,

Lord have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. Lamb of God who beareth the world's transgressions: grant us thy peace.



REMEMBER ME



Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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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

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to extend your arms of love and grace, that your joyous welcome might nourish the world into community, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

• SENDING •

Blessing

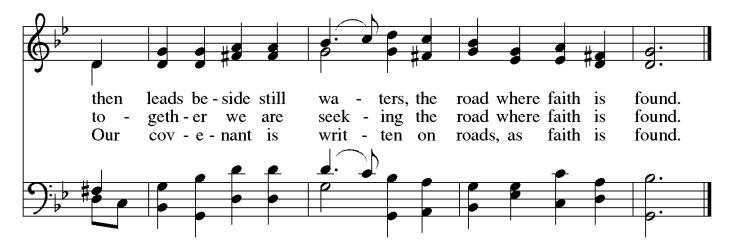
God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,

♣ bless you now and forever. Amen.

10:30 a.m. Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.

Sending Hymn • ELW 326: Bless Now, O God, the Journey LLANGLOFFAN





Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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Dismissal Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God!

Postlude • "Maestoso in d minor" - Elizabeth Stirling

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

- in memory of parents Louie and Dorothy Toscano on their anniversary by daughters Karen Yeager and family and Debbie Dorn and family
- in honor of the baptismal birthday of Arlo VanderWel by his family

Lent at Augustana Lutheran Church

Lent Theme: Is Any Body There? Yes!

Jesus lived on our earth as we do, sharing with us an embodied presence. During Lent, we are invited into reflection on what it means to be human, as embodied people who are longing for connection, healing, and hope. And—because of Easter—we are now the Body of Christ, alive in the world.

Sundays

Each week the pastors will incorporate the theme "Is Any Body There? Yes!" into their sermons, and we will reflect on themes related to the Body of Christ.

Worship, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. **Adult Forum**, 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

- March 9: Embodiment Pastor Karen
- March 16: Mystery Pastor Caitlin
- March 23: Beauty Pastor Kent
- March 30: Sabbath Pastor Caitlin
- April 6: Mortality Pastor Kent

Tuesdays

March 11, 18, 25, and April 1 and 8, 10–11 a.m., Youth Room

60+ Pilgrimage: 60+ hosts Pastor Bonita Bock to explore the purpose, meaning, and rewards of pilgrimage. (All ages are welcome!)

Wednesdays

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9 **Spiritual Practices Stations**,

7 a.m.–7 p.m., Sanctuary Spiritual Practices stations include a centering prayer station, Lectio Divina, and walking the indoor labyrinth. Enter the west Sanctuary doors.

Worship/Reflection, 6:15–7 p.m., Christ Chapel

No soup supper prior to worship
Led by Pastor Bonita Bock, we will use
prayers, readings and songs from the Iona
tradition in Scotland to reflect on how the
journey of pilgrimage has led people to
different destinations seen as sacred.

Fridays

Fridays, March 14, 21 and 28 and April 4 and 11

Prayer in Christ Chapel, 9–9:30 a.m. You're invited to pray the Prayer Chain together in Christ Chapel with time for

solitude and silence.

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 (augustanadenver.org) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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Keith Williamson

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Sharon Schillereff

Communion Bread:

March Ron Glusenkamp

Communion:

8 a.m. Jim Dierker

10:30 a.m. Lance Wheeland

Heather Nelson

Communion Linens:

March Kathy Edstrom

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

Greeters:

10:30 a.m. Russ & Kara Epperson

Library:

Katherin Howell

Livestream Assistant:

Paul Blanchard

Offering:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Janet Flesch

Brian Willoughby

Prayers:

Todd Engdahl

Readers:

8 a.m. Kirsten Lamphere

10:30 a.m. Paula Pace

Ushers:

8 a.m. A.J. Levy

Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Wil Crook

Bill Crossen

James Kastens

Craig Tamminga

Miles Tamminga

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