

Second Sunday in Lent: Is Any Body There? Yes! March 16, 2025 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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.

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 ◆ "You Are Wondrous" –Karen Bassford
Karen Bassford, piano

Welcome

* GATHERING *

Confession and Forgiveness

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.**

You may kneel or sit. Silence is kept for reflection.

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

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.

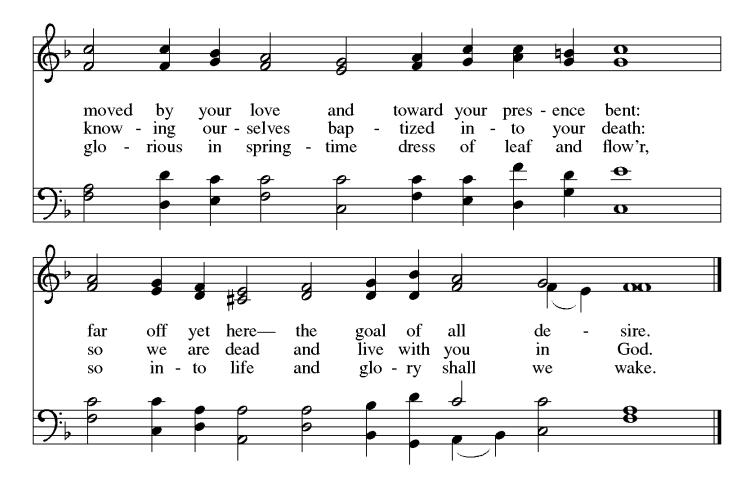
In ♣ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever. Amen.

10:30 a.m. Please stand for the Gathering Hymn and turn toward the back of the sanctuary. As the processional cross enters, follow the cross to the front of the sanctuary.

Gathering Hymn • ELW 321: Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church





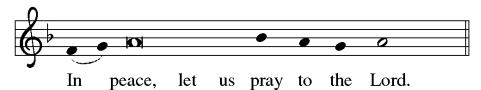
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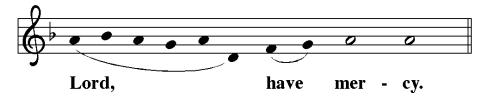
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Greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

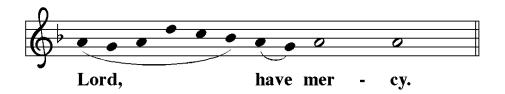


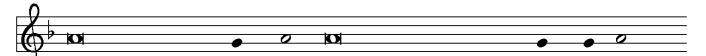




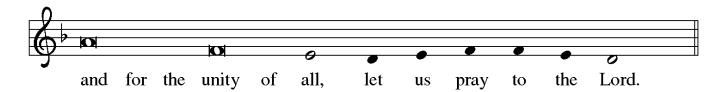


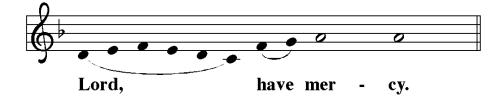
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.





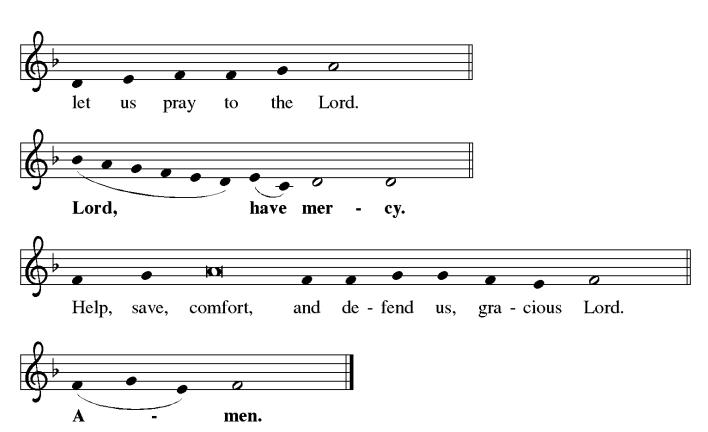
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time • 10:30 a.m.

WORD *

First Reading • Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

A reading from Genesis.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that

day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

Psalm • Psalm 27:1, 4-6, 11-14

Antiphon: (sung by choir) In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter.



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¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶ Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;

I will sing and make music | to the LORD. Antiphon

¹¹ Teach me your | way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.

- ¹² Subject me not to the will | of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.
- ¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the LORD in the land | of the living!
- Wait for the LORD | and be strong.Take heart and wait | for the LORD! Antiphon

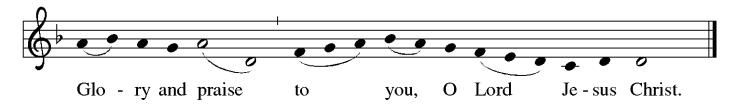
Second Reading • Philippians 3:17—4:1

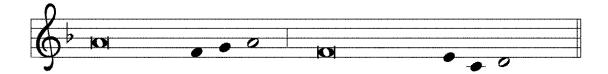
A reading from Philippians.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation





Cantor: The Son of Man must be | lifted up,*
that whoever believes in him may have e- | ternal life. (John 3:14–15)

The assembly sings the Gospel Acclamation again.

Gospel • Luke 13:31–35

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

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

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, 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." You may additionally shake hands or place your hand over your heart with a small bow to your neighbor.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL *

Offering

Last week Augustana's classrooms hosted 18 college students with Lutheran Campus Ministry from Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Thank you for your gifts and offerings that maintain Augustana's facilities making it a place of hospitality and welcome!



"The Name of Jesus" — Craig Courtney 8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

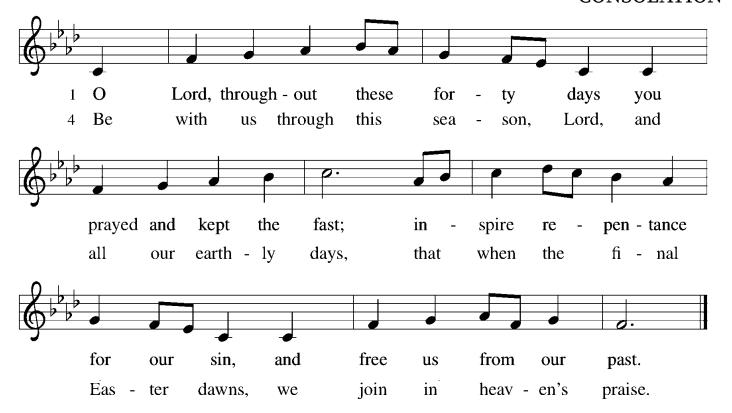
All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes my sorrows, heals my wounds and drives away my fear. It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;

Dear name, the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding place,
my never-ending treasury,
filled with boundless stores of grace,
Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.
Weak is the effort of my heart and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see You as You are, I'll praise You as I ought.
Till then I would Your love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of Your name refresh my soul in death.

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet and John Newton

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



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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

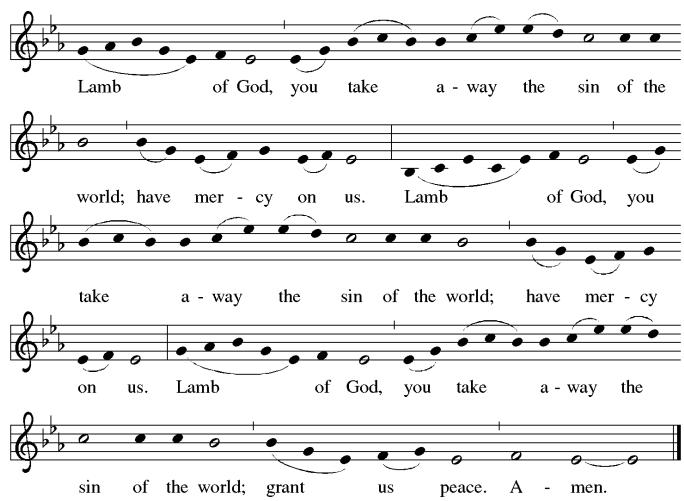
We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. All adults, and children of any age with parental permission, are welcome to commune—both those present in person and on livestream.

- 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.
- When you return to your pew you are invited to kneel or sit as you continue to pray and reflect.

Invitation to Communion

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

Lamb of God



Communion Anthem

"Laus trinitati" —Hildegard of Bingen Augustana Vocal Ensemble

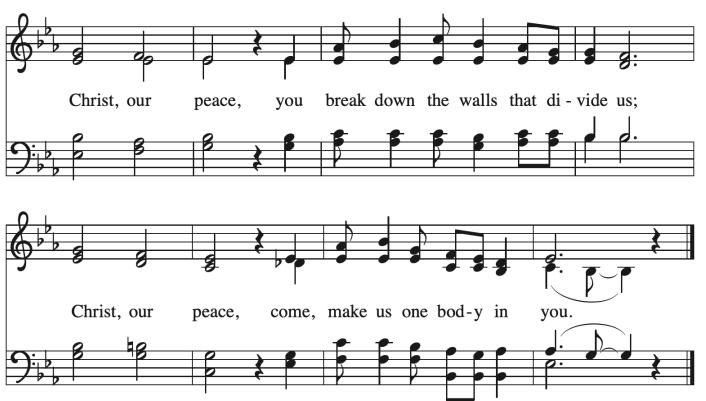
Laus Trinitati, que sonus et vita ac creatrix omnium in vita ipsorum est,

Praise to the Trinity—which is sound and life, creator [mother] of all beings in their own lives; et que laus angelice turbe et mirus splendor archanorum, and the praise of the angelic host, and wondrous splendor que hominibus ignota sunt, est, et que in omnibus vita est. of the mysteries that are unknown to all human-kind and which in everything is life.

-English text adapted by Julian Elloway; ed. Blake Nawa`a

Communion Hymn • 10:30 a.m. ACS 1037: Christ, Our Peace

CHRIST, OUR PEACE



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen

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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

Let us pray.

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 638: Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,





Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.





This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:





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

Postlude • "Blessed Assurance" -Emma Lou Diemer

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 loving memory of Lucille D. Smith on her birthday by Lisa A. Smith.

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

"Is Any Body There? Yes"
Worship, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum, 9:15 a.m., Anna
Paulson Room

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

Tuesdays

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

60+ Pilgrimage: Explore the purpose, meaning, and rewards of pilgrimage. (All ages are welcome!)

Wednesdays

March 19, 26 and April 2 and 9

Spiritual Practices Stations,

7 a.m.–7 p.m., Sanctuary Centering prayer, Lectio Divina, and walking the indoor labyrinth.

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

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

March 21, 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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Worship Ministries

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10:30 a.m. Amelia Matossian

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March Pat Miller

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Cantor:

Blake Nawa`a

Communion Bread:

March Ron Glusenkamp

Communion:

8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt

10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg

Katherine Cruson

Communion Linens:

March Kathy Edstrom

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

Greeters

10:30 a.m. Matt Miller

Livestream Assistant:

Charlie Dickinson

Offering:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Janet Flesch

Brian Willoughby

Prayers:

Anne Stratton

Readers:

8 a.m. Karen Bassford

10:30 a.m. Beth Black

Ushers:

8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims

Kirsten Lamphere

10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown

Robert Brown

Emmett Cruson Iordan Ourada

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Lance Wheeland

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