

Third Sunday in Lent: Is Any Body There? Yes! March 23, 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 • "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" –Nancy A. Norman 8 a.m. Andrew Peters, piano • 10:30 a.m. Augustana Ringers

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.

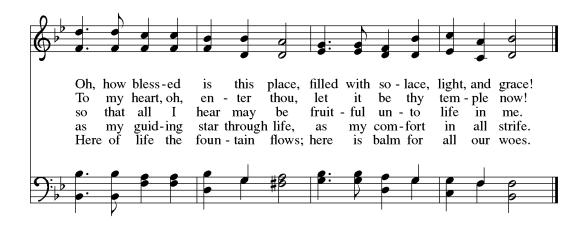
You have a place in God's house forever. Amen.

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 533: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER





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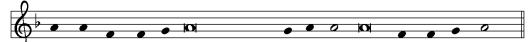
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

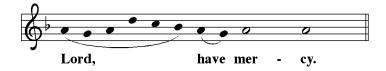
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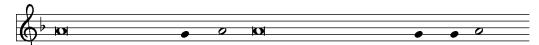






For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.





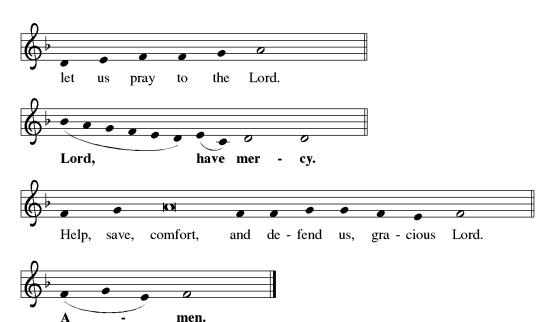
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







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



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through 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 • Isaiah 55:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm • Psalm 63:1-8

Antiphon: (sung by choir) O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.



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- ¹O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there | is no water.
- ² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place, that I might behold your power | and your glory.
- ³ For your steadfast love is better than | life itself; my lips shall | give you praise.
- ⁴ So will I bless you as long | as I live and lift up my hands | in your name. Antiphon
- ⁵ My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods, and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,
- ⁶ when I remember you up- | on my bed, and meditate on you in | the night watches.
- ⁷ For you have | been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.
- My whole being | clings to you;your right hand | holds me fast.
 Antiphon

Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from First Corinthians.

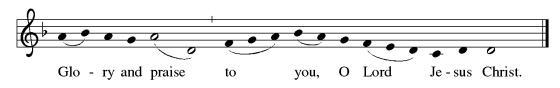
- ¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.
- ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.
- ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be

tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation





Cantor: Jesus began | to proclaim,*

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven | has come near. (Matt. 4:17)

The assembly sings the Gospel Acclamation again.

Gospel • Luke 13:1-9

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

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

The assembly is seated.

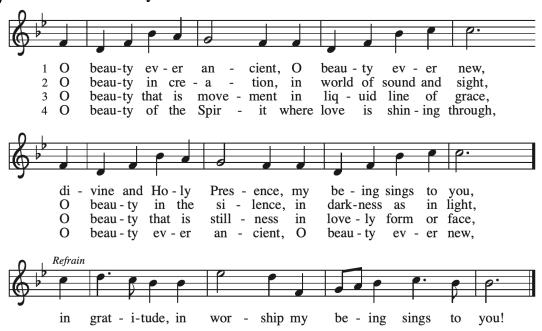
Sermon • Pastor Kent Mueller

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



Hymn of the Day • ACS 1100: O Beauty Ever Ancient

ANCIENT BEAUTY



Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020

Music: ANCIENT BEAUTY, Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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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

Our regular offering helps 37 Lutheran colleges, universities, and seminaries remain lively places of learning and leadership development—including Augustana College from Rock Island whose choir performs here tomorrow evening!



"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" -arr. John Helgen 8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble • 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

(Refrain) Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hast provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

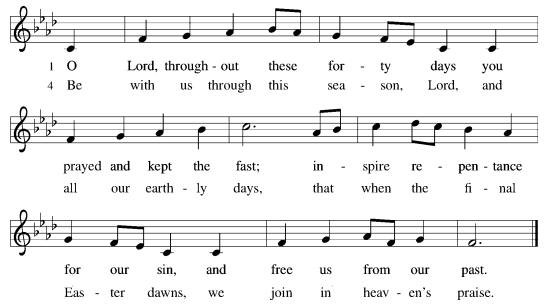
> Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine and ten thousand beside. (Refrain)

-Thomas O. Chisholm

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

CONSOLATION



Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930 Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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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.

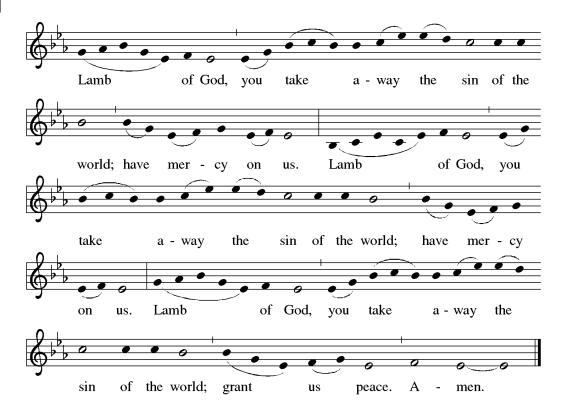
We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. All adults, and children of any age with parental permission, are welcome to commune—both those present in person and on livestream.

- The ushers will invite you into the center aisle to receive gluten-free bread from the server.
- Receive wine (darker color) or grape juice (lighter color) from the server, place the empty cup in the basket or empty tray, and return to your seat.
- If you desire a blessing rather than communion, please approach the servers with your arms crossed.
- If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher so that communion may be brought to you in the pew.
- 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 Anthems

8 a.m. "Drop, Drop, Slow Tears" –Kerry Andrew Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Drop, drop, slow tears and bathe those beauteous feet, which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears.

-Phineas Fletcher

10:30 a.m. "If Ye Love Me" –Thomas Tallis Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter. That he may bide with you forever: e'en the spirit of truth.

-John 14:15-17



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

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.



Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt. Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

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

Postlude • "Three Canons on DIX" -Don Hustad

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.

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

Tuesdays

March 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 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 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.

Worship Ministries

Acolyte:

10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown

Altar Guild:

March Pat Miller

Lisa Boe-Sims

Bus Driver:

Henok Yohannes

Cantor:

Blake Nawa`a

Communion Bread:

March Ron Glusenkamp

Communion:

8 a.m. Robin Hoffman 10:30 a.m. Brad & Pam Uvemura

Communion Linens:

March Kathy Edstrom

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Robert Brown

Greeters:

10:30 a.m. Emmett & Katherine Cruson

Livestream Assistant:

Nancy Nyhus

Offering:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy 10:30 a.m. Janet Flesch

Brian Willoughby

Prayers:

Mark Caldwell

Readers:

8 a.m. Nancy Nyhus 10:30 a.m. Linda Daniel

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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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.

Staff

Senior Pastor: Caitlin Trussell

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Andrew Peters

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