

# Third Sunday in Lent: Is Any Body There? Yes! March 30, 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** • Prelude on "Amazing Grace" –David Lasky

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,

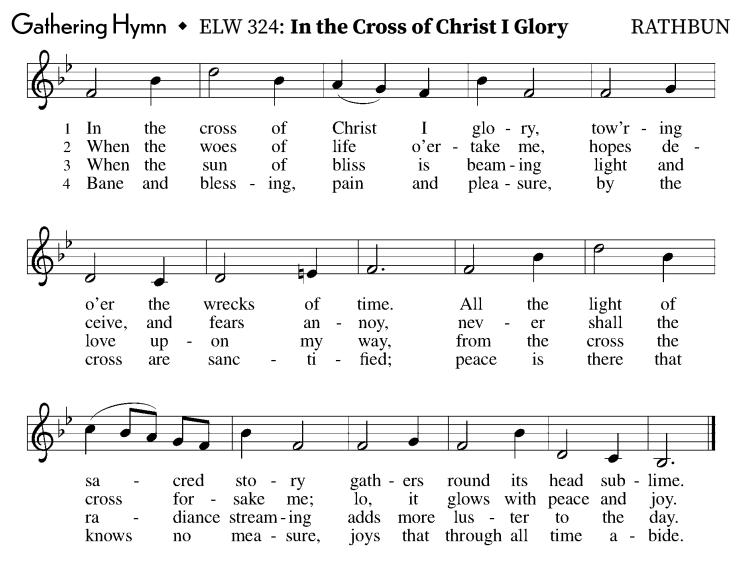
God's arms are always stretched open wide

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.



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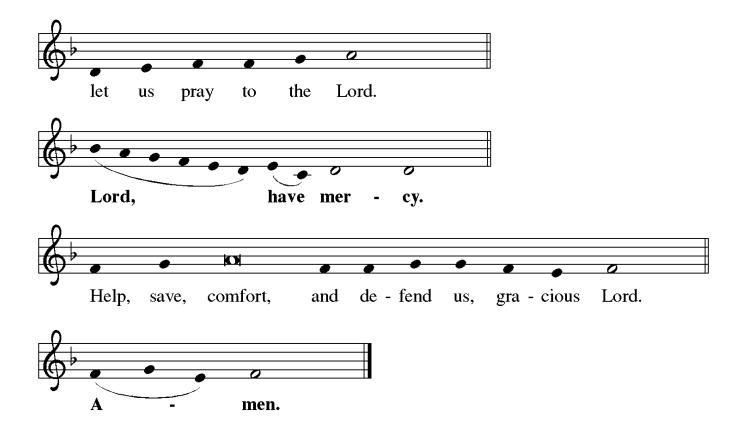
Greeting

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 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 compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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.

Anthem • 10:30 a.m. "Lamb of God" –Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson Cantabile

> Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God. Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be call a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.

> > –Twila Paris

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

# + WORD +

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A reading from Joshua.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm + Psalm 32

Antiphon: (sung by choir) Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.



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> <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven, and whose sin is | put away!

<sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt, and in whose spirit there | is no guile! Antiphon

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away, because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you,

and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow,

they | shall not reach them. Antiphon

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble; you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;

I will guide you | with my eye.

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;

# who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you." <sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations | of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. *Antiphon* 

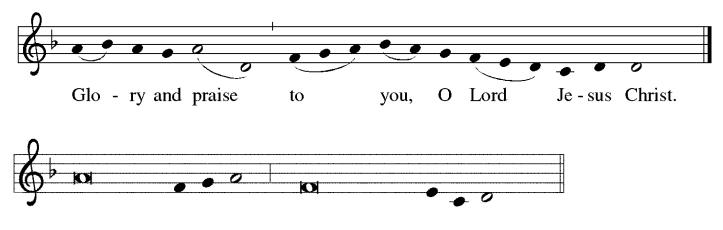
#### Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

A reading from Second Corinthians.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: I will arise and go to my fa- | ther and say,\* I have sinned against heaven | and before you. (Luke 15:18) The assembly sings the Gospel Acclamation again.

# **Gospel** • Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

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

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup> "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would

gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.<sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to

celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'" The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

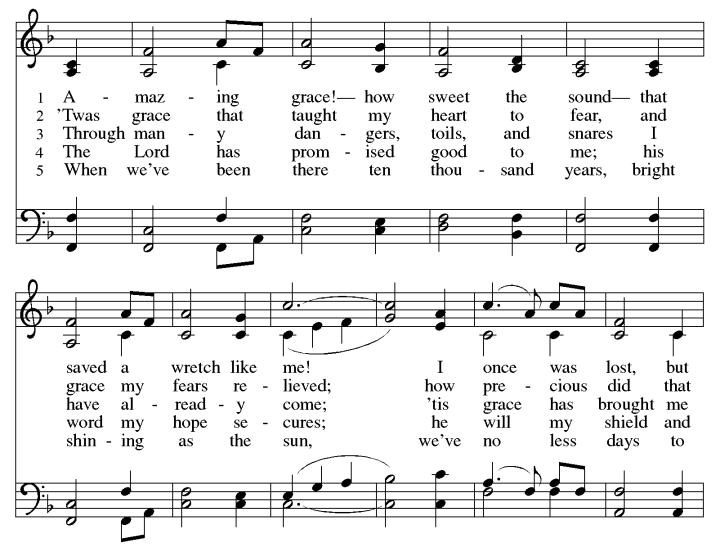
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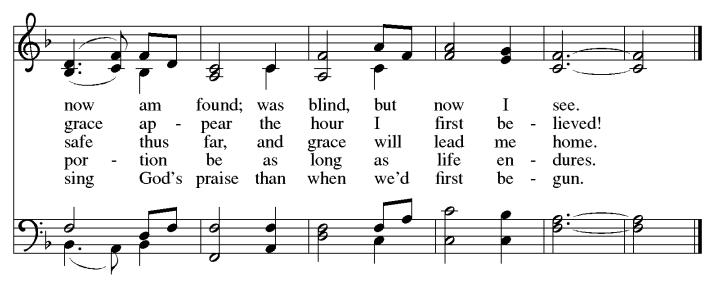
# Sermon • Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands.

#### Hymn of the Day • ELW 779: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound NEW BRITAIN





Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

# 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

Through your regular offerings, Health Ministry programs—like today's Vitalant Blood Drive—support health and caring in our church and community.



8 a.m. "If Ye Love Me" –Thomas Tallis Augustana Vocal Ensemble
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

10:30 a.m. "Beati Mundo Corde" –Grayston Ives Chancel Choir
Beati mundo corde, quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Beati pacifici, quoniam filii Dei vocabuntur.

Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God.

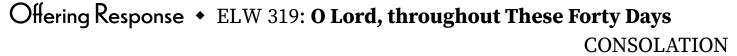
Beati qui persecutionem patiuntur propter justitiam,

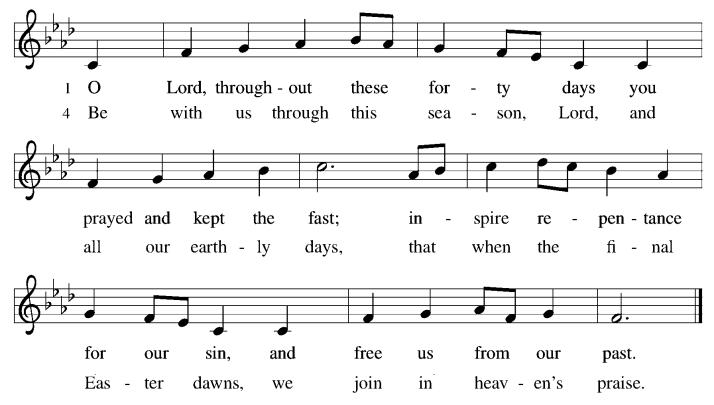
Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake, quoniam ipsorum est regnum coelorum.

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

-Matthew 5:8-10

The assembly stands.





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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.

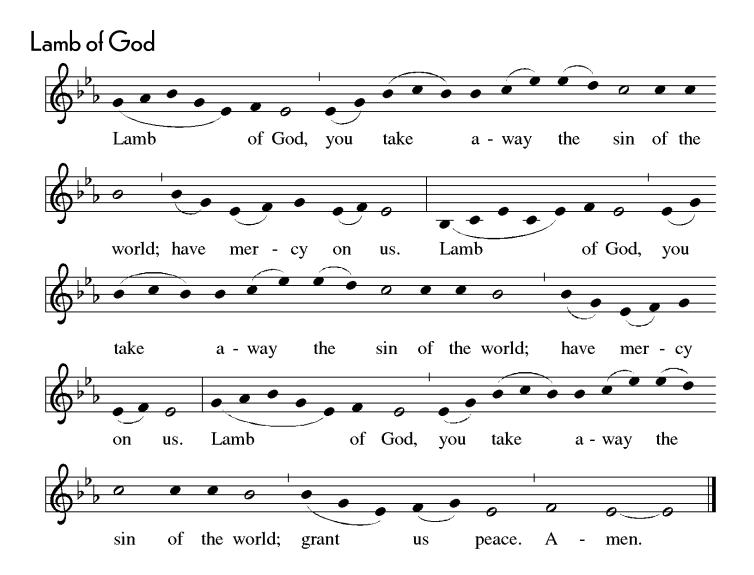
We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. All adults, and children of any age with parental permission, are welcome to commune—both those present in person and on livestream.

- 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

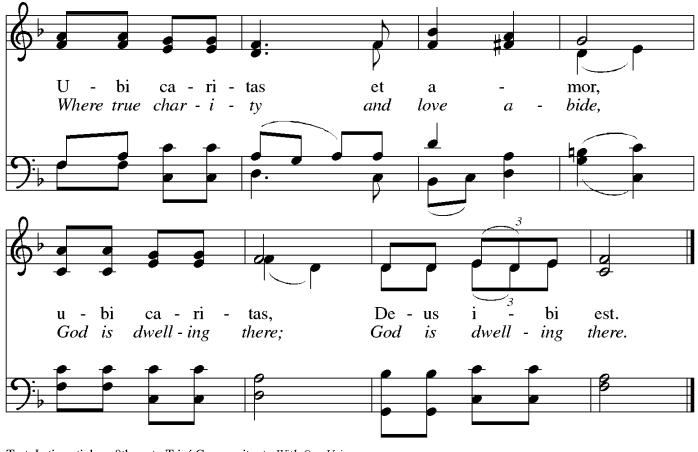
The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.



#### Communion Anthem

"When Jesus Wept" –Gwyneth Walker Augustana Vocal Ensemble
When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty word around.
My only Son, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
Perez Morton, altered Gwyneth Walker Communion Hymn • 10:30 a.m. ELW 642: Ubi caritas et amor

TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS



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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 • ACS 1047: What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

The cantor sings stanza 1; all sing stanzas 2–5.





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

Postlude • "Improvisation on NEW WORLD"

The postlude closes our worship time together. You are welcome to 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 30: Sabbath Pastor Caitlin
- April 6: Mortality Pastor Kent

## Tuesdays

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 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

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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Senior Pastor: Caitlin Trussell

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