



Ash Wednesday  
March 5, 2025 | Noon and 7 p.m.

  
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***Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of the six weeks of Lent leading through the cross and tomb to Easter Sunday. Come to receive ashes on your forehead and to hear a good word about life in the fragility of our mortality. Worship includes scripture, prayers, sermon, and song. Holy Communion for all.*

*Our 7 p.m. worship is livestreamed especially to include our home-centered members who cannot join us in person.*

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 ♦ “The Glory of These Forty Days” –Robert J. Powell

Welcome

*The assembly stands.*

# Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 319: O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

CONSOLATION

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal staff with four parts and a piano accompaniment staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the voices.

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930  
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003  
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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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious God, **out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of 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.*

## First Reading ♦ Isaiah 58:1–12

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem ♦ Noon “Create in Me” –John Leavitt**  
Augustana Singers

Create in me a clean heart O God  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, Lord,  
and take not your spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation  
and uphold me with your free spirit.  
Create in me a clean heart O God  
and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

–Psalm 51:11–13

**Second Reading ♦ 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10**

A reading from Second Corinthians.

<sup>20b</sup>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.

<sup>6:1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept  
the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

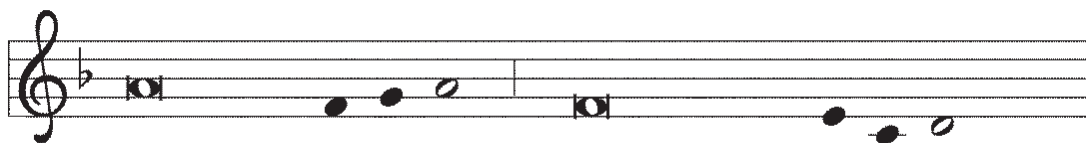
See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of  
salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that  
no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of  
God we have commended ourselves in every way: through  
great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings,  
imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by  
purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit,

genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

### Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: Return to the | LORD, your God,\*  
who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in |  
steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

*The assembly sings the Gospel Acclamation again.*

### Gospel ♦ Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not

let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

*The assembly stands.*

## Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 322: **Oh, Love, How Deep**

DEO GRACIAS

1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er  
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of  
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and  
God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.  
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, alt.  
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

## Invitation to Lent

### Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination. The people may kneel.*

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.



We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Imposition of Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Offering

*Lord, you who know the secrets of our hearts, keep our prayers, service and devotion grounded in selfless gratitude.*



*–Offering Highlights by Augustana’s Stewardship  
Committee*

Noon “Lord, Give Me Faith” –Joseph Roff  
Augustana Singers

Lord, give me Faith, to live from day to day,  
with tranquil heart to do my simple part.  
And, with my hand in Thine, just go Thy way.

Lord, give me Faith, to trust, if not to know;  
with quiet mind in all things Thee to find,  
and, childlike, go where Thou wouldst have me go.

Lord, give me Faith, to leave it all to Thee.  
The future is Thy gift, I would not lift the veil  
Thy Love has hung ’twixt it and me.

Lord, give me Faith, to live from day to day,  
and, with my hand in Thine, just go Thy way.

–John Oxenham

7 p.m. "Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God" –Carl F. Mueller  
Chancel Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence;  
and take not thy holy spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,  
uphold me with thy free spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;  
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

–Psalm 51:10–13

*The assembly stands.*

Offering Response ♦ ELW 188: **Create in Me a Clean Heart**

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system, using a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the corresponding syllables.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

## 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,  
In your great love for the world,  
you sent Jesus the beloved,  
who reached out in hope and healing,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
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,  
to the glory of your holy name,  
**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.**

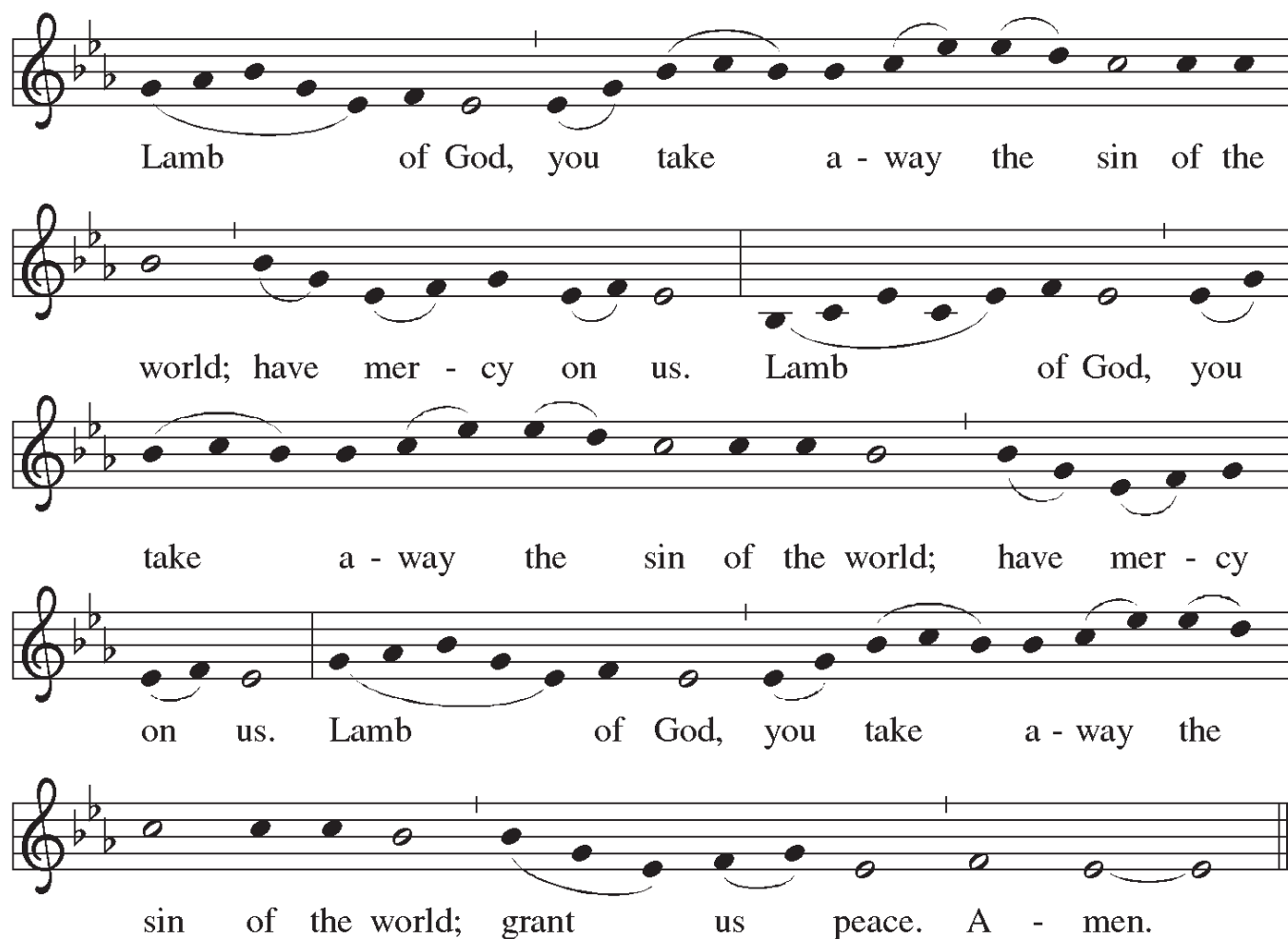
## Holy Communion

*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.*



*The assembly stands.*

## Post Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## Prayer

Merciful God, **accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Blessing**      Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn ♦ ELW 328: Restore in Us, O God**

**BAYLOR**



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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**Dismissal**      Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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## Lent at Augustana Lutheran Church

### 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.

**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 worship.
- You are welcome to have your water bottles with you during worship.
- On the south side of the Sanctuary, children are welcome to borrow items from the Worship & Wiggle shelf. Please return the items after worship. 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.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the [Giving page at Augustana's website \(augustanadenver.org\)](https://augustanadenver.org/giving). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Restrooms and water stations are 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.
- 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](https://augustanadenver.org)) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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# Ash Wednesday Ministries

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7 p.m. Emily Murdock

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7 p.m. Jordan Hainey  
Kathi Schmidt

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March Ron Glusenkamp

## Communion Linens:

March Kathy Edstrom

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7 p.m. Morgan Levy  
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Noon Elaine Malzahn  
7 p.m. Jena Requist

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