



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

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Welcome to Worship on these Sundays after the festival of Pentecost, the birth of the church in the first century. Our worship themes include being a church who loves our neighbors as ourselves, as we love God who first loved us and showed us how to love by the example of Jesus.

In the summer months, we welcome many visitors who find more time for church. Please fill out the worship slips on the front of your bulletin and let us know your thoughts and questions by putting the worship slip in the offering plate as it's passed around. We also enjoy our Summer Choir that includes anyone who wants to sing that Sunday with a practice before worship begins, and Wednesday evening S'more Fun and Worship in Augustana's park downhill from the church building. Come and connect with others as we enjoy our summer together!

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 ♦ "It Is Well with My Soul" –Horatio Spafford and Philip Bliss
Elion Dickinson, violin; Charlie Dickinson, piano

Welcome

◆ GATHERING ◆

The assembly stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrating God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from your abundant life. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in following your way. In your mercy, forgive us. Break our bonds and show us the path of life. Amen.

You are God's beloved children. Through ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

10:30 a.m. *Please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.*

Gathering Hymn ◆ ELW 813: Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is
 3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -
 4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,
 press - ion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,
 fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,
 mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,
 the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O
 un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O



ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.
 ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.

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 Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain
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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.

Canticle of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
 O God, judge eternal, **you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Back-to-School Blessing

First Reading ◆ Jeremiah 23:23–29

A reading from Jeremiah.

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Psalm ◆ Psalm 82

Read responsively.

¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

² “How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?”

³ **Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;**

⁴ **rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵ **They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

⁶ Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.’”

⁸ **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Reading ◆ Hebrews 11:29—12:2

A reading from Hebrews.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Bible Presentation for Kindergarteners and Third Graders ♦ 10:30 a.m.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel ♦ Luke 12:49-56

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

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Kent Mueller

Silence for reflection.

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 1084: **God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me**

GREEN TYLER

The cantor will sing stanza 1. All will sing stanzas 2-5.



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



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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 of grace, **hear 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

Today as part of Children, Youth and Family Ministry's milestones recognition, eight children receive Bibles at 10:30 a.m. worship. Your offerings help Augustana families fulfill their baptismal promise to place in their children's hands the holy scriptures. Thank you!



“Be Thou My Vision” –arr. Brenda Portman
Emily Murdock, soprano solo

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

–Ancient Irish translated by Mary Byrne (1905); versed by Eleanor Hull (1912)

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ◆ ELW 691: Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

BARBARA ALLEN



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.

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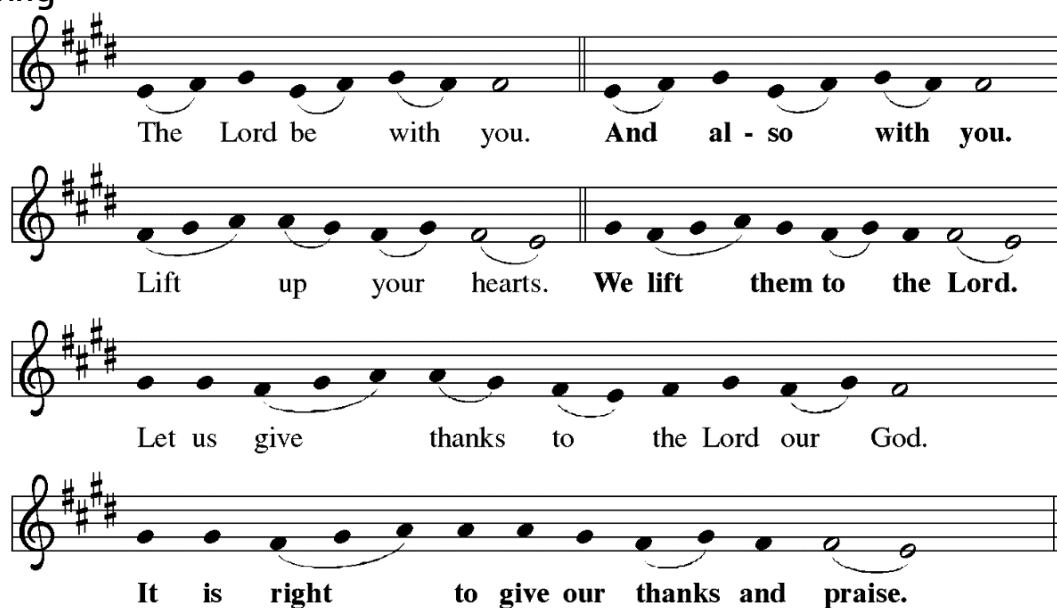
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Creator God, **in your generosity you bring forth an abundant harvest and all that is good. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



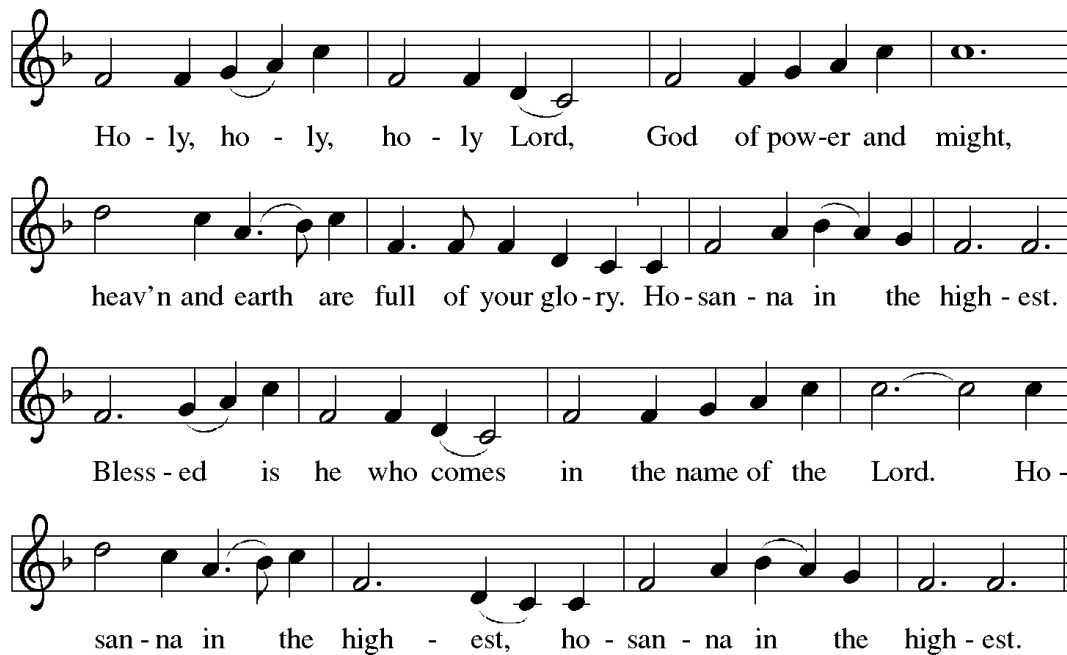
The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, gracious creator,
Endless is your mercy and eternal your steadfast love.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age,
Including now the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who proclaimed your good news in word and deed, in his ministry on earth,
and through the mystery of his death and resurrection.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the prayers of Jesus Christ who prays for us;
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, gracious God, 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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Anthems

“How Great Thou Art” –Stuart Hine

“’Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus” –Louisa Stead and William Kirkpatrick

Elion Dickinson, violin

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.

Holy God who is love, you gathered us to your table where we feasted on your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves, to love our enemies and pray for them, and to proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

◆ SENDING ◆

Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of Jesus Christ guide you on his way;
and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you and ✠ give you peace. **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 815: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system.

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Dismissal Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude ♦ “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” –William Runyan
 Elion Dickinson, violin; Charlie Dickinson, piano

The postlude closes our worship time together. You are welcome to listen from your pew, or leave quietly while others are enjoying the music.

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.
- 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, 9–11 a.m., 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.
- 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.
- 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.	Amelia Matossian
Altar Guild:	August	Pat Miller
Bus Driver:		Tim Libby
Cantor:		Emily Murdock
Communion Bread:	August	Kelly McCartney
Communion:	8 a.m.	Roger Lipker
	10:30 a.m.	Katherine Cruson Pat Miller
Communion Linens:	August	Judy Nyquist
Crucifer:	10:30 a.m.	John Flory
Greeter:	10:30 a.m.	Karen Morgenthaler
Livestream Assistant:		Nancy Nyhus
Prayers:		Mark Caldwell
Readers:	8 a.m.	Larry Rasmussen
	10:30 a.m.	Marcia Olson
Ushers:	8 a.m.	Lisa Boe-Sims Kirsten Lamphere
	10:30 a.m.	Griffin Brown Robert Brown Emmett Cruson Jordan Ourada Rosalee Wanchisen Lance Wheeland

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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.

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