

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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*Welcome to worship during this time of Advent—the first season of the Christian church year that includes the four Sundays before Christmas. Advent means arrival, so each year we anticipate: Christ’s return, John the Baptist’s call to preparation and repentance, and the incarnation that brings God into skin and solidarity with the world through Jesus. At the same time, we celebrate the advent of Jesus Christ in the Word that is read, preached, prayed, and sung, as well as his advent in Holy Communion.*

*Silence will be kept at various times during worship to emphasize the waiting aspect of the season of Advent and to slow us down at a time of year when events outpace our sensibilities.*

*May Advent worship strengthen us in faith and embolden us to live the radical grace that proclaims the good news of Jesus by our words and actions.*

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*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** ♦ “Oh, Come, Emmanuel” –Held/Ferguson  
Denise Lanning, Organ, Guest Organist

**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.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose promises are sure. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.*

How long, O Lord, **will we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you provide? We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in community with our neighbors. Increase our trust in you, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

God gives us grace not as we deserve, but according to God's own steadfast love.

✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome Jesus. **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 264: Prepare the Royal Highway

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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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.  
 Stir up our hearts, Lord God, **to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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.*

**Anthems** ♦ 10:30 a.m. “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” –arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon  
 Chancel Ringers

“A Waiting Carol” –Helen Kemp  
 Cherub Choir

He’s coming! He’s Coming! Oh tell us, who is coming.  
 Lord Jesus is coming to light our lives again.  
 Each candle is saying, “Get ready for his birthday.”  
 Prepare us to greet him with love and joy we pray.

**Children’s Time** ♦ 10:30 a.m.

# Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

O people of hope, come,

**let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.**

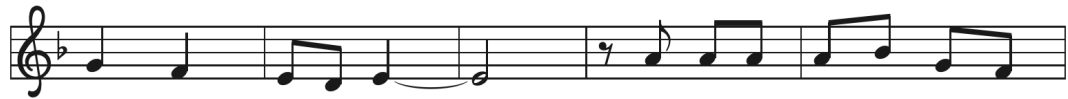
*Following the Advent wreath lighting, the assembly remains seated to sing the Advent wreath hymn.*

ACS 1048: **There Is a Longing in Our Hearts**

LONGING



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.



1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:  
2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort:



hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:  
hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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First Reading ◆ Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

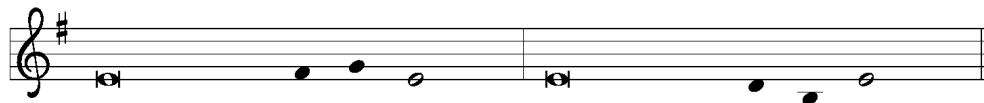
<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire  
of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

# Psalm ♦ Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace.



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*Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.*

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to | the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your | people righteously**  
**and the | poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
and the | hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**  
**rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.** *Antiphon*  
<sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
from one generation | to another.  
<sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,**  
**like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup> In his time may the | righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.  
<sup>18</sup> **Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;**  
**you alone do | wondrous deeds!**  
<sup>19</sup> And blessed be your glorious | name forever,  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen. *Antiphon*

## Second Reading ♦ Romans 15:4–13

A reading from Romans.

<sup>4</sup> Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors <sup>9</sup> and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles  
and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup> and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup> and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;  
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

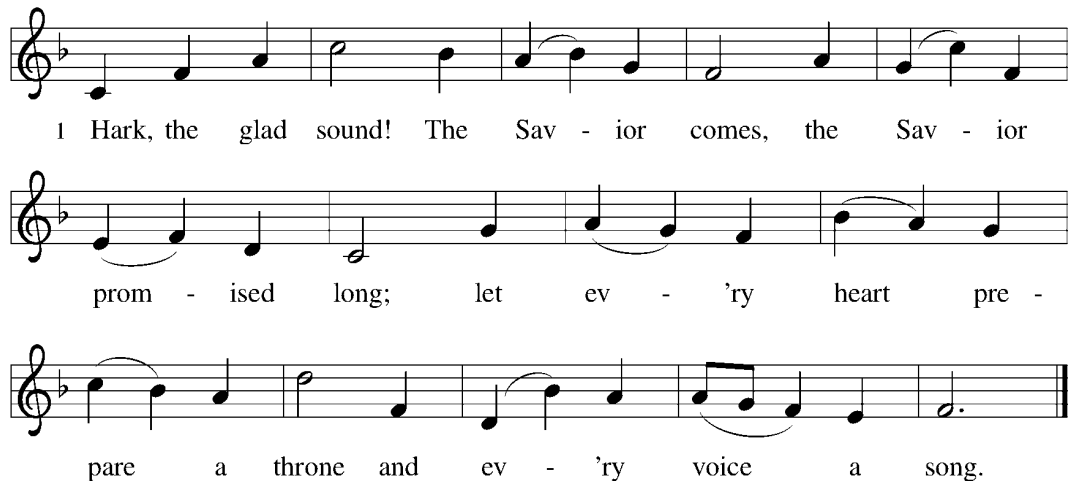
<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

*The assembly stands.*

## Gospel Acclamation ♦ ELW 239: **Hark, the Glad Sound!**

CHESTERFIELD



Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751  
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

## Gospel ♦ Matthew 3:1-12

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup>and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

*Silence for reflection.*

*The assembly stands.*

## Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 257: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, EMMANUEL



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

*Refrain*

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

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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, **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

*People of all ages gathered yesterday to carol to Augustana's home-centered members and friends, and more will gather again today in Fellowship Hall for Advent Adventure. Thank you for your offerings which support opportunities for intergenerational connecting, ministry, learning, and fun.*



8 a.m. "Lo, How a Rose" –Michael Praetorius  
Augustana Vocal Ensemble

*See text, page 14*

10:30 a.m. "All Earth is Hopeful" David M. Cherwin  
Chancel Choir

All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last!  
Furrows lie open for God's creative task:  
This, the labor of people who struggle to see  
how God's truth and justice set ev'rybody free

People of Israel, you heard the prophet tell:  
"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel;"  
She conceived him, "God with us," our brother, whose birth  
Restores hope and courage to children of this earth.

Mountains and valleys will have to be prepared;  
New highways opened, new protocols declared.  
Almost here! God is nearing, in beauty and grace!  
All clear ev'ry gateway, in haste, come out in haste!

We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.  
This same Lord Jesus today has come to live in our world;  
He is present, in neighbors we see  
our Jesus is with us, and ever sets us free.

# Offering Response ♦ ELW 247: **Come Now, O Prince of Peace**

OSOSŌ



1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.  
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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# Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, **you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, quench our parched places, that we may rejoice and be signs of your gracious love. 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:

**ELW 521: My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness**

KINGSFOLD

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—  
great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.

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Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune  
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## Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of the wilderness,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one 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

Here is life. God is with us. **Thanks be to God.**

4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen  
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -  
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly  
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We  
praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704  
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## Communion Music

8 a.m. “Comfort Ye” from *The Messiah* –George Frideric Handel

Blake Nawa`a, tenor

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God;  
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and cry unto her,  
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.  
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

10:30 a.m. “Lo, How a Rose” –Michael Praetorius (stz. 1), Donald Cashmore (stzs. 2–3)

Emily Murdock, Hannah Kimball, Blake Nawa`a, Keith Williamson

Es ist ein Ros' entspurngen aus einer Wurzel zart;  
Wie uns die Alten sungen von Jesse kam die Art.  
Art und hat ein Blümlein bracht  
Mitten im kalten Winger wohl zu der haben Nacht.

*Translation:* A rose is a-springen from tender roots on earth  
As ancient men were singing from Jesse came its birth.  
And now this little flow'r appears in coldest winter  
At this the midnight hour.

This rose, the stem of Jesse, by prophets once foretold;  
 Mary alone has brought us the Child promised of old.  
 By God's eternal pow'r the maid has borne the infant  
 At this, the midnight hour.

The flow'r so small and slender shines thro' with radiance bright  
 To us so sweet and tender dispels the darkest night.  
 True man, with God's true pow'r helps us from all our suffering  
 Saves us from death's dark hour.

Communion Hymn ♦ 10:30 a.m. ELW 249: **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

PUER NOBIS

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

## 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.

God our host, **at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.**  
**Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger,**  
**and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## ◆ SENDING ◆

## Blessing

May God whose love is within and beyond time, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, light in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **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 251: My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

KINGFOLD

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.  
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.  
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—  
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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

**Postlude** ♦ “Lord, Christ, the Morning Star” (BWV 601) –J.S. Bach

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

**Candles** for the Christ Chapel altar lamp this month are given in memory of Dorothy Toscano by her daughter Karen Yeager and family. Candles for the sanctuary altar lamp this month are given by Sarah Circle in memory of Sarah Circle members.

**Flowers** for worship today are given in memory of Dorothy Toscano on her birthday by her daughters, Karen Yeager and family and Debbie Dorn and family.

# 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 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.
- 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](http://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. Grace Crook

## **Advent Wreath:**

8 a.m. Devol Family

10:30 a.m. Reeba Jabamoni  
Kiran Jabamoni  
Shaan Reddy

## **Altar Guild:**

December Bill Crossen  
Rhonda Crossen

## **Bus Driver:**

Ryan VanderWel

## **Cantor:**

Emily Murdock

## **Communion Bread:**

December Pam Uyerma

## **Communion:**

8 a.m. Roger Lipker

10:30 a.m. Christelle Menth  
Julie Churchill

## **Communion Linens:**

December Kay Cruson

## **Crucifer:**

10:30 a.m. Sid Paul

## **Greeters:**

10:30 a.m. Heidi Johnson

## **Offering:**

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

Jo Martin  
10:30 a.m. Janet Flesch  
Brian Willoughby  
Mark Caldwell

## **Prayers:**

Mark Caldwell

## **Readers:**

8 a.m. Estella Logsdon

10:30 a.m. Larry Rasmussen

## **Ushers:**

8 a.m. Pat Vaillancourt

10:30 a.m. Jayme Howard  
Annie Nessa  
Inez Smith  
Kathi Schmidt  
Brad Uyemura

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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 YouTube channel for worship livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Visit Augustana's website ([augustanadenver.org](http://augustanadenver.org)) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

# Staff

**Senior Pastor:** Caitlin Trussell

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