

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 9

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Welcome to worship on the Sundays after Epiphany (January 6) when we celebrate the in-breaking of God's light. Epiphany means "manifestation." Beginning with the "wise men" from the East, the readings during these weeks reveal that the manifestation of God is for all people everywhere. Through Word and the sacraments of communion and baptism, we too are invited to rise and shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon us. Fed and nourished in worship, we are sent forth to manifest and shine the light of Christ.

Our 10:30 a.m. worship is livestreamed weekly, especially to include our home-centered members and friends 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 ♦ “Invocation” –George Walker

David Vogels, guest organist

Today's organ selections are written by African-American composers in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Welcome

Welcome 150 Epiphany Update

♦ **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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the Holy One who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Mighty God, lover of justice, you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✠ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

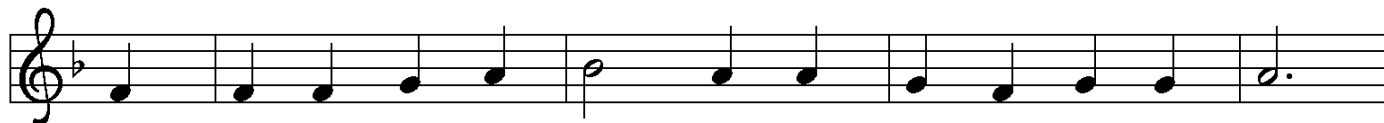
10:30 a.m. *Please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.*

Gathering Hymn ♦ ELW 311: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



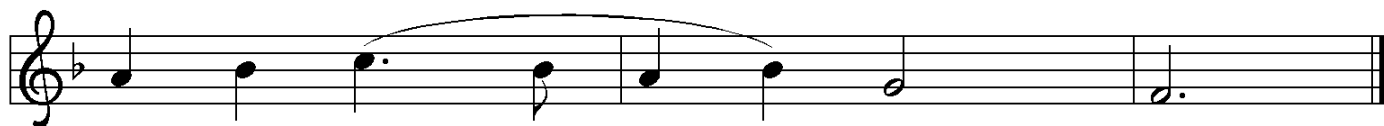
Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
pre - cious in your sight.
hill to val - ley flow.
king - dom with - out end.

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.

Holy God, **our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time ♦ 10:30 a.m.

♦ **WORD** ♦

First Reading ♦ Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹ Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
- ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
- ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD
and my reward with my God.”

⁵ And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O | LORD, you know.

**¹⁰ I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love
and truth from the | great assembly.**

¹¹ You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth
continually | keep me safe. *Antiphon*

Second Reading ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

A reading from First Corinthians

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are
sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all
those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, both their Lord and ours:

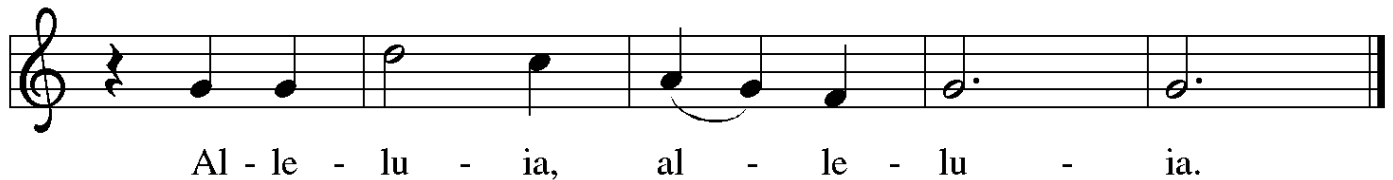
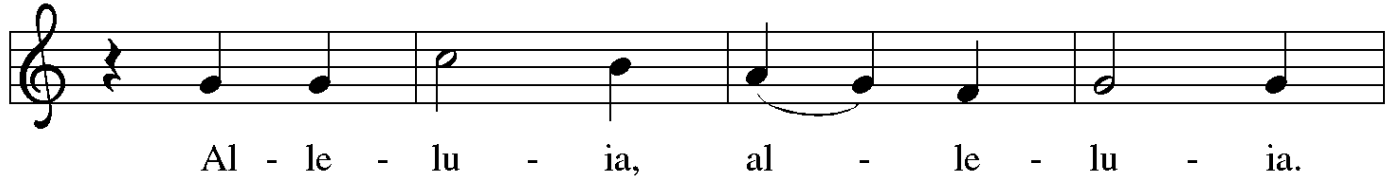
³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of
God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way
you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of
every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will
also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom
you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

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

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: In the | Word was life,*
and the life was the light | of all people. (John 1:4)
The assembly sings the alleluia again.

Gospel ♦ John 1:29–42

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

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on

whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

The assembly is seated.

Sermon ♦ Pastor Michael Tassler

Silence for reflection.

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 773: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

(One of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s favorite hymns.)



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993

Music: PRECIOUS LORD, George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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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:

Merciful God, **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

Thank you for your offerings which support staff and elected officers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who work at the Lutheran Center in Chicago and in other locations around the world serving as administrators, advisors, conveners, partners and resource people for the ELCA and its ministries.



“Lift Every Voice and Sing” –Lyrics by James Weldon
Johnson (1871–1938) and set to
music by his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson (1873–1954)
8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble
10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Lift ev’ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list’ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.
Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast’ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;

We have come, treading our path
 through the blood of the slaughtered,
 Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
 Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
 Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places,
 our God, where we met thee;
 Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,
 we forget thee;
 Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
 True to our God, true to our native land.

The assembly stands.

Offering Response ♦ ELW 294: **In the Bleak Midwinter** CRANHAM

3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894
 Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.


God of majesty, **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those you love, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving




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






might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na in the high-est, 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, the universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every
breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness;
out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for Jesus:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,
in your church, without end. **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 the Light of the World. **Thanks be to God.**

ELW 843: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

NETTLETON



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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Communion Music

8 a.m. "Behold the Lamb of God" from *Messiah*

—George Frideric Handel

Emily Murdock, Hannah Kimball,
Blake Nawa`a, Art Van Dyck

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.
(John 1:29)

10:30 a.m. "Danza" —T. Susato, arr. K. McChesney
Augustana Ringers

Communion Hymn ♦ 10:30 a.m. ACS 976: **Come and See** COME AND SEE

Repeat throughout communion distribution.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "What are you look - ing for? Come, see, come and see. What are you look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39
Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby
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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

Radiant God, **we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In this bread and wine, you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

◆ SENDING ◆

Blessing May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ✠ 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 ♦ ELW 688: Lord of Light

ABBOT'S LEIGH



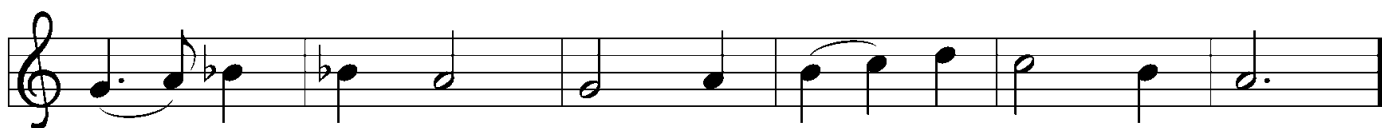
1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860–1953, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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Dismissal *The Dismissal is abridged from the Bible verse Micah 6:8 “...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?”*

Go in peace. Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude ♦ Toccata on “Great Day” –Adolphus Hailstork

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

Flowers for worship today are given in memory of our grandmother, Viola Munson, by her grandchildren, Don Munson, Karen Yeager and Debbie Dorn.

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. Families are welcome to supervise their children in Augustana's nursery at any time on Sundays as well as use the Cozy Corner in the sanctuary narthex if a change of scenery is needed during worship. 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). 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.
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- 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.

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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) for links, downloadable worship resources, and past worship recordings.

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10:30 a.m. Grace Crook

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Cantor: Blake Nawa`a

Communion:

8 a.m. Robin Hoffman

10:30 a.m. Katherine Cruson

Karen Mayhew

Communion Bread:

January Karen Bassford

Communion Linens:

January Margaret Aarestad

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Robert Brown

Greeter:

10:30 a.m. Karen Morgenthaler

Offering:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Betty Boyd

Prayers/Readers:

8 a.m. Karen Bassford

10:30 a.m. Michael Zumwalt

Ushers:

8 a.m. Lisa Boe-Sims

Kirsten Lamphere

10:30 a.m. Griffin Brown

Robert Brown

Emmett Cruson

Joy Dillon

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