



Third Sunday after Epiphany

Preschool Sunday

January 25, 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 ♦ "Pastorale" –Italian
Denise Lanning, guest organist

Welcome

Welcome to Augustana Early Learning Center (AELC)

Children and Families

Kisanet Yohannes, Director

◆ 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 715: **Christ, Be Our Light** CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

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dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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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.

Lord God, **your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ 10:30 a.m. “The Hippo Song” –Mary Rice Hopkins
Children and Teachers of the Augustana Early Learning Center
In the beginning God made the seas,
And the forests filled with trees
God made the mountains up so high,
Above it all God made the sky
God’s fingerprints are everywhere,
Just to show how much God cares

And in between God had some fun,
God made a hippo that weighed a ton!
Hip, Hip, Hippopotamus
Hip, Hip, Hooray, God made all of us.

Children's Time ♦ 10:30 a.m.

♦ WORD ♦

First Reading ♦ Isaiah 9:1–4

A reading from Isaiah.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Psalm ♦ Psalm 27:1, 4–9

Antiphon: (*sung by choir*) The Lord is my light and my salvation



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Bold verses are sung by all using the tone above.

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I | be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek God | in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies |
who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,
sacrifices of rejoicing;**

I will sing and make music | to the LORD. *Antiphon*

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me,
turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

Antiphon

Second Reading ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

A reading from First Corinthians

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Cantor: Jesus preached the good news | of the kingdom*
and cured every sickness a- | mong the people. (Matt. 4:23)

The assembly sings the alleluia again.

Gospel ♦ Matthew 4:12–23

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

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. 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 808: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

LES PETITES SOEURS

1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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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.

◆ MEAL ◆

Offering

The Augustana Early Learning Center serves children and families from our congregation and from the surrounding community. Your giving makes this excellent education and caring possible. Thank you.



8 a.m. “Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of our Hearts”

–Henry Purcell

Augustana Vocal Ensemble

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thou merciful ears unto our prayer
But spare us Lord, most Holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy judge eternal
Suffer us not at our last hour
For any pains of death to fall from Thee. Amen.

10:30 a.m. “You Shall Have a Song”

–Z. Randall Stroepe, text: Isaiah 30;29

Chancel Choir

You shall have a song, you shall have a song,
And gladness of heart, and gladness of heart.
You shall have a song,
as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept.
Holy, holy, holy!

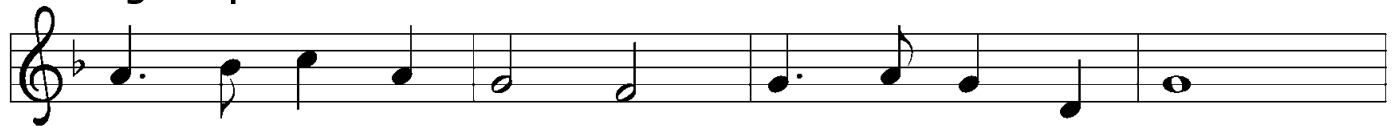
As dew from heaven falls and nourishes the earth,
We sing, "Holy!"

Now the sunrise with its streaming ray of righteousness
And the earth in one accord, singing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
You shall have a song, and gladness of heart.

All the earth sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
And with gladness of heart, "Holy, holy, holy."
You shall have a song.

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

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 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.



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 Anthem ♦ “The Lord is My Light” –Horatio W. Parker

(Psalm 27:1–3, 8, 11, 16)

Augustana Vocal Ensemble

The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation:
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is my strength, the strength of my life,
of whom then shall I be afraid?

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee,
Have mercy upon me and hear me, O Lord.

Thou hast been my succor,
Leave me not, neither forsake me,
O God of my salvation.

Yet shall not my heart be afraid;
And though there rose up war against me,

Yet will I put my Trust in Him.

The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation: whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength, the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

Amen.

Communion Hymn ♦ 10:30 a.m. ACS 987: **Guide My Feet** GUIDE MY FEET

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child heart
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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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 798: Will You Come and Follow Me KELVINGROVE



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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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 ♦ “Agincourt Hymn” –John Dunstable

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 Raedine Smith by her Augustana friends.

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.
- 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.

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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. Shaan Reddy

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8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Jamie & Ellen Kastens

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Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. Max Johnson

Greeters:

10:30 a.m. Ken Beazer

Aaron Beazdr

Offering:

8 a.m. Morgan Levy

10:30 a.m. Betty Boyd

Prayers/Readers:

8 a.m. Mark Caldwell

10:30 a.m. Paula Pace

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8 a.m. Roger Lipker

Rob Trussell

10:30 a.m. Karen Bourg

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