



First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5

Augustana
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship on these Sundays of Lent. Ash Wednesday to Easter is filled with the forty days of Lent. While Lent deepens our worship reflection, Sundays are not included in the forty days because they are mini-Easters celebrating Christ's resurrection. The pre-Easter season of Lent reveals the mystery of Christ's death healing our brokenness and sin through the cross. In Lent, we reflect on the things in us that are being "put to death" so that something else, something we cannot imagine on our own, may come to life in us.

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 blurring the cameras 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 ■ 8 a.m. "Clair de lune," from *Suite bergamasque*

–Claude Debussy

Peter Severson, guest organist

10:30 a.m. "Get On Board Little Children"

–Traditional Spiritual, arr. Kirsten Daniel

Augustana Instrumental Ensemble

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes guilt and shame to restore hope.

Silence is kept for reflection. The people may kneel.

Gracious God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking self-reliance instead of surrendering to you:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding your call to love others as ourselves, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for discounting our new life in Christ: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Christ dwells in you, instills hope in your heart, and gives you life and 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 326: **Bless Now, O God, the Journey**

LLANGLOFFAN



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

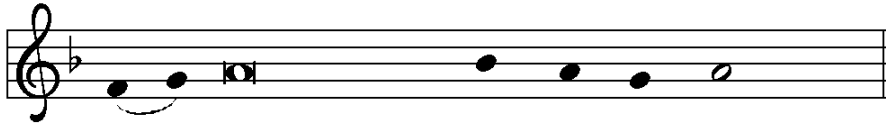
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Greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



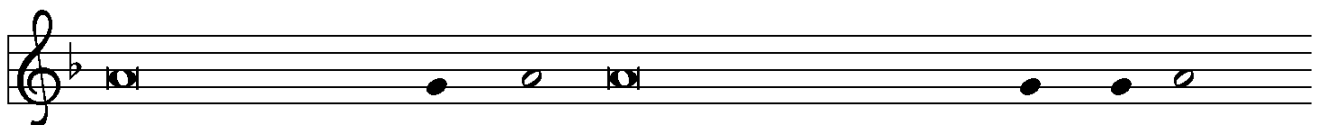
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



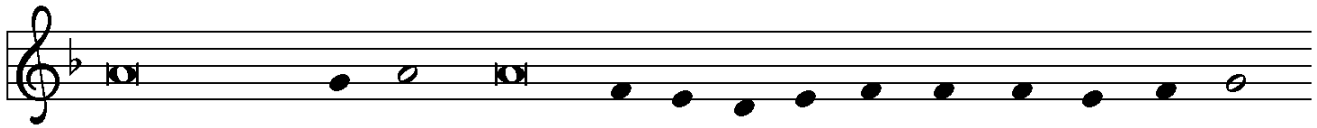
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, **the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Children's Time ■ 10:30 a.m.

▪ WORD ▪

First Reading ▪ Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will | not stay near you.”

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. *Antiphon*

Second Reading ▪ Romans 5:12–19

A reading from Romans.

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man’s disobedience

the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

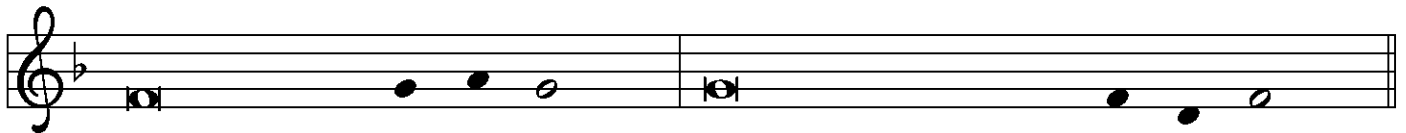
The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



All:

Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.



Cantor: One does not live by | bread alone,*
but by every word that comes from the | mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)

The assembly sings the Gospel Acclamation again.

Gospel ■ Matthew 4:1-11

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

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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 319: **O Lord, throughout These Forty Days**

CONSOLATION

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

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

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

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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

The season of Lent at Augustana includes midweek Holden Evening Prayer, Lent Prayer Spaces, providing Easter “baskets” for Warren Village, and more. Thank you for your offerings which support resources, staff, and practices for our forty day journey toward Easter.



“Lord, I Want to be a Christian” –Traditional Spiritual, arr.
Moses Hogan

8 a.m. Augustana Vocal Ensemble ▪ 10:30 a.m. Chancel
Choir

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

The assembly stands.

Offering Response

ELW 885: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Musical notation for the Offering Response, consisting of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

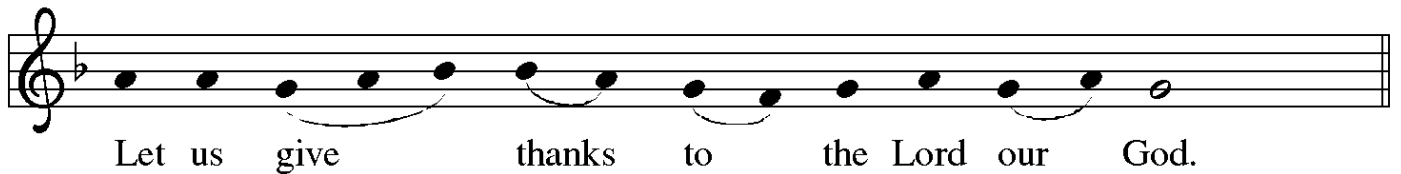
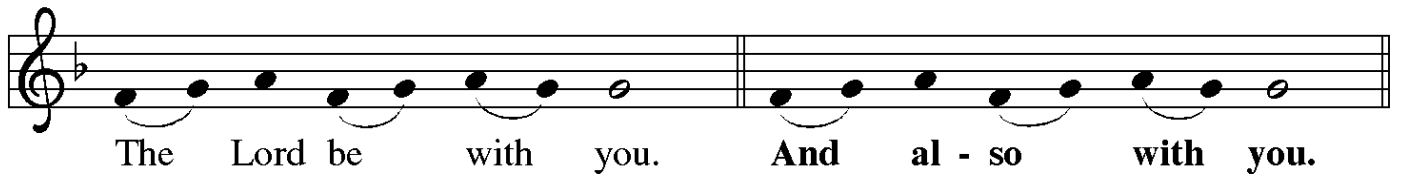
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Offering Prayer

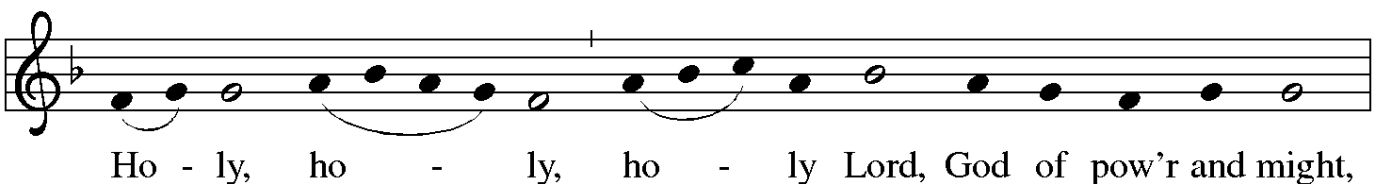
Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth, **your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



heav - en 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 In your great love for the world,
 you sent Jesus the beloved,
 who reached out in hope and healing,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
to the glory of your holy name,
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

We trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. All adults, and children of any age with parental permission, are welcome to commune—both those present in person and on livestream.

- *The ushers will invite you into the center aisle to receive gluten-free bread from the server.*

- *Receive wine (darker color) or grape juice (lighter color) from the server, place the empty cup in the basket or empty tray, and return to your seat.*
- *If you desire a blessing rather than communion, please approach the servers with your arms crossed.*
- *If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher so that communion may be brought to you in the pew.*
- *When you return to your pew you are invited to kneel or sit as you continue to pray and reflect.*

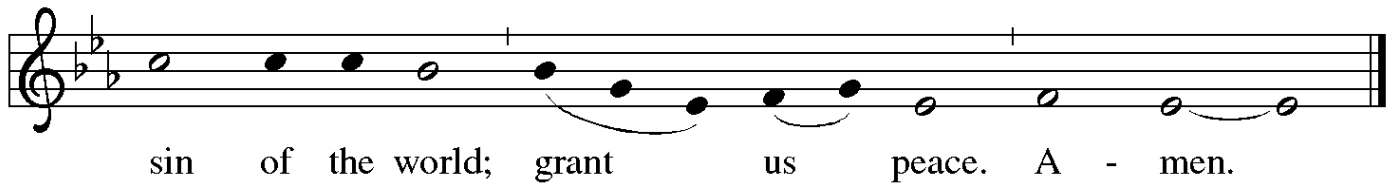
Our communion bread is gluten free, nut free, and egg free. (Ingredients: Whole Grain Rice Flour, Whole Grain Sorghum Flour, Rice Bran Oil, Ground Golden Flax, Modified Tapioca Flour, Psyllium Powder, potato Starch, Tapioca, Molasses, Apple Cider Vinegar, Sugar, Yeast, Salt, Cellulose Gum, Guar Gum.) bluehummingbirdfoods.com

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table. God's goodness and mercy is freely given.

Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



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Communion Music

8 a.m. “Jesus, Lay Your Head at the Window”

–Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Augustana Vocal Ensemble, Emily Murdock, flute

Jesus, lay your head at the window hear some sinner pray

The wind blows east, the wind blows west,

it blows like judgement day

And ev’ry soul that never did pray

will be glad to pray on that day.

Oh Lord, please hear my prayer

Jesus lay your head at the window,

Please forgive me for I have fallen short of Thy glory.

Please Lord, deliver me.

10:30 a.m. “Go Down Moses” –Traditional Spiritual, arr. Kirsten Daniel

Augustana Instrumental Ensemble

Communion Hymn ■ 10:30 a.m. ACS 922: **When We Are Tested** SLANE



- 1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
- 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
- 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
- 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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

God of our hope, **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

▪ SENDING ▪

Blessing God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now 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 324: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

Dismissal Go in peace. Bring the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude ▪ “Capriccio,” Op. 257, from *La Caccia* –Polibio Fumagalli

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 young and old 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.
- We invite you to share prayer requests as we prepare our weekly Prayers of Intercession and hold one another before God. Each Sunday, the Prayers of Intercession also make space for worshipers to name prayer concerns, either silently or aloud. Names included in the Prayers of Intercession are usually spoken for two Sundays. Requests received by Thursday at noon are included in the coming Sunday's prayers; those received later are held by the Care Team and pastors and will be included the following week. All prayer concerns are received with care and entrusted to God's mercy. To submit a prayer request, use the back of your worship slip, or contact Augustana's office.

- 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.

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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February Lisa Boe-Sims
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Cantor: Hannah Kimball

Communion:

8 a.m. Robin Hoffman
10:30 a.m. Michael & Arianne Theiss

Communion Linens:

February Ellie Bonicelli

Crucifer:

10:30 a.m. John Flory

Greeters:

10:30 a.m. Ken Beazer
Aaron Beazer

Offering:

8 a.m. Jim Dierker
Morgan Levy
10:30 a.m. Casey King
Brian Willoughby

Prayers/Readers:

8 a.m. Mark Caldwell
10:30 a.m. Holly Massie

Ushers:

8 a.m. Roger Lipker
Rob Trussell
10:30 a.m. Dana Buhr
Herman Ezpeleta
John Flory
Greg Hempelman
Kristin Hempelman
Karen Mayhew
Dale Penny

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