



Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 19, 2021 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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***Welcome to worship during the Sundays of Advent!*** Advent is about the “coming days” and is loaded with expectation in the Bible readings—akin to Mary’s pregnant expectation before Jesus’ birth. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With our ancient siblings in the faith, we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in Word and Holy Communion in worship today.

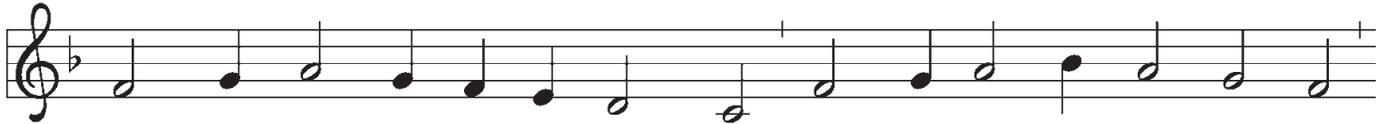
*In compliance with the latest public health mandate from the City of Denver, face masks are required for everyone over two years old as we continue to promote safe worship at Augustana. We will not seek to verify vaccination status prior to worship services.*

*Please note regarding increased seating for worship: Every other pew has one cushion in the middle of the pew. This is open for seating when all the aisle seats are filled. Safe self spacing is encouraged as we continue to seek reduced risk of exposure to any viruses during our worship services. Thank you for observing the DO NOT SIT HERE signage at the ends of these middle-seating-only pews.*

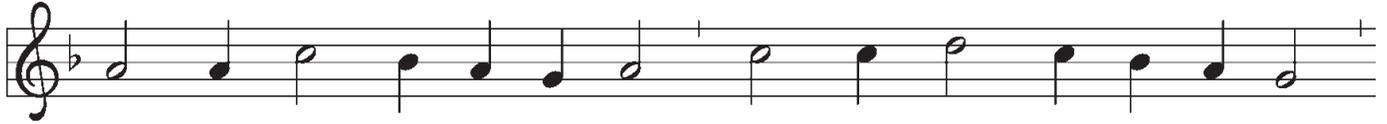
*Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date.*

**WiFi use:** *All the bandwidth possible is needed to livestream the 10:30 worship service. Please turn your cell phone off, turn off the WiFi, or put it in airplane mode while the service is going on. Thank you!*





Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

**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.**

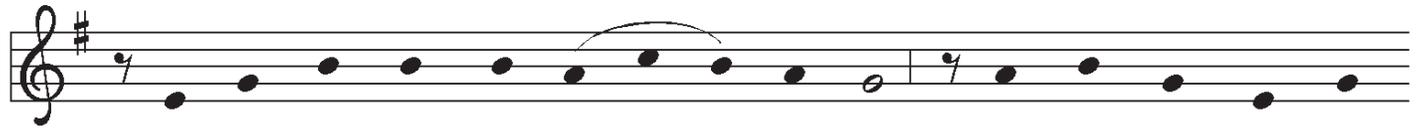
### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

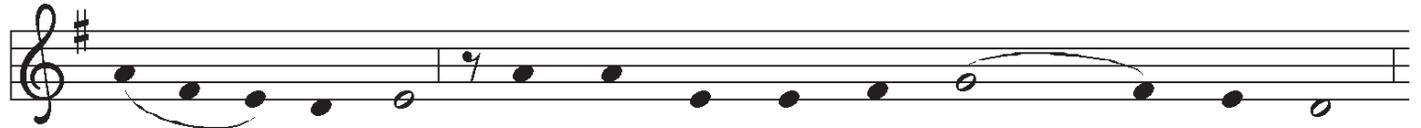
**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.  
With your abundant grace and might, free us  
from the sin that binds us, that we may receive  
you in joy and serve you always, for you live  
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# Lighting of the Advent Wreath ♦ ELW 257: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



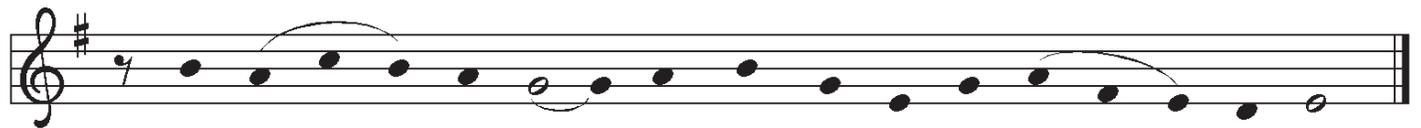
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on



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



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.



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

7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
 refresh the hearts that long for you;  
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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First Reading ♦ Micah 5:2–5a

A reading from Micah.

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the  
LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

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

# Hymn ♦ ELW 265: **The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

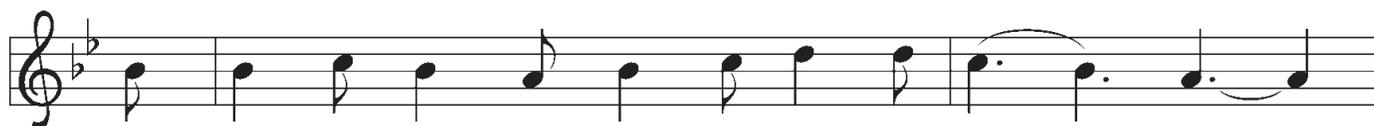
*Stanza 1: Cantor, Stanzas 2–4: All*



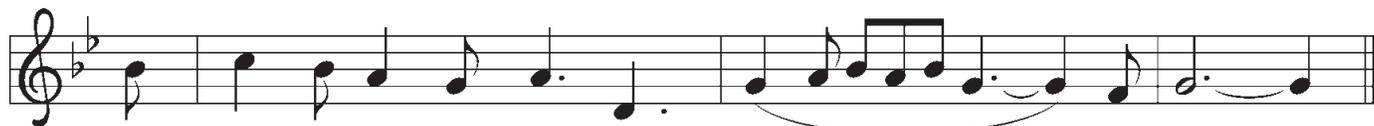
1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
“To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said.  
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
“My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.”  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,  
“Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.”

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924  
Music: GABRIEL’S MESSAGE, Basque carol

## Second Reading ♦ Hebrews 10:5–10

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

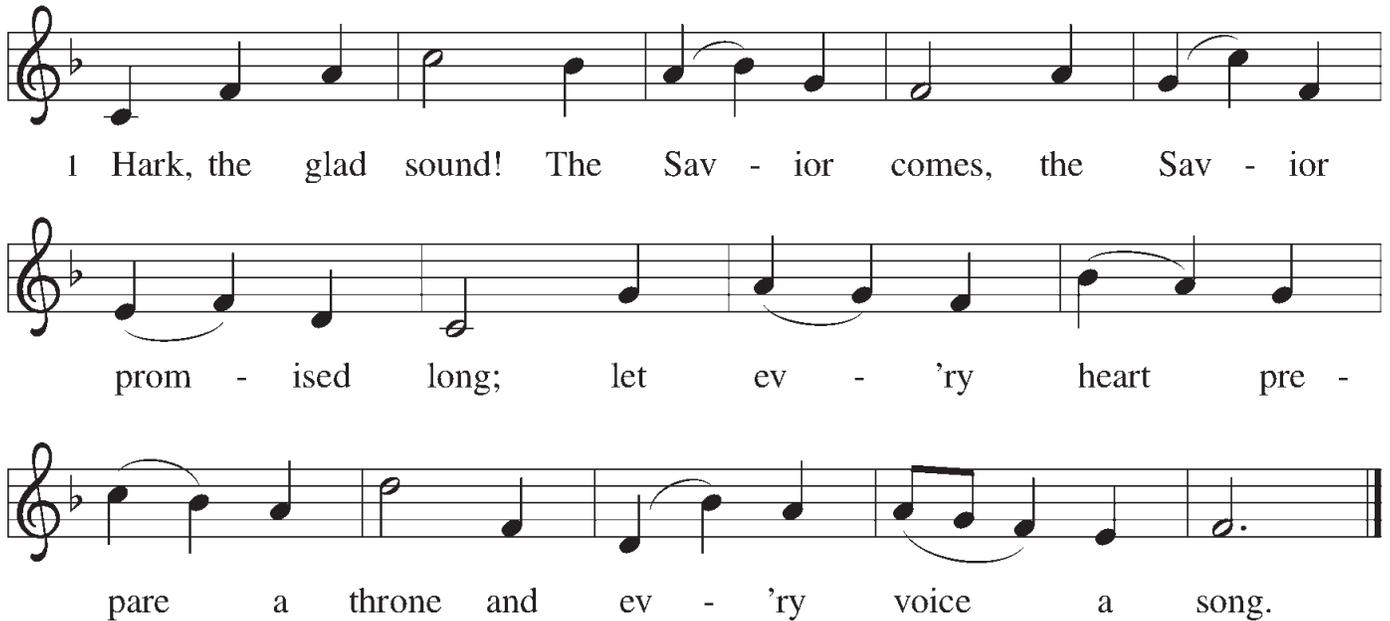
<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken  
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and  
sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he  
added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first  
in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we  
have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus  
Christ once for all.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly stands.*

### ELW 239: **Hark, the Glad Sound!**



1 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 ♦ Luke 1:39–56

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

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor  
on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations  
will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts  
of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful  
from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and then  
returned to her home.

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

*The assembly is seated.*

Children's Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m. Deacon Shanna VanderWel

Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hymn of the Day ♦ Holden Evening Prayer: **The Magnificat**

Cantor: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."



1. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my  
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -



spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your  
lift - ed the hum - ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the  
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom - ised to



weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!  
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my  
spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your  
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.

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## 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 may share a sign of peace with the peace sign or a wave or a hand over your heart.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## Offering

*Each Sunday many volunteers are needed to make ministry happen during worship, faith formation, and fellowship. Our offering helps support the work of Julie MacDougall, our Administrator of Volunteer Ministry.*

8 a.m. Meditation on “Creator of the Stars of Night” –Alec Rowley  
Andrew Peters, organ

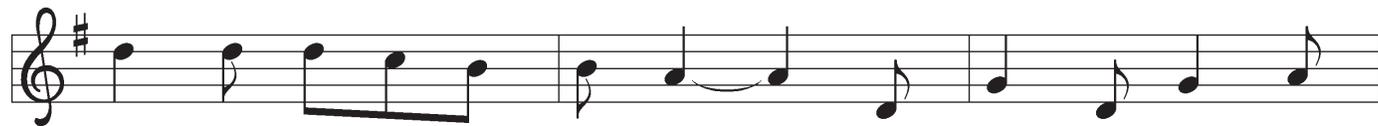
10:30 a.m. “This Christmastide” –Donald Fraser  
Chancel Choir

*The assembly stands.*

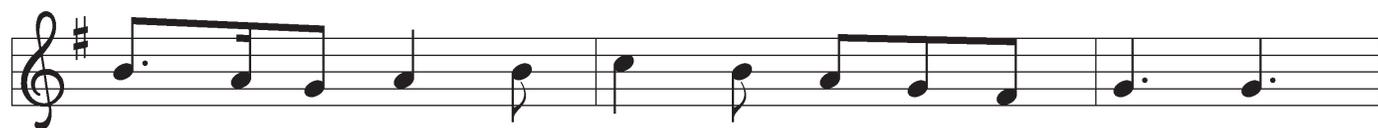
# Offering Song ♦ ELW 242: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



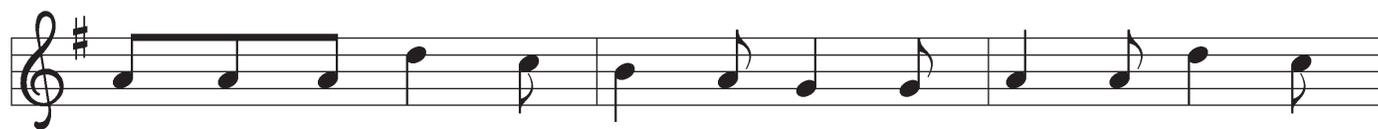
1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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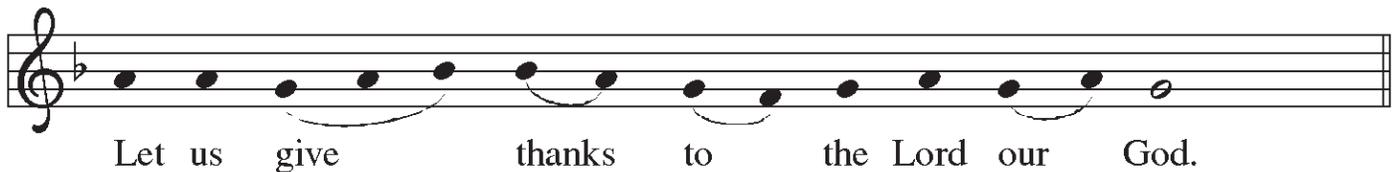
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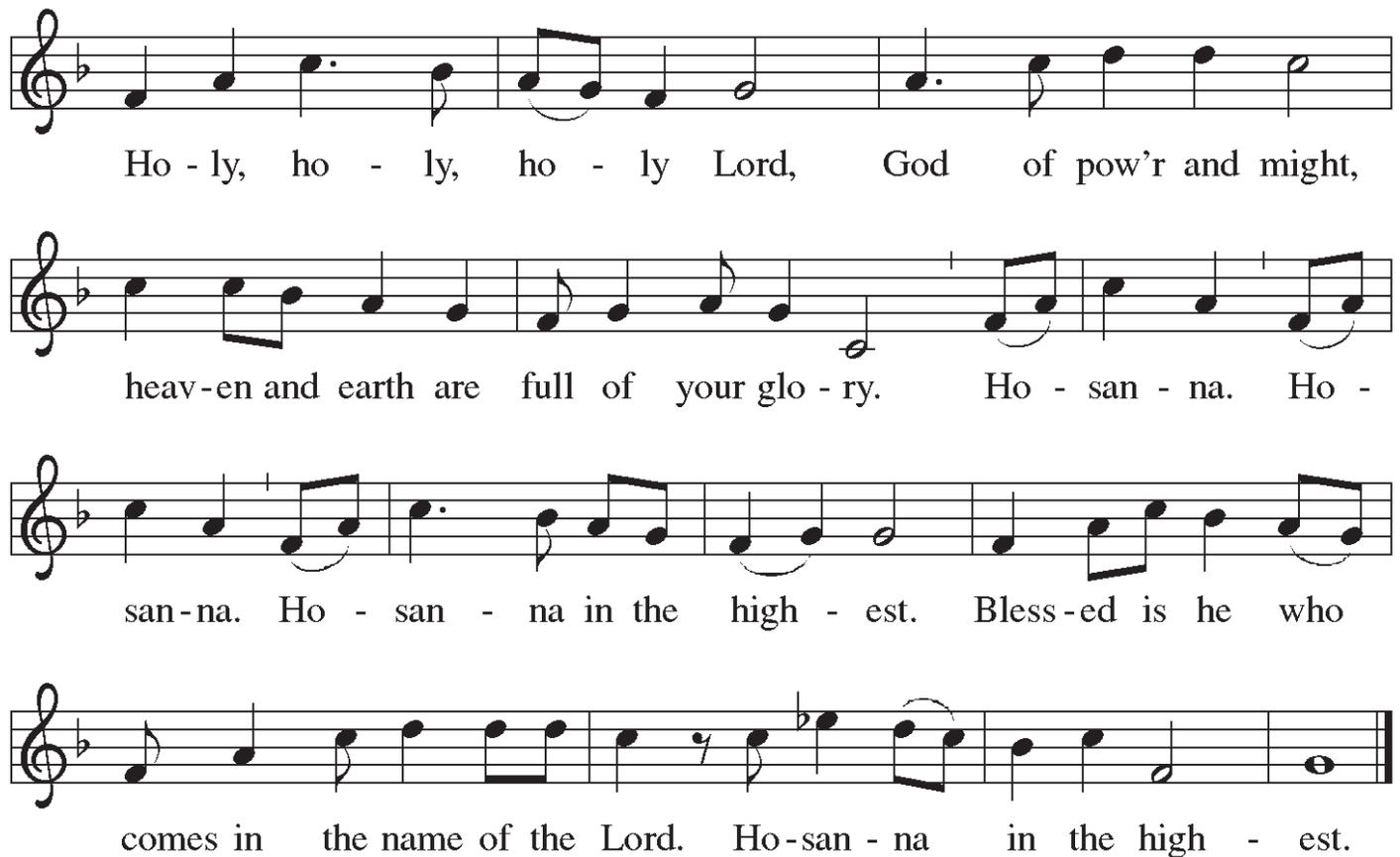
## Offering Prayer

God of our waiting and watching, **we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy Trinity, 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 are connected by the Holy Spirit to God and to each other across time and place through our baptisms. In this same Spirit, we share bread and wine with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home. We invite you to share this bread of life and cup of blessing as we all are one in Christ. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of 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  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

“Prepare Thyself, Zion” –Johann S. Bach  
Keith Williamson, bass solo

*The assembly stands.*

## Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, make us bearers of your word, sharing your gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

# Sending Song ♦ ELW 267: Joy to the World

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.*

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
 heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

**Dismissal** Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** ♦ Toccata on “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” –Gordon Young



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God's work. Our hands.

## Welcome!

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- Children are welcome in worship! Children's bulletins and crayons are available on Augustana's entrance tables. Just outside of Christ Chapel and on either side of the sanctuary there are activity bags for children. Please return the bags when worship is finished. Childcare is available in the nursery for newborns through children age 5.
- For a copy of this morning's sermon, inquire in Augustana's office.
- Secure online gifts may be made through the [Giving page at Augustana's website, www.augustanadenver.org](#). You can also text message your offering to 303-653-9592.
- Faith Formation for all children and youth is available Sundays, 9–10 a.m., in the education building. Adult Forum is offered 9:15–10:15 a.m.
- Welcome to coffee and cookies, 9–10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall.
- Restrooms are located downstairs beneath the west entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.

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- The Ammerman Library is open and staffed every Sunday.
- 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.
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## Worship Ministries

### Advent Wreath:

8 a.m. VanderWel Family

10:30 a.m. Leos Family

### Altar Guild:

December Bill & Rhonda Crossen

**Bus Driver:** Tim Libby

**Cantor:** Keith Williamson

**Coffee Hour:** Julie MacDougall

### Communion:

8 a.m. Jim Gustad

10:30 a.m. Katherine Cruson  
Karen Bourg

### Communion Linens:

December Margaret Aarestad

**Library:** Linda Crow

### Livestream Assistant:

Paul Blanchard

**Prayers:** Julie Shellhorn

**Reader:** Kisanet Yohannes

### Ushers:

10:30 a.m. Emmett Cruson  
Orvid Olson

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