



# Online Worship

## Traditional & Celebration Service Bulletin

January 10, 2021

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### Baptism of our Lord

**Traditional Worship** Prelude: **Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized**

arr. Paul Manz

**Celebration Worship** Opening Hymn: **Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Announcements

Apostolic 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

Heavenly Father,

**With joy and awe we praise you for claiming us as your sons and daughters, and for pouring your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to prepare this earth for your glory, and shine your light on all your faithful children, for the sake of the one whose birth and baptism brought renewal and transformation to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Order for Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Most Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**Traditional Worship** Anthem: **Like a Dove**

Jack Johnston, soloist

John Purifoy

**Celebration Worship** Hymn of the Day: **Mighty to Save**

Lesson: Luke 3: 1-22 NRSV

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon:

The Fruit of Repentance

Pastor Deb Kielsmeier

**Traditional Worship** Hymn of the Day: **Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized**

ELW #304

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame, as urgent as a flame.

God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do, God's holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all, to give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.

## 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 the Church

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### Traditional Worship Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### Celebration Worship Benediction: Amen (Because He Lives)

Celebration Band

Worship Leader: Amen, Amen! I'm alive,

I'm alive because He lives!

**C: Amen! Amen! Let my song join the one that never ends,  
Because He lives, Because He lives!**

### Traditional Worship Closing Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW #310  
stanzas 1, 2, 4

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

**Celebration Worship** Closing Hymn: **Open the Eyes of My Heart**

**Traditional Worship** Postlude: **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

arr. Robert Hobby

**Serving in worship today:**

Pastor Mark Aune

Pastor Deb Kielsmeier

Organist: Kris Langlois

Choir Director: Kathy Andrews

Celebration Music Director: Lisa Griffin

Traditional Worship Song Leaders: Jack Johnston

Celebration Band: Marcae Bitzer, Keri Hommez, Tim Kuehl,  
Ryan Engelhardt, Erik Saxton, Dave Hofgren,  
Kellie Nitz, Jay Matuzak, Nathan Fryett

Media Team: Ken Fitzer, Matt Howard, Wayne Worth

## **Augustana Lutheran Virtual Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

Registration will be required to attend this meeting via ZOOM.  
Contact the church office at 651.457.3373, or email Barbara Rolfes  
at [brolfes@augustana.com](mailto:brolfes@augustana.com) for the Zoom code to join the meeting.

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## ONLINE WORSHIP

Available on [augustana.com](http://augustana.com), facebook, youtube

### Sunday Online Worship Service

Your safety and the safety of our worship team continue to be our primary concern. We offer two online worship experiences and invite you to participate in either worship service from the safety and comfort of your own home in January. This bulletin and announcements are posted for both services on the homepage.

- **Online Traditional Worship**

This pre-recorded service includes meditative prelude music, scripture, sermon, prayers, and congregational hymns. Worship videos are available by 8:00 am each Sunday and can be viewed at any time at [augustana.com](http://augustana.com), select *New Ways to Gather/COVID-19* from the upper menu or visit our facebook page, or youtube channel.

- **Online Celebration Worship**

This pre-recorded worship includes praise music provided by the Celebration Band, relevant message, and blessing. Videos are posted on the Augustana Facebook page or YouTube channel.

## VIRTUAL ORDINATION INVITATION

### Former Augustana Pastoral Intern Eric Nelson Ordination

**Saturday, January 23, 11:00 am, Live Stream on Facebook**

We are excited to announce the ordination of our former Pastoral Intern Eric Nelson as the associate pastor to St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN. The service will be live streamed via St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Fridley. You can access this via Facebook Watch or click on the Facebook Watch link on St. Philip's homepage: [splcmn.org](http://splcmn.org).

Note from Eric: *Thank you for being a wonderful congregation to work with, your great part in my learning on internship, and for continuing to be church together even when we are physically apart.*

## SERVICE & OUTREACH

### Blood Drive Donors Needed

**Sunday, January 17, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Beth Jacob Congregation, Mendota Heights**

Beth Jacob Congregation is in need of blood donors for their blood drive on Sunday, January 17, at 1179 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights. There is currently an urgent need for blood donations. If you would like to donate, please sign up at [www.beth-jacob.org/blooddrive](http://www.beth-jacob.org/blooddrive).

Thank you!

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## Virtual Adult Education

### **Wednesday Night Zoom Bible Study**

**Wednesdays, 6:00—7:00 pm**

Join one of the pastors for this Bible study focusing on the preaching text for the upcoming Sunday. To be part of this online study and discussion, contact Barb Rolfes in the church office at 651.457.3373 or email [brolfes@augustana.com](mailto:brolfes@augustana.com).

### **Psalms on Sundays on Zoom**

**Sundays, January 10 – February 14, 10:00 am**

Pastors Aune and Kielsmeier

The book of Psalms, the hymnal of ancient Israel, has been continuously used for thousands of years. Full of poetry, prayers and hymns that express hope, lament and praise, it connects deeply to our own experience of God. Join the pastors as we dive into this book to explore several genres of Psalms and how they connect with our own prayer life and the liturgy of the church. To participate, contact Barb Rolfes in the church office at [brolfes@augustana.com](mailto:brolfes@augustana.com) or 651.457.3373.

### **Women's Coffee and Conversation**

**ZOOM Discussions Mondays, January 11 - February 1, 10:00 am**

Women's Coffee and Conversation will be offered in four-week sessions. The January four-week session is on mindfulness meditations and prayer, silent/contemplative meditation and manifesting. You will learn the techniques and also have a chance to practice them. This will be a great way to begin the New Year! ***To participate, you must sign up with Stacy by email at [secardwell@augustana.com](mailto:secardwell@augustana.com). You will not get a Zoom invitation if you do not sign-up!***

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## Virtual Adult Education, cont'd

*To participate in all virtual education sessions with Stacy, you must sign up by email at [secardwell@augustana.com](mailto:secardwell@augustana.com). You will not get a Zoom invitation if you do not sign-up!*

### **Become a Ripple of Faith Video Series**

To view video, go to [augustana.com](http://augustana.com), select 'New Ways to Gather'

- **Tuesday, January 12 video posted\***, with **Follow-up Zoom discussion Tuesday, January 19**  
This educational video will be available on Augustana.com for you to watch about true fear/false fear and how fear can make you sick. The following Tuesday, January 19, we will have a ZOOM discussion from 7:00 - 8:00 pm to talk about the video and answer questions.

*\*You can choose to view this video without participating in the follow-up discussion; no sign up required for video viewing only.*

- **Tuesday, January 26 video posted\***, with **follow-up Zoom discussion Tuesday, February 2**  
A second video on how fear can cure you to make positive ripples of faith will be available on the website for viewing. The ZOOM discussion of this video will be February 2, 7:00 - 8:00 pm.

*\*You can choose to view this video without participating in the follow-up discussion; no sign up required for video viewing only.*

### **Book Study ZOOM Discussions**

**Sundays, January 10 & February 7 & 21, March 7, 7:00 pm**

We will be studying the book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson.

Historically, beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influenced people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Books can be purchased in a variety of ways through Amazon and eBay. Please have the assigned reading completed prior to the Zoom discussion. Even if you have already read the book, we would love to have you join the discussions.

Zoom discussion Sunday 7:00 – 8:00 PM dates:

January 10 – Discussion on Part 1 of the book

January 24 – Discussion on Part 2 of the book

February 7 – Discussion on Part 3 of the book

February 21–Discussion on Part 4, chapters 10-14 of the book

March 7 – Discussion on Part 4, chapters 15-18 of the book

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## CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY

### **Augustana Virtual Baptism Classes**

**Sunday, January 10, 12:00 pm, Sunday, February 7, 12:00 pm, Sunday, March 7, 12:00 pm**

If you desire baptism for yourself, an infant, or child, we ask that you attend a baptism class led by Pastor Deb Kielsmeier. During this time of COVID-19, these 45 minutes classes will be conducted over Zoom. We will discuss the meaning of Christian Baptism and the importance of this sacrament. Please contact Barb Rolfes at [brolfes@augustana.com](mailto:brolfes@augustana.com) to reserve a spot in one of the classes listed above.

### **Confirmation—Virtual**

Winter break will be 12/23 - 1/13. Virtual Confirmation will begin on January 20, beginning with Group A. Contact Abby at [anorlinweaver@augustana.com](mailto:anorlinweaver@augustana.com) if you have questions or need more information.

### **Virtual Senior High Sunday**

**January 10 & 24 at 6:30 pm**

Take time to connect with your church friends over ZOOM! We'll leave our microphones and cameras on as we share highs & lows and have fun as we adapt our activities to be virtual. Join for one or both of our January gatherings! All students in grades 9-12 are invited! Contact Abby for the Zoom link if you'd like to participate at [anorlinweaver@augustana.com](mailto:anorlinweaver@augustana.com).

### **2021 Camp Wapo Information**

As of right now, Camp Wapo is planning for campers to attend camp in person this summer. As they did last year, Camp Wapo staff will keep an eye on what COVID is doing and will take its recommendations from the CDC, MDH & the WDH when making any decisions. Registration begins on Friday, January 15 online at [campwapo.org](http://campwapo.org). Augustana's dates are:

- July 9-11— Seeds Weekend (finishing 1st-3rd grade)
- July 11—16 (for those finishing 4th-11th grade)

All registrations is done online through Camp Wapo. Space is limited, so don't wait to register your camper, even if things are unknown right now.