



Welcome!

Augustana
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Where Faith Meets Life

Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here today. If you are visiting and would like to know more about Augustana, please find one of the volunteers or staff after worship. We'd be happy to meet you and answer your questions.

November 27, 2022 8:30 & 9:45 am

First Sunday in Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. It's a time of expectation and waiting for Christ to be born for us and in us. This year's Advent theme *From Generation to Generation...* reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding— in and through us. From now until Christmas, we will walk with the generations of faithful who bore witness to Christ's birth, and whose faith in the living God was changed forever. We, too, bear witness to Christ's presence among us. The question we hold in this season is "How will we carry this faith forward to the generations that follow us?"

Prelude *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* J.S. Bach

Welcome

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Advent Wreath Lighting

Opening Hymn *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* ELW #436

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of today and God of tomorrow,
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

C: But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

P: You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

C: But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

P: You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

C: But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

P: God of today and God of tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

C: Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.

Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

P: Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

C: There's room for every story. Amen.

P: We who feel scattered are held together.
 We who have lost our way are forgiven and found.
 And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told,
 "There's room for you here."
 From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel.
 In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.
C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

During Advent, our hymn of praise is a paraphrase of the Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79). Zechariah is John the Baptist's father. When Zechariah hears the news that his wife is pregnant, he is rendered mute. When Zechariah's son is born and named, he is able to speak again, singing praise to God and foretelling the coming of the Messiah.

Hymn of Praise

Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW #250

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer-cy will God still the cov-e - nant re - call,
 and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
 the oath oncesworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
 So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might-y arm
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.

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

God of all generations, in scripture we hear stories of people like us - ordinary people, people who longed to know you, people who longed to follow you, people who made mistakes, people who tried to grow. Just as you walked with all the descendants of Abraham, help us to hear and remember all the ways that you walk with us. We are listening. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

Anthem	(8:30 am)	<i>Lift Up Your Heads</i>	Olaf Christiansen
		Senior Choir	
	(9:45 am)	<i>God's Hands</i>	Mark Burrows
		Cherubs & Choristers	
		William Bryan-Wegner, xylophone	

Lesson

Matthew 1:1-17 NRSV

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

There's Room for Every Story

Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner

At the end of the organ introduction, please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

All Earth Is Hopeful
Sung in English

ELW #266

Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Sonja Irene Kerber (9:45 am)

The minister addresses the parents and the sponsors as they make promises to guide Sonja in Christian faith.

P: People of God, will you promise to support Sonja, and her parents, and pray for them, as they grow in Christian faith?

C: We will with joy!

Please stand as you are able

“All Earth Is Hopeful” is a newer hymn to the church’s Advent hymn canon. Both text and music were written by Spanish Roman Catholic priest, Alberto Taulé. The upbeat music perfectly fits the joyful expectation of the hymn’s text.

Affirmation of Faith

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.

Please be seated.

Baptismal Welcome

Through baptism, God has made.....with the same love God has for us all.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you with great joy to live with us in the body of Christ, to share with us in God's new creation, to work with us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please stand as you are able.

Exchange of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Improvisation on "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believer"

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you a - right?
Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.

Offering Prayer

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope. And we give in hope. Hope for your coming reign; Hope because of your presence with us even now. Receive these generous offerings, And use them for your work of healing and hope in our world.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

after each petition, the congregation responds:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

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.

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Benediction

As you leave this place, go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved. From generation to generation, God has been by our side. From generation to generation, we are not alone.

The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be, do justice, love wildly, and live in hope." **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW #244

Sending

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Menuet Gothique

Leon Léon Boëllmann

Today's closing hymn is an excellent example of how hymnody encompasses a variety of heritages. The text is by German author, Laurentius Laurenti. It was translated into English by Scottish writer, Sarah Findlater. Swedish Lutheran immigrants to the United States paired this text with the Swedish folk tune we sing with it today. Lutherans are the only denomination that pairs this text with this Swedish tune. Throughout the United States, the more common tune for this hymn is "Llangloffan" found on ELW #713.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner

Pastor Deb Kielsmeier

Andy Jacob, organist

Kathy Andrews, choir director

Kim Zemple, children's choir director

Readers: 8:30 - Kristine Deyo

9:45 - Barbara Rolfes

Advent Candle Families:

8:30 am:

The vanNatta Family: Sean, Tracy, C.Aidan & Kathryn.

9:45 am:

The Kleineck/Hendrikson Family: Barb Kleineck, Cathy, Zach & Hank Hendrikson.

Baptized into the Christian Faith and Augustana Family today:

~9:45 am

Sonja Irene Kerber, daughter of Mark & Rikka Kerber. Sponsors Sonja are Jim & Susan Robbins.

~11:00 am

Remi Kay Bjorklund, daughter of Jack & Makenzie Bjorklund. Sponsors for Remi are Jaden Bjorklund & Marissa Pavel.

The White Flowers on the Altar are there to celebrate the lives of Tom Andrews who died on November 18, and Wayne Kraetzner who died on November 21.



Ephesians 3:20

Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Bible passage for next week is Luke 1:26-38, Isaiah 11:1-10.

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