Augustana Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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November 29, 2026 — First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. In-Person and Livestream Service

Ringing of the Peace Bell

Jazz Prelude — ***Jazz Trio Instrumental***

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever.
C: Amen.

P: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Comforting God,
C: We are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.

P: "Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of right-eousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ✝ Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord!
All: Amen.

Opening Song — **"Christmastime is Here"**

Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: The grace of Christ Jesus, the Love of Creator, and the nearness of Spirit be with you all.
People: And also with you.

Prayer of the day: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson — **Isaiah 64:1-9**

Second Lesson — **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Children's Time and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Use this blessing while lighting one candle.
Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. Amen.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, Vs 1 **ELW 240**

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:	**He shall bring salvation to Israel,**
Let the light banish darkness.	**God fulfills the promise.**

Gospel Acclamation

All: ***Alleluia.*** **Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.** ***Alleluia.*** **(Ps. 85:7)**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Reading of the Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song **"Mary, Did You Know?"**

Sermon **Rev. Amy Courts Koopman**

Song of the Day **"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"** **ELW 257**

1 O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.

Refrain

7 O come, O King of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace.

Refrain

Act of Faith

We believe in God, Mother and Father of all, who has called us all to work together to build a new world of unity and peace.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and our brother, who suffered, died and rose again for us, that we might learn to live for others, and find hope in his victory over death.

We believe in the Spirit, in the power of truth, of peace, and of love.

We believe in the church, the unity and fellowship to which all are called, that we may heal the shattered world, and find a new and better life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People **Leader:** God, in your mercy... **Response: Receive our prayer.**

Generosity Moment and Offering

Offering Prayer: Eternal God, our time, talents and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion **ELW p. 107**

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface (spoken)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution **ELW p. 107**

The Lord's Prayer **ELW p. 112**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song **"A Child Is Born"**

Post-communion Prayer

The Benediction

Closing Song **"I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm"**

Postlude ***Jazz Trio Instrumental***

Sending

Leader: Go in peace; serve the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God**

Ringing of the Peace Bell

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. W.J. Mark Knutson III & Rev. Amy Courts Koopman

Augustana Jazz Quartet: Marilyn Keller (vocals), Ron Steen (drums), Kevin Deitz (bass), George Mitchell (piano), and Dr. Walter Krueger (pipe organ)

THE SPANISH SERVICE FOLLOWS AT 11:45 a.m.
Leaders: Francisco Aguirre, Rev. Dr. Knutson & Rev. Courts Koopman
Music: Spanish Language Band

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM FOR COFFEE HOUR AFTER THE SERVICE

Celebrate the Season of Generosity: Friday, December 4 6-8:30 pm

The Council and Foundation Board invite you to the official kickoff for the General Fund and Foundation Endowment Generosity Appeals!

This is a festive, non-fundraising evening of fellowship, holiday beverages, charcuterie, decadent desserts, and entertainment, including the Vasa Rosebuds, a Swedish youth folk dance troupe led by Christine Smith; Concerned Artists for the Philippines; and Paul and Amy Courts Koopman.

Please stop by the Narthex after worship on TODAY to RSVP for food planning.

* **Cookies for College Students:** This Monday (November 30) at 10 am. Bring two dozen homemade cookies today or tomorrow by 10 and come to help pack them
* **Wrap It Up:** This Thursday (December 3) in the Fellowship Hall; help wrap free gifts for adults with disabilities who select them. Contact: Betsy Witham at ewitham307@gmail.com
* **Christmas Luncheon** (Hosted by Augustana Women's Group): Wednesday December 9 at 11:oo am in Room 27/the Upstairs Kitchen. Please bring $15 to cover food costs and a side dish item. All are welcome!

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Augustana Choir & Trinity Choir: Advent Vesper Lessons & Carols
Voices of the Advent Women: Mary, Elizabeth, Anna
Sunday, December 13, at 4p.m., led by Dr. Walter Krueger.

In Medio Choir concert: "A Christmas Carol"
Friday, December 18 at 7p.m. and **Saturday, December 19, at 7p.m.**

Children's Christmas Pageant: During Service Sunday, December 20

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

5 pm Contemporary | 7 pm Jazz | 9 pm Classical

10:00 a.m. service worship staff leaders: Marilyn Keller (jazz); Andy Fort (contemporary); Dr. Walter Krueger (classical). **11:45 a.m. Spanish Language Service:** Francisco Aguirre. All are welcome!

Bell ringers, Property, Tellers: Ansel Johnson, Jeremy Barber, Glen Jacobs, Lynette Case

Many thanks to our tech team for our marvelous sound and livestream today.

Offerings to support the ministry of Christ's church at Augustana are welcome and vital to our serving the community. Also remember Augustana in your will to share the love of Christ with future generations.

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