

# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**ELW – Setting 9, Holy Communion**  
**10:30 AM Dec. 25, 2023**

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Once in David’s Royal City” #269 ELW

### WELCOME

### GATHERING PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING: “In the Bleak Midwinter” by Eric Thiman  
(soloist: Sharon Buck)

## THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

SECOND READING: Hebrew 1:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav’nly  
Light” by J.S. Bach (Choral Anthem)

GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

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

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

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

### MEDITATION

HYMN OF THE DAY: “While Shepherds Lately Knelt” #909 ACS

NICENE CREED, p. 104

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: “God of grace – hear our prayer”

SHARING OF THE PEACE, p. 199

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

## THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 199

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.**

HYMN: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

#290 ELW, v. 3

3) Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.

### Refrain:

Go tell on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev’rywhere  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER, p. 201

### INVITATION TO COMOMUNION

### HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

#295 ELW

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

#275 ELW

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

### BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: “Drawn to the Light”

#593 ELW

### DISMISSAL:

Leader: Christ the Savior is born!

Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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Gathering Prayer by Carol Penner.

### All are welcome at the table.

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God’s grace and believe  
Christ is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist.  
Grape juice (lighter colour) and red wine (darker colour) are provided  
in the glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

*Sunday Dec. 17 in-person attendance: 65*

*Thank you to our lector and communion assistant Wayne Carlson,  
ushers Heather Ward and Reita MacDonald, and musician & choir  
director Deborah Buck for assisting in worship today. Thanks also to our  
altar guild for communion preparations, Augustana-St. Timothy’s Choir  
for the special music, and soloist Sharon Buck.*



Offering & Income to date for Dec.: \$13,768

Expenses to date for Dec.: \$10,864

We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to  
[augustana@sasktel.net](mailto:augustana@sasktel.net)

(full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate with credit  
card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website  
<http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR. Please ensure  
envelopes put in the offering plates have an envelope no. or address.

## Our Parish Calendar

Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AA grp)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Lessons & Carols)

The **Memorial Service for Jim Komar** is 10:30 am on Sat, Dec. 30, at  
Grosvenor Park United Church, corner of 14th and Cumberland.

### SK SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING, February 9-11,

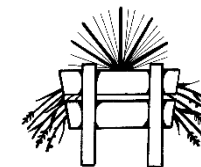
Camp Kinasao, Christopher Lake. For ages 12-17.

**Retreat theme: "Catch the Fire!" (Acts 2)**

**Keynote Speaker:** Pastor Ronald Shumba

To facilitate access, subsidies are available to cover the registration fee  
of \$115 a person. Bus transportation costs are also covered.  
Lay and rostered leaders are encouraged to attend in support of their  
home team. Registration fees for leaders: \$75.00.

Come experience community, time in the Word & Creation, and a  
whole lot of fun. Bring a friend!



### Mark Your Calendars for the 2024 National Worship Conference

The **2024 National Worship Conference** titled **The Stones Cry Out:  
Praying with the Land'** will be held on **July 18-21, 2024** in beautiful  
Regina, Saskatchewan. Gifted keynote speakers will help us to think and  
talk and pray about the ways in which we can transform our worship, in  
authentic ways, from language and image of empire and colonialism to  
one which recognizes our rich multi cultural and Indigenous heritage.  
Together we will explore our own experiences, biases, and hopes for  
new ways of being the church!

**First Reading – Isaiah 52:7-10**

**<sup>7</sup>HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS**

are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

<sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

**Second Reading – Hebrews 1:1-4**

**<sup>1</sup>LONG AGO GOD SPOKE TO OUR ANCESTORS IN MANY AND VARIOUS WAYS**

**BY THE PROPHETS,** <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

**Gospel – John 1:1-14**

**<sup>1</sup>IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD,** and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

**A Christmas Message from Bishop Sid**

Blessings to you all as you prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ into our world in your faith communities.

Speaking on behalf of all the sisters and brothers throughout the synod, I want to first express thanks to the rostered ministers presiding at Christmas Eve/Christmas Day services in the next days. It is an often taken-for-granted sacrifice that is made by our roster—to be there with faith communities year after year for services during holiday time. It often means being at a distance from family at Christmas . . . and Easter. Blessings as you faithfully serve the One whose coming we remember during this season.

Blessings to you all—pastors, deacons, lay leaders, worship leaders, musicians, online service techs and the people gathered in person and online—as you enter into this story together. May the joy of the birth of Christ come to you anew this year.

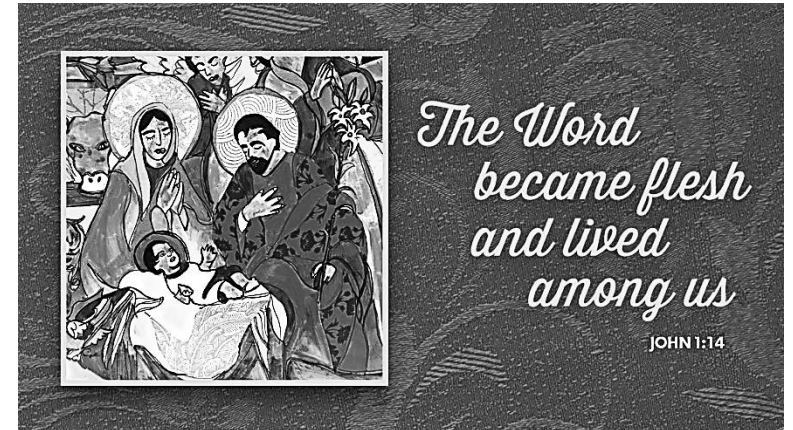
Peace,  
Bishop Sid



*We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ’s unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.*

*Thank you for sharing in worship here today.  
May God’s abundant grace be a blessing to you,  
and a source of strength and hope.*

**CHRISTMAS DAY  
December 25, 10:30 AM**



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*Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together*

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**Worship at 10:30 am**

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**<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCua4E9ZVxlZ4Wfmct0ZLnBA>**

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