

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 20, 2007

TEN-THIRTY A.M.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

The Congregation stands, as the bells are rung and turns to face the Baptismal Font.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**
God has given to all nations the repentance that leads to life. Let us come with repentant hearts to the God who makes all things new.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, **we confess to you all the ways in which we dismiss the resurrection news. Foolish and slow of heart to believe, we turn from others and retreat in fear. Come into our locked rooms and breathe into us your forgiving Spirit.**

Reawaken our trust and strengthen our hope, that we may be witnesses to your saving power. Amen

Peace be with you, my sisters and brothers. In baptism you have received a spirit of adoption; you are God's beloved children. In the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice, and welcome this freedom as a gift. **Amen**

Entrance Hymn, No. 802 (*With One Voice*)

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie – Setting Two, page 78

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“This is the Feast ...”

Salutation and Prayer of the Day



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Let us pray ... A - men.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Congregation is seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Sung antiphonally between the Pulpit and Lectern sides of the church.



Pulpit: The LORD is king; let the | earth rejoice;*
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are | round about him,*
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of his throne.

Lectern: A fire | goes before him*
and burns up his enemies on | every side.
His lightnings light | up the world;*
the earth sees it and | is afraid.

Pulpit: The mountains melt like wax at the presence | of the LORD,*
at the presence of the Lord of | the whole earth.
The heavens de- | clare his righteousness,*
and all the peoples | see his glory.

Lectern: Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!*
Bow down before him, | all you gods.
Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,*
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.

Pulpit: For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;*
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.
The LORD loves those | who hate evil;*
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand | of the wicked.

Lectern: Light has sprung up | for the righteous,*
and joyful gladness for those who | are truehearted.
Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,*
and give thanks to his | holy name.

Second Lesson

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21

The Congregation stands.

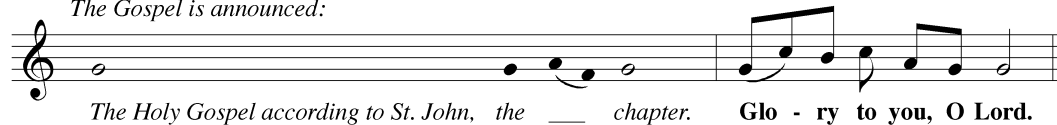
Gradual

Sung by the Choir.

Holy Gospel

John 17:20-26

The Gospel is announced:



After the Gospel is read:



Hymn at the Returning Procession, No. 136

Christ Is Arisen

Sermon

Hymn of the Day, No. 364

Son of God, Eternal Savior

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Prayers of the People

Each petition concludes with one of the following responses:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The Congregation is seated.

Anthem, at the Offering

Sound the Full Chorus

G. F. Handel

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 158

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Stanzas 1, 3, 4.

Offertory Verse and Prayer

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? If you then know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

God of blessing and glory, **with people of every language and nation we bring the first fruits of our labor. Let the sharing of these gifts proclaim our joyful hope in Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection. Thanksgiving and honor be to you, O God, forever and ever. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving



Preface and Sanctus

It is in-deed right and sal - u - tar - y ... we praise your name and join their un-end - ing hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might,

Hea'vn and earth are full of your glo - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty, and despair,
You sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages, your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,

we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.



Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share;
strengthen our faith, increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.



Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

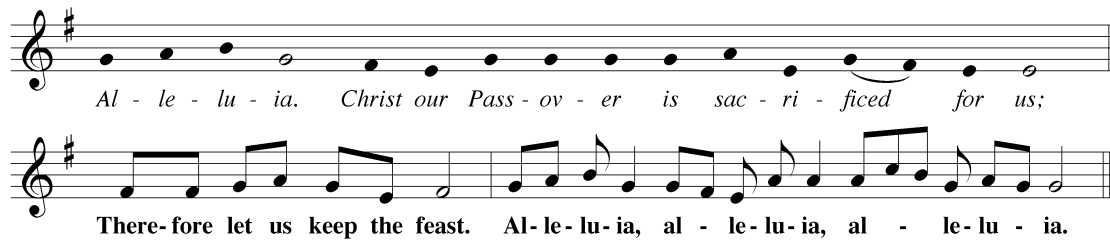


The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be— your name, your king-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a- gainst us. Save us from the
time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,
the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

At the Fraction – Christ Our Passover



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le-lu - ia.

The Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Non-communicants are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Anthem

O Lord, Most Holy

César Franck

Hymn, No. 721 (*With One Voice*)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis



I leave, as you have prom-ised, Lord, in peace and glad - ness.



Mine eyes have seen their great re-ward, and gone is sad - ness.



This is the Sav - ior of the world, the joy of Is - ra - el.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord; we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 157

Stanzas 1-2, 6-7.

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

Dismissal

Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

We welcome all friends and visitors this morning to Augustana, a congregation “Reconciled in Christ” that has been racially diverse since 1954. Please sign the guest register in the narthex and fill out the Attendance Registration booklet located in the pews. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall following the Service.

-- Servants at God's Altar --

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Jon Quam
Deacon II	David Juilfs
Lector	Irene Heinemeier
Organist and Choirmaster	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Vocal Soloist	Don Werner
Ushers	No June Ushers Available – If you can help, please see Craig Shireman
Altar Guild	Judi Bucci
Tellers	Kevin Horsted, Eileen Crawford, Betsy Knauff
Hospitality Hosts	Alison Martin, Chris Vierling

-- Parish Concerns --

+ **Members:** Mary Beth Blegen, Aaron Bonds, Ardelle Burton, Herman Davis, Sr., Dorothy Gladney, George Krafthofer, Bill Reid, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Andy, Carlos and Rich (Bucci); Rex Baker (Robinson); Effi Barry (Burton); Edith Bowers (Bowers); the Family of Ken Boynton (Gillam); Judith Bremner (Bradley); Judy Cashner (Cashner); George Cypress (Burton); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Ray “Bud” Erickson (Kennedy-Nash); Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Lyle Forness (Forness); Ruth Fox (Fischer-Fox); Jessica Fox (Fischer-Fox); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Carole Gaston (Gaston); Betty Grady (Werner); LaShun Griffin (Robinson); Muriel Halsey (Wassum); Mary Hancock (Knauff); Leona Harper (Knauff); Tom Johnson (Hart); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Sally Markle (Markle-Elder); Bernadette Mayfield-Clarke (Robinson); Lois Merritt (Hunter); David Moore (Hart); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Susan Papp (Lenhart/Ray); Rachelle Portner (Hart); Jennifer & Joe Reed (Roth/Renne); Mary Ann Richardson (Kennedy-Nash); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Sarah Richter (Richter); Rich & Norma Shirey (Hart); Ginny Solmundson (Roth/Renne); Iris and Juan Sosa (Leath); Deborah Tang (Burton); Helen Tardy (Hunter); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Earl Telfair (Smith); Richard Tepel (Schipp); Joey Tindall (Alice & Bob Anderson); Marion Wagley (Capps); Family of Wilson Warren (Wassum); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Kay Wickre (Margrave); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder).

+ **In Christian Joy and Celebration** on the baptism this morning of Anderson Vartan Conkle, son of Elizabeth Capps-Conkle and Marc Conkle as well as Duncan Waidler McKirgan and Lydia Waidler McKirgan, son and daughter of Sonvy Waidler and John McKirgan. We welcome these new members of our Christian Family.

+ **In Christian Joy and Celebration** with Joseph Bucci upon his graduation with a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the Clark School of Engineering, the University of Maryland College Park today. Congratulations as well to his parents Judi and Mike Bucci.

+ **In Christian Joy and Celebration** with Anna Bavier on her new job at Food and Friends.

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Leona Synstegard on her death, especially Elizabeth Bruening.

+ **The Augustana Call Committee** and its work.

Gifts to the Glory of God: Lee Ann Hart gives today's flowers to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the nursery volunteers.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Augustanans have done it again! The response to the "Mortgage Madness" campaign has been stupendous. In the past couple of weeks we have received two more \$10,000 checks from generous members. We now have enough cash in hand to cover mortgage payments through October – check the Mortgage Madness calendar in the narthex. Just one more month's payment will bring us to the end of the church year. But, let's not slow down – anything we receive over and above what's needed for mortgage payments will allow us to start paying down principal. **Wouldn't it be great if we could pay off our mortgage in 10 years instead of 20!** Received last week: \$925.00

**-- Today –Seventh Sunday of Easter –
The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated**

Adult Forum: 9:15 am – Library .. Prayers in the Bible (Last Adult Forum for this term, classes will resume in September)

Nursery Program: 10:30 – The Holy Spirit

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

– This Coming Week –

Thursday, May 24th: 6:30 p.m. Healing and Prayer Service – Social Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

– Next Sunday, May 27, 2007 –Day of Pentecost –

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon –

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-27

Hospitality Hosts: Betsy Knauff

Food for the Fourth Sunday: The fourth Sunday of every month has been designated Food for Fourth Sunday at Augustana. The Augustana-Santa Maria food pantry stocks food, baby supplies and grocery gift cards so that we can meet emergency needs of individuals and local organizations. Every fourth Sunday we will have a special collection basket in the narthex to collect cans and boxes of food, baby products (formula, diapers), gift cards for local grocery stores, and monetary donations. The most useful food supplies are ready to eat items like canned pasta, soups and stews. Items that can be prepared quickly in a microwave or with hot water are especially useful.

-- Upcoming Events and Announcements --

Wednesday, May 30th: 7:00 pm at the Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol St., Washington, DC documentary film from the heart of Nigeria involving grass roots peace-making among Muslims and Christians will be shown. Featuring Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye, the film received the Peacemakers in Action Award presented by the Tanenbaum Center for Inter-Religious Understanding (NY) in 2000. This unique screening is being sponsored by the Capitol Hill Faith Forum in co-operation with The Tanenbaum Center for Inter-Religious Understanding, The Washington Office on Africa, The Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington DC, The Luther Institute and others. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray the recovery costs for Imam Muhammad Ashafa who was recently injured in an automobile accident. Your support for his recovery costs will be deeply appreciated - especially as it will come from the witness and care of an inter-faith community in Washington, DC.

June 8-12: Sowing Seeds – See Pink Insert

Sunday, June 10th: the Christian Education Committee will conduct an open forum/discussion on the future of the children's Christian education program at Augustana. All interested persons are encouraged to attend this session to share their concerns and suggestions, ask questions, and possibly work toward a consensus about the direction our congregation should take with regard to the religious instruction of our younger members. The session will take place at 12 noon and will last about an hour. If you have questions or comments about the meeting, contact Bob Luoma at 202/546-1324 or gluoma@boo.net.

Messiah Lutheran Church to Sponsor a Visual Arts Show: The theme of the show will be "Praising God Through the Arts". The show will be held on June 15 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm and will be exhibited at the church until July 12 with takedown on July 13 and 14. All types of media are welcomed including painting, fabric, sculpture, photography, metal work, etc., and any other 2-D or 3-D submissions. There are no size restrictions. Art may or may not be for sale depending on the artist's own choice. All pieces must be clearly religious in nature and suitably prepared for exhibition, containing no nudity. They are asking for participants to drop off their art on June 7 and 8. The church address is 6510 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22307-1355. For more information or questions you may have, please contact, Emery Lewis, at (703) 768-7114 or via e-mail at e.lewis@cox.net

May 20, 2007 -- SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING:

Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

SECOND READING:**Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Statement of Augustana Lutheran Church

“It is the purpose of Augustana Lutheran Church to engage as many persons as will share its confession of faith in a fellowship of worship, learning, witness and service that the Word of God in Jesus Christ may become effective in their lives together and individually and relate effectively in Christian concern and love to the geographic community within which the Church is located.”

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Parents: A nursery is available for children up to five years old.
See an usher for directions

Parking is available at the Reeves Center – 14th & U Streets
Please enter on U Street. From 10 am – 4 pm on Sundays
First Come, First Served