

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 6, 2008

10:30 a.m.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

As the bells are rung the congregation stands and turns to face the Baptismal Font.

Thanksgiving for Baptism – page 97

Entrance Hymn, No. 377

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie – Setting Four, page 147

Canticle – page 149

This Is the Feast of Victory

Salutation and Prayer of the Day



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

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Antiphon sung by all.



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord, — in the land of the liv - ing.

Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-23

The Congregation stands.

Gradual

Sung by the Choir.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13-35



The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the — chap-ter. Glo - ry to you, O Lord.



After the Gospel is read:

The Gos-pel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn at the Returning Procession, No. 372

Christ Is Arisen

Sermon

Hymn of the Day, No. 368

With High Delight Let Us Unite

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

The Sending of Tom VandenBosch

Prayers of the People

Each petition concludes with one of the following responses.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sharing of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The Congregation is seated.

Anthem, at the Offering

Saints Bound for Heaven

arr. Robert Shaw

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 382

Stanza 2.

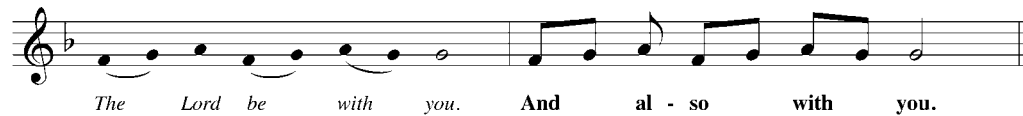
Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Offertory Verse and Prayer

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Living God, **in Christ's resurrection you raised up new life for the world. Receive what we offer, that others might know that life through the gifts you give us to use and to share. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving



Preface and Sanctus – No. 192

Eucharistic Prayer, Acclamations, Doxology and Amen

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.

Hymn

Sung by the Choir.

Become to Us the Living Bread

Hymn, No. 482


I Come with Joy

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis



Lord, let your ser - vant go in peace: ac - cord - ing to your word.
To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it be;

Mine eyes have seen sal - va - tion's light you shined on all the world:
all bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, wis - dom, might and ma - jes - ty;

to show your good - ness, stead - fast love - the joy of Is - ra - el.
as from the first, un - to the last, for ev - er - more shall be.

Post Communion Prayer

O God of love, you bind us to yourself in this sacrament, and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world. Guide us by your Spirit that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of life. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go and tell the news that Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 in the Social Hall following the Service for hospitality.*

Servants at God's Altar

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Rich Gillam
Deacon II	Kathy Garrison
Lector	Ron DiGregorio
Crucifer	Kane Borders
Thurifer	Doug Anderson
Torch Bearers	Caroline Borders, Chantelle Agbro
Book Bearer	Monique Agbro
Organist and Choirmaster	J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Tellers	Michael Olson, Salome Burton Ron Mueller
Ushers	Josephine Allen
Altar Guild	Salome Burton, Carol Vezzetti
Sunday School Teachers	Josephine Allen, LeeAnn Hart, Bruce Miller
Hospitality Hosts	Mary Andoh, Sarita Chapman

Concerns of the People

In our prayers, let us include the following:

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson, Aaron Bonds, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Kathy Garrison, Herman Davis, Sr Dorothy Gladney, Renee Ivery, George Krafthofer, Bill Reid, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Julio Azpuru-Bernhard (Azpuru); Jeffrey Berry (Bob & Alice Anderson); Connie Boorer (Hunter); Ruby Brooks (Anthony); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Melissa & Kevin Brown (Larisch); Judy Cashner (Cashner); Sean Castilla (Laughlin); (Teresa Cross (Knauff); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Beverly Anderson Fauser (Louise Anderson; Patricia Franks (Knauff); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Betty Grady (Werner); Dorothy Hairston (Burton); Leona Harper (Knauff); Dorothy Holderbein (Heinemeier); Irma Holderbein (Heinemeier; Guy Jacobs (Berube); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Samantha Lopez (Kahler-Larson); Frank & Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Adelaide Lusambilli (Markle-Elder); Ken Merritt (Hunter); William Moon (Wassum); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Fernando Otero (Pizza); Marion Papacosta (Roth-Renne); Rachele Portner (Hart); Carrie Reynolds (Knauff); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Dave & Chris Sharp (Hart); Val Smith (Pizza); Janet Spleen (Jaeger); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Diana Tate (Richter); Jim Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Jancye O. Washington (Burton); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

+ **The Augustana Call Committee:** Ruth Sorenson, Chair, Josephine Allen, Brian Danaher, Robert (Chip) Fenton, LeeAnn Hart, Tommie Robinson, Jr., and Rebecca Roth, *ex officio*.

Names remain on the prayer list for four weeks and may be renewed by notifying the office.

Gifts to the Glory of God: Today's flowers, candle, bread and wine are given to the Glory of God by Kathy Garrison in honor of her granddaughter Georgia's fifth birthday.



March stewardship update: As of March 23rd we had 72 pledges for our 2008 Mission Plan, amounting to a total of \$270,468 toward our budget goal of \$300,000 in member contributions. Pledges continue to come in. If you've not yet returned yours, please return it and your time & talent form ASAP in the Sunday offering or mail to the church office. Or alternatively, e-mail your pledge to our asst. financial secretary, John Isbell, jsi34@msn.com

Mortgage Madness Update: From the beginning of Advent in December through Easter we received \$64,867 in Accessibility contributions –we're half way to our "necessary" goal of \$120,000 to cover a year's mortgage payments! Anything we raise above that amount between now and Advent 2008 can be used to pay off principal. During the past year we were able to pay off \$50,000 in principal. Any amount – small or large – can be contributed, designated for Accessibility. Some benchmarks: \$10,000 = one month's mortgage payment; \$7,500 = three weeks; \$5,000 = two weeks; \$2500 = one week; \$333 = one day. Received last Sunday -- \$1,175.00

Thank you to Salome Burton, Ingrid Margrave, Chuck Leath and Carol Vezzetti for assisting in preparing and mailing the letter concerning next Sunday's Special Congregational Meeting.

Thank You: Augustana and its Social Ministries Committee wishes to thank everyone who has contributed food and supplies for the benefit of the victims of the major fire at a Mount Pleasant apartment building last month. We are working with Santa Maria and local relief agencies to reach out to the displaced residents and help them in this time of transition. Thank you also to those who have sent financial contributions through Thrivent Financial to help assist the residents.



***SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008***

The Call Committee and the Augustana Congregational Council are pleased to announce that there will be a Special Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, April 13, 2008 immediately following the Worship Service to call a new *pastor* to our beloved congregation. Nursery Care will be provided until the end of the Special Congregational Meeting.

- Today, April 6, 2008 - The Third Sunday of Easter-

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Living the Good News: Emmaus Revelation

Sunday School: After receiving Communion, children ages 5 and up exit via the Truman Door for their Classrooms - Rooms 303a and 303b. Elementary class for ages 5-10, Middle school class for ages 11-14. Preschool class for ages 2-4 meets in the nursery during worship service, 10:45 - 11:15.

Nursery Program: Nursery available for children up to age 5 during worship service.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

ELCA World Hunger Fund Sunday (see pink insert)

Social Ministries Committee will be selling Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolate during the Hospitality Hour.

All Committees meet – with exception of the Evangelism Committee

Christian Education Committee – 12:00 Noon – Library

Finance Committee – 12:00 Noon – Room 301

Property Committee – 12:00 Noon – Room 302

Stewardship Committee – 12:00 Noon – Room 303a

Social Ministries Committee – 12:00 Noon – Room 118

Worship & Music Committee – 12:00 Noon – Choir Room

- This Coming Week -

Thursday, April 10th

Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm – Choir Room



– Next Sunday, April 13, 2008– The Fourth Sunday of Easter –

Meet and Greet Breakfast: 8:45—10:00 am – Informal opportunity to meet Pastor Kidd before the Worship Service and Special Congregational Meeting. Come and go as your schedule allows. This event replaces Hospitality Hour after Worship Service.

Adult Forum: Will not meet this morning

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School classes will not meet this Sunday. Preschool class for ages 2-4 meets in the nursery during worship service, 10:45 - 11:15. Nursery care provided until the end of the Special Congregational Meeting.

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Nursery

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. – Pastor John S. Kidd to celebrate and preach.

Lessons: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Special Congregational Meeting – Immediately after the Worship Service, a representative of the Metro Washington D.C. Synod of the ELCA will convene a Special Congregational Meeting to consider extending a call to the Rev. John S. Kidd. Resolutions concerning the compensation package for the new pastor will also be considered.

– Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements –

Monday, April 14th: The Allied in Pride student group at The George Washington University will be showing the recently released documentary, *For The Bible Tells Me So*, on Monday, April 14th at 8:00pm In the Marvin Center Amphitheater, located at 800 21st Street, N.W. on the campus of the George Washington University. Through the experiences of five very normal, very Christian, very American families – including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson – the film, helps viewers to discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child. Informed by such respected voices as Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Harvard's Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and the Reverend Jimmy Creech . *For the Bible Tells Me So* offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity.

We are reviving the "**Building Use Committee**" here at Augustana and we need your help to get it started and volunteers to make it work! So far we have two volunteers, LeeAnn Hart and Chip Fenton. In the past, Council and Property committee members played a major role in working with the tenant, but we would like to start a new committee to focus on Augustana's needs as well as those of our current and future tenants. Augustana learned recently that our current tenant, ALTA, will not be renewing the lease for the 2008-2009 school year; they will stay through the end of July 2008, so this committee will also work on finding a new tenant. This is an exciting opportunity for Augustana, and we ask that you prayerfully consider taking part in this renewed and very important committee. We are especially interested in any ideas you may have for potential new tenants, or contacts you may have in the commercial real estate business who could assist us in locating a suitable tenant. If you are interested or want to learn more, please contact the office or Rebecca Roth.

Early Bird Registration Extended for *Hearts on Fire* Conference: Lutherans Concerned/North America invites people of all sexual orientations and gender identities to assemble with members of Reconciling in Christ and prospective RIC congregations at San Francisco State University July 3-6 under the theme *Hearts on Fire*. *Hearts on Fire* is more than a conference! Many see the biennial assembly as a family reunion. For more information concerning *Hearts on Fire*, go to assembly@lcna.org or speak with Tom VandenBosch. The "early bird" registration fee of \$210 has been extended. Sign up soon, before the price jumps to \$285.



April 6, 2008 -- THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's Day! Today we commemorate Albrecht Dürer, 1528; Matthias Grünewald, 1529; Lucas Cranach, 1553; artists who revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17–23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13–35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Mission 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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