



## Salutation and Prayer of the Day



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

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 17:22-31

### Psalm 66:8-20

*Sung antiphonally by all to ELW Tone 7, page 337. The Pulpit side sings the odd-numbered verses; the Lectern side sings the even-numbered verses; all sing verse 20.*

### Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

*The Congregation stands.*

### Gradual

The Lord Is Risen

Gregor Aichinger

*Sung by the Choir.*

### Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

*The Gospel is announced:*



*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the \_\_\_ chapter. Glo - ry to you, O Lord.*

*After the Gospel is read:*



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

### Sermon

*The Congregation stands.*

**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**

**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**      Schaffe in mir, Gott      Andreas Hammerschmidt

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

*The Congregation stands.*

**Offertory Hymn, No. 362**      At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing  
*Stanzas 1-4.*

**Offertory Verse and Prayer**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 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**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give God thanks and praise.



It is in-deed right, our du - ty and our joy, we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

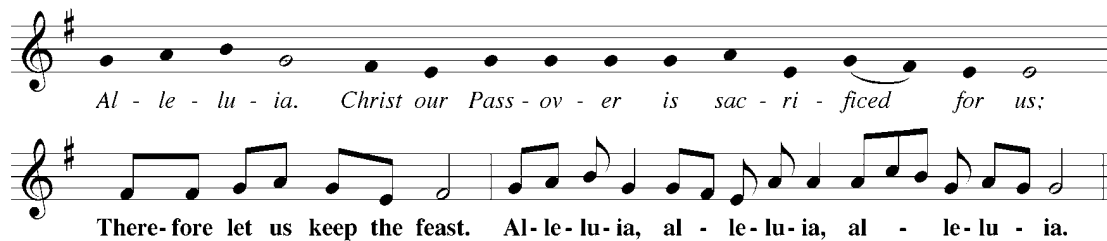
## Preface and Sanctus, Eucharistic Prayer – No. 192

### 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, No. 403**

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

**Hymn, No. 804**

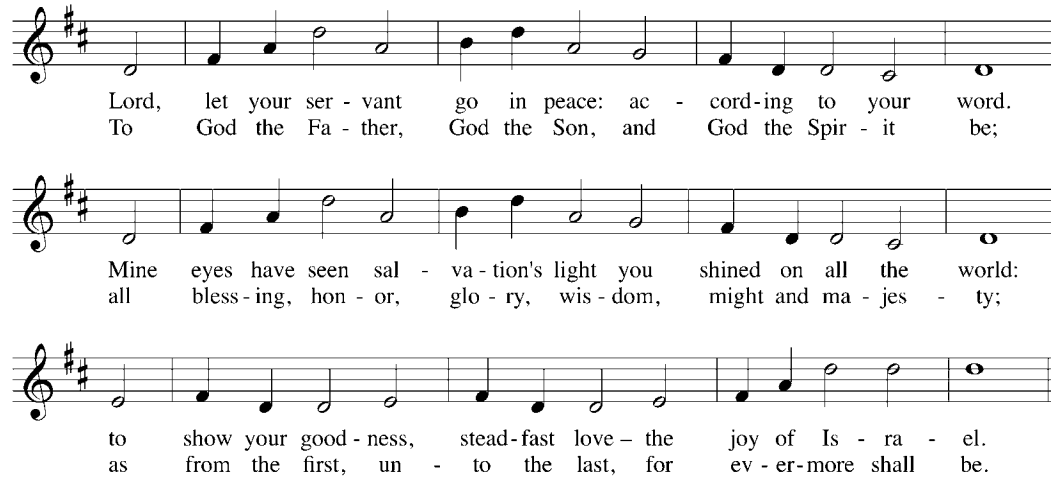
Come Down, O Love Divine

*The Congregation stands.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION

### 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. 391

This Joyful Eastertide!

#### Dismissal

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

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

#### Voluntary



## *Servants at God's Altar*

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Norman Theiss
<b>Deacon I</b>	David Juilfs
<b>Deacon II</b>	Patricia Richter
<b>Lector</b>	Al Young
<b>Crucifer</b>	Nichole Wade
<b>Thurifer</b>	
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Isaac Sorenson, Lars Sorenson
<b>Book Bearer</b>	David Juilfs
<b>Organist and Choirmaster</b>	J. Thomas Mitts
<b>The Parish Choir</b>	
<b>Cantor / Soloist</b>	Betsy Miller
<b>Tellers</b>	Peter Berube, Ruth Hunter Tim Himes
<b>Ushers</b>	Josephine Allen, Craig Shireman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Salome Burton, Carol Vezzetti
<b>Hospitality Hosts</b>	Joy Stancil, Betsy Knauff
<b>Sunday School Teachers</b>	Sarita Chapman, Sonja Kahler, Brian Danaher

## *Concerns of the People*

### **In our prayers, let us include the following:**

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson; Celia Davenport; Herman Davis, Sr.; Dorothy Gladney; 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); Keeva Harmon (Burton); Leona Harper (Knauff); The Rev. Jane Henderson (Schilke); Irma Holderbein (Heinemeier; Guy Jacobs (Berube); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); Jennifer Kileo (Hart); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Samantha Lopez (Kahler-Larson); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Adelaide Lusambilli (Markle-Elder); Ken Merritt (Hunter); William Moon (Wassum); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Marion Papacosta (Roth-Renne); Grace Patterson (Burton); Josephine Pizza (Pizza); Carrie Reynolds (Knauff); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Marvin Safrit (Anderson/Bowell); The Sharp family (Hart); Janet Spleen (Jaeger); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Diana Tate (Richter); Jim Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

+**In Christian Joy with Samuel Fenton** on his first communion this afternoon at the Christian Family Montessori School.

*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, DAG Gift and Accessibility Gift are given to the Glory of God by Judi and Mike Bucci in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Congratulations to both of them.

**Mortgage Madness Update:** From the beginning of Advent in December through March 30<sup>th</sup> we received \$66,042 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 -- \$ 610.00

**Thank You** to Salome Burton, Bruce Miller and Ingrid Margrave for assisting with numerous tasks in the office this week.

*– Today, April 27, 2008 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter –*

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m. – Library – Living the Good News: The Way, Truth, Life

**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. Sunday School teachers: Sarita Chapman, Sonja Kahler, Brian Danaher

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

**Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.

**Food for the Fourth Sunday:** Our monthly collection of items for the food pantry.

**Santa Maria Ambassador Sunday:** Members of Augustana attend Santa Maria's service at 1:00 p.m.

**Life and Work of Augustana:** For new members – Meeting in the Pastor's Office – Noon

**Borg Book Study:** Led by the Rev. James Heinemeier, this group is reading and discussing Borg's book entitled *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. They meet monthly on the fourth Sundays of the month in the Library at 12:30. Contact Jim Heinemeier at 301/605-7050 or [ISHJTH@hotmail.com](mailto:ISHJTH@hotmail.com)

*– This Coming Week –*

**Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>:** Deadline to volunteer to help staff the Augustana Table at Capital Pride on June 15th. If you can assist with this annual event please contact Jim Heinemeier at [ISHJTH@hotmail.com](mailto:ISHJTH@hotmail.com) or at 301/605-7050

**Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm – Choir Room

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Augustana volunteers needed for Martha's Table -- contact -- Amy Yergey at 301/370-3854 or [Amy.Yergey@ccs-dc.org](mailto:Amy.Yergey@ccs-dc.org)

*– Next Sunday, May 4, 2008– The Seventh Sunday of Easter –*

**Special Swedish Folk Music Mass** – 9:00 a.m. – see the insert

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m. – Library – Living the Good News: Abiding in Jesus.

**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. Sunday School teachers: Nicole Ruman Skinner, Dawn Fenton, Esther Rege

**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon – Nursery

**Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.

**Lessons:** Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

**Hospitality Hosts:** Liz Bruening, Norman Forness

**ELCA – World Hunger Sunday** – Our monthly collection for that important work

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

**All Augustana Committees** meet with the exception of the Evangelism Committee.

*– Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements –*

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>:** Will be Pastor Theiss' last Sunday with us. A special pot-luck luncheon is planned to celebrate his ministry with us. If you would like to assist with that celebration, please see or contact Rebecca Roth For the potluck luncheon, households whose last name is A-I, please bring Salads or Side Dishes, and those households whose last name is J-Z should bring Desserts, Bread and Butter or Drinks.

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>:** The Augustana Choir will present a special Pentecost Vespers Service and Concert at 5:00 p.m. Plan now to attend this special service and hear the wonderful music performed by members of the choir.

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Augustana Youth will once again be preparing and serving dinner to the women of the shelter ran by N Street Village. If you could like to assist in preparing food for this meal, please contact Grace Morgan at 301/718-4388 or at [gpm202@aol.com](mailto:gpm202@aol.com)

**Augustana needs a Teller:** Would you like to contribute your time and talent to the fiscal well being of our church. The Teller Corps needs one new member. The time requirement is only 1-2 hours after the Sunday service once every six weeks. Talent requirement – the ability to count. Please contact Mary Schooley at 202/230-1164 or at [mschooley@att.com](mailto:mschooley@att.com).

**Update on Bill Reid:** Many of you have asked about the condition and location of Bill Reid, our dear member, now 100 years old. He was taken to Sibley Hospital when he was found unable to straighten up after six hours in a kneeling position, when he tried to pick something up from the floor. He has been transferred to Manor Care Health Services, 8700 Jones Mill Rd., Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-4729. He is stable and alert and would enjoy receiving cards.

**Hold the Date:** On Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> will celebrate the end of our Sunday School year with a picnic as our hospitality hour. Co-chaired by Esther Rege and Sonvy Waidler the event will feature fun, refreshments, and games. Plan now to join in the celebration. Contact Sonvy Waidler if you would like to assist with the events planned for the day.



**April 27, 2008**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

*Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 17:22–31**

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

<sup>26</sup>"From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13–22**

*Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.*

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## **GOSPEL: John 14:15–21**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

## 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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