

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

TIME AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 13

AUGUST 5, 2007

TEN-THIRTY A.M.

We welcome all friends and visitors this morning to Augustana Lutheran Church, 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. We invite you to join us for hospitality following the Service. A nursery is available for children up to five years old; see an usher for directions.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

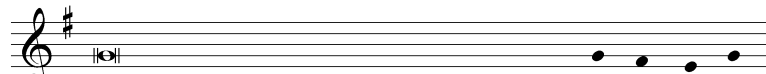
The Congregation stands.

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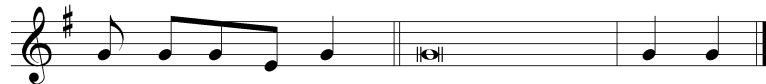
Hymn, No. 757

All My Hope on God Is Founded

Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day



*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*



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

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-11



1. Hear this, all peo - ple in the world; now lis - ten well to me,
2. Why should I fear in e - vil days, when wick - ed - ness sur - rounds,
3. We see that wise and fool - ish die, not one of them re - mains;



both rich and poor to - ge - ther, all of high and low de - gree.
the wick - ed ones who trust their wealth and boast how it a - bounds?
those who come af - ter them in turn in - her - it all their gains.



My mouth shall speak of an - cient lore, my heart pon - der wise things,
The ran - som of our life is more than we could e - ver save,
Their graves shall be their fi - nal homes, there, age to age they lie;



I will in - cline my ear to hear, and sing truth on the strings.
that we might live for - e - ver - more and ne - ver see the grave.
tho' lands were named for them, tho' praised, still, like the beasts they die.

Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-11

Gradual Hymn, No. 509

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

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.

Sermon

The Congregation stands.

Hymn of the Day, No. 678

God, Whose Giving Knows no Ending

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

Each petition concludes with one of the following responses:

Lord in your mercy. **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.

Voluntary, at the Offering

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here be -
low, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly
host, Praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Offertory Verse and Prayer

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving – Setting Five, page 161

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus, Acclamation and Amen – page 162

The Lord's Prayer – page 163

Agnus Dei – page 164

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. 487

What Feast of Love

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis, No. 201

Now, Lord

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benediction

Hymn, No. 589

All Depends on Our Possessing

The Congregation turns to face the entrance of the church as the Procession passes.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Welcome the stranger.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

-- Servants at God's Altar --

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Roy Enquist
Deacon I	Kathy Garrison
Deacon II	Kelly Bowers
Lector	Alan Sutherland
Crucifer	TBA
Bookbearer	TBA
Torchbearers	TBA
Organist	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
Ushers	John Shutt, Ben Cutler, Jennifer Nordin, Tommie Robinson, Jr.
Altar Guild	TBA
Tellers	Mary Schooley, Dawn Nelson Drew Genszler
Hospitality Hosts	Kelly Bowers, Jeff Teitel, Tim Himes

-- Parish Concerns --

+ **Members:** Bob Anderson, Mary Beth Blegen, Aaron Bonds, Ardelle Burton, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Herman Davis, Sr., Jim Heinemeier, Dorothy Gladney, Bill Reid, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Effi Barry (Burton); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Judith Bremner (Bradley); Judy Cashner (Cashner); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Ray "Bud" Erickson (Kennedy-Nash); Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Lyle Forness (Forness); TraciLynn Fox (VandenBosch); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Mary Pat Gertz (Gertz); Betty Grady (Werner); Mary Hancock (Knauff); Leona Harper (Knauff); Mary Elizabeth Jacobs (Berube); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Sylvia Luttamus (Luttamus); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Marjorie Looney (Wassum); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Sally Markle (Markle-Elder); Lois Merritt (Hunter); David Moore (Hart); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Susan Papp (Lenhart/Ray); Rachelle Portner (Hart); Mary Ann Richardson (Kennedy-Nash); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Sarah Richter (Richter); Rich & Norma Shirey (Hart); Iris and Juan Sosa (Leath); Deborah Tang (Burton); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Richard Tepel (Schipp); The Family of Ray Verrey (Wassum); Marion Wagley (Capps); Joan Wassum (Wassum); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder).

+ **Tommie L. Robinson, Jr. and Robert Joppa**, who are part of the Metro Washington D.C. ELCA Synod's deputation to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Chicago this coming week.

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

Thanks to all of you for your prayerful support of the Call Committee as we continue our work. The Augustana Call Committee has met each month since May to keep the momentum of the pastoral search moving forward. Participation for the member survey was strong, a congregational profile has been written and completed and the first congregational Sunday "snapshot" was issued. Tallies for the data were compiled and discussed. The committee has enjoyed lively and thoughtful dialogue as it engages in a variety of tasks to prepare a complete packet reflecting the Augustana congregation for presentation to the Synod and the perspective Pastoral candidates. The call committee will meet with the Augustana Congregational Council to review the materials before presenting the packet to the Synod in September. We anticipate the interview process to begin in the fall. Respectfully, The Augustana Call Committee

Gifts to the Glory of God: Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by friends of Bill Riggs in honor of his 65th birthday on August 5th.

We welcome our guest celebrant and preacher this morning, the Rev. Dr. Roy Enquist. Pastor Theiss is in Chicago for the start of the ELCA's Churchwide Assembly.

Under the theme "Living in God's Amazing Grace: Thanks be to God!" the voting members and guests of the 2007 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (**ELCA) Churchwide Assembly** will gather this week for deliberations and debate. During the week they will have the opportunity to participate in daily worship and Bible study. The assembly is Aug. 6-11 at Chicago's Navy Pier. On Aug. 6 the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop and president of the Lutheran World Federation, will preside at worship and preach.

Next Steps in our Mortgage Madness Campaign: We will renew our "Help Pay the Monthly Mortgage" Campaign with the arrival of Advent in December. Meanwhile, thanks to the generosity of so many members and friends, by the end of June we had received enough funds for Accessibility to cover our \$9,899 monthly mortgage payments (principal and interest) through November, the end of the church year. **Now we have a great opportunity - namely, to use all additional Accessibility funds donated this summer and autumn to pay back principal exclusively.** The benefits of making supplemental principal payments are enormous, as every additional dollar applied to principal payment saves us dollars in interest. In fact, our Finance Committee has calculated that **every \$4.00 used to pay down principal will save us \$6.00 in interest.** Let's see how many interest dollars we can save by December! Received last week -- \$5,005.00

A REMINDER: Summer is here, but the church does not go on vacation when you go on vacation! Programs continue. Bills have to be paid. Please remember to keep your financial contributions coming even when you're not here. And, when you're not on vacation, please continue to share your time and talents --**WE NEED YOU!** -The Stewardship Committee

-- Today -- Time After Pentecost -- Proper 13 --

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Fair Trade Sunday – Sale of Coffee by Social Ministries Committee and our Regular Sunday for the **ELCA World Hunger Appeal.**

All Committees Meet – First Sunday of the Month

Christian Education Committee – Noon – Library

Finance Committee will not meet

Property Committee – Noon – Room 301

Social Ministries Committee – Noon – Room 118

Stewardship Committee – Noon – Room 302

Worship and Music Committee – Noon – Choir Room

-- This Week --

Monday, August 6th: First day of classes for ALTA's 2007-2008 school year. We welcome back the students and staff.

-- Next Sunday, August 12, 2007 –Time After Pentecost, Proper 14--

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Hospitality Hosts: Eric Luttamus, Brian Gaston

-- Upcoming Events and Announcements --

August 18th: Volunteers are needed to make and/or serve dinner at the N Street Village/Luther Place Women's Shelter. Contact Grace Morgan, Caroline Borders or the Social Ministries Committee for more information.

September 14th – 15th: Mark your calendars now for the Fall Retreat! -- The 2007 congregational retreat will be held on September 14-15 at the Singmaster Center of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. Further details and information will be forthcoming in the *Augustanan* newsletter and the Sunday bulletin

September 29th: Mark your calendar for the annual Lutherans Concerned/Metro Washington DC banquet dinner, featuring guest speaker Pastor Bradley Schmeling who was recently removed from the clergy roster of the ELCA because he is in a committed loving relationship. The reception and dinner will be held at Georgetown Lutheran Church. Please contact Brian Danaher or Bob Joppa for more information.

Augustana is looking for a few good Sunday School teachers! Plans are being made to revive the Sunday School program in September and we're now seeking volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers. To accommodate teachers' busy schedules, we will be implementing a rotational "team teaching" approach that will allow for flexibility in teacher scheduling. If you are committed to the spiritual growth and development of young Augustanans and eager to work with a great group of kids, please consider becoming a part of this important congregational ministry. For details about our plans for Sunday School, contact Bob Luoma (202-546-1324, gluoma@boo.net) or a member of the Sunday School Planning Committee: Sara Markle-Elder, Sarita Olley, and Sonvy Waidler



August 05, 2007

TIME AFTER PENTECOST -- LECTIONARY 18

INTRODUCTION

We do much more than support the work of our congregation as we make our contributions. We actually reorient ourselves toward what we possess and what we value most. God's word speaks to us about this fundamental realignment of our lives.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me--¹⁹and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The gospel of Luke tells not only how Jesus brought good news to the poor, but also how he sought to save those who were rich. Here he warns against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."



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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Parents: A nursery is available for children up to five years old.
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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