

# Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

## TIME AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 14

AUGUST 12, 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.*

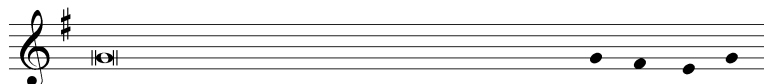
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**Hymn, No. 831**

*Stanzas 1-4.*

The God of Abraham Praise

### 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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-6

## Psalm 33:12-22



1. How blest the na - tions all who trust in God the Lord a - lone!
2. From heav'n the Lord looks down and sees the dwell - ers in all lands.
3. An ar - my can - not save a king, nor strength save those of might;
4. See how God's eye is on the ones who wait on him in - deed,
5. Our help, our shield, our hope, our joy, through a - ges still the same:



How blest the peo - ple God the Lord has cho - sen for his own!  
God fash - ions all the hearts of them; their works he un - der - stands.  
in vain we trust a hors - e's pow'r to save us in our plight.  
to pluck their lives a - way from death, and feed them in their need.  
Lord, let your mer - cy rest on us whose trust is in your Name.

## Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

## Gradual Hymn, No. 509

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

## Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13-21



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



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

## Sermon

*The Congregation stands.*

## Hymn of the Day, No. 488

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

## **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

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## 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. 779**

Amazing Grace

## 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. 823**

Praise the Lord! O Heavens

*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 --**

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Norman Theiss
<b>Deacon I</b>	Patricia Richter
<b>Deacon II</b>	Ben Cutler
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Solt
<b>Crucifer</b>	David Julifs
<b>Bookbearer</b>	Monique Agbro
<b>Torchbearers</b>	Kathy Garrison, Chantelle Agbro
<b>Organist</b>	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
<b>Ushers</b>	John Shutt, Ben Cutler, Jennifer Nordin, Tommie Robinson, Jr.
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Alice Anderson
<b>Tellers</b>	Kevin Horsted, Eileen Crawford, Betsy Knauff
<b>Hospitality Hosts</b>	Eric Luttamus, Bruce Gaston

## -- Parish Concerns --

+ **Members:** Mary Beth Blegen, Aaron Bonds, Ardelle Burton, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Herman Davis, Sr., 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); Rich & Norma Shirey (Hart); Iris and Juan Sosa (Leath); Deborah Tang (Burton); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Richard Tepel (Schipp); The Family of Ray Verrey (Wassum); Marion Wagley (Capps); Joan Wassum (Wassum); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder).

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with Dorothy Smith on the death of her cousin, Mary E. Richardson of North Carolina.

+ **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 Sally Larisch in memory of Antoinette Larisch.

**Thank you** to Kelly Bowers, Judy Floy, Grace Lunardi and Patricia Richter for volunteering at Martha's Table in August. Members of Augustana provide food to the homeless through Martha's Table on the first Sunday of every month. If you'd like to volunteer on September 1 or October 6, please contact Amy Yergey for more information. [amy.yergey@ccs-dc.org](mailto:amy.yergey@ccs-dc.org) or 301-294-9185.

**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 -- \$2,768.00

**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 14 --**

**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon

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

**-- This Week --**

**Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**-- Next Sunday, August 19, 2007 --Feast of Mary, Mother of Our Lord --  
(transferred)**

**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon

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

**Lessons:** Isaiah 61:7-11; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55

**Hospitality Hosts:** Kelly Bowers, Jeff Teitel, Richard Gillam

## -- Upcoming Events and Announcements --

**September 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>:** 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 29<sup>th</sup>:** 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](mailto:gluoma@boo.net)) or a member of the Sunday School Planning Committee: Sara Markle-Elder, Sarita Olley, and Sonvy Waidler





**August 12, 2007**

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST -- LECTIONARY 19**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*"Faith is the conviction of things not seen," the second reading announces. "We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord," the hymn by Albert Goodson proclaims. This day we gather as a community of faith and seek renewed vision, so that we might make our way more boldly into the world as bearers of God's saving love.*

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6**

*God promises childless Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God need in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future.*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he

stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

#### **GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

*Jesus encourages his followers to recognize the true value of God's kingdom, so that their hearts may be where their real treasure lies. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

### **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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#### **2007 Congregational Council**

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Rebecca Roth, Vice President  
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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 – 14<sup>th</sup> & U Streets  
Please enter on U Street. From 10 am – 4 pm on Sundays  
First Come, First Served