

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue. N.W. Washineton. D.C.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 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 Celebration.

A nursery is available for children up to five years old; see an usher for information. After receiving Holy Eucharist, children meet their Sunday School teachers at the Truman Door.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Savior of the Nations, Come

Dietrich Buxtehude

The Congregation stands as the bells are rung.

The Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, the God of goodness and lovingkindness, whose Son was sent to save us and whose Spirit is poured out on us and renews us. **Amen**

As people called out of darkness, let us confess our sins and seek mercy from the God of justice and righteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of steadfastness and love, **we confess that we love the works of darkness more than your light. We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings through material things of creation rather than through you, our Creator. We are quick to judge others, yet we fail to see our own failings. We ignore the cries of the poor and grow weary of working for justice. Restore us, O God; let your face shine on us, that we may be saved. Amen**

The Congregation is seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalmody

Hymn No. 250

Luke 1:68-79

Blest Be the God of Israel

Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

The Congregation stands.

Gradual

**O Come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Before the Gospel is read:



After the Gospel is read:



At the Returning Procession

**O Come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Sermon

The Congregation stands.

Hymn of the Day, No. 248

People, Look East

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 became 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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

Each petition concludes with one of the following responses:

God of 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.

Anthem, at the Offering

There Shall Come Forth A Shoot
Isaiah 11:1-9

K. Lee Scott

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 259

Stanza 2.

Fling Wide the Door

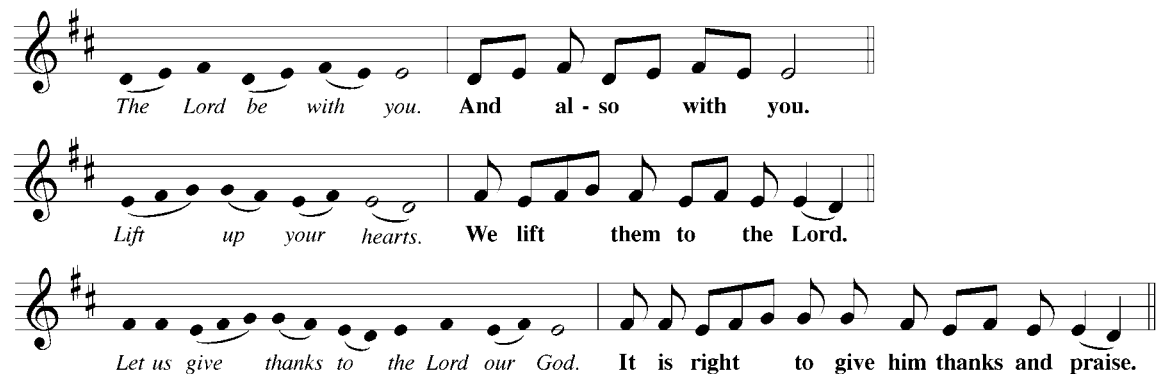
Installation of Deacons

Offertory Verse and Prayer

Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Blessed is the one who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!

God of abundance, **we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior. 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 him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface and Sanctus



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 and Doxology

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all ho - nor and
 glo - ry is yours, al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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.

Agnus Dei

The Dona nobis pacem ("Grant us Thy peace") is sung in canon: first by the Choir, then the Pulpit side, then the Lectern side.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - - - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - - - cem.

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. 467

We Place upon Your Table, Lord

Hymn, No. 243

Lost in the Night

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis, No. 201

Post-Communion Prayer

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 264

Prepare the Royal Highway

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

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

Voluntary

The Music of the Liturgy – The “O Antiphons” sung at the Gospel Procession date from the ninth century and were chanted, one each day, at Vespers before and after the Magnificat from December 17 to 23. Each antiphon opens with an ‘O,’ addressing the Messiah with one of his scriptural titles, and closes with a petition appropriate to the title. During the twelfth century these antiphons were collected into Latin verse and in the nineteenth century translated and compiled into the hymn, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”



Second Sunday in Advent

Servants at God's Altar

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Jon Quam
Deacon II	Eileen Crawford
Lector	LeeAnn Hart
Organist and Choirmaster	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Crucifer	Bonnie LePard
Bookbearer	Kelly Bowers
Torchbearers	Scott Dillon, Nichole Hoffman
Ushers	Wayne Maffett, Eileen Crawford
Altar Guild	Alice Anderson, Salome Burton Marilynn Olson
Tellers	Mary Schooley, Dawn Nelson Drew Genszler
Hospitality Hour Hosts	Irene and Jim Heinemeier Brian Danaher

Parish Concerns

In our prayers, let us include the following:

+ **Members:** Aaron Bonds, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Herman Davis, Sr, Dorothy Gladney, Renee Ivery, Bill Reid, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Bill Barrows (Richter); Jeffrey Berry (Bob & Alice Anderson); Connie Boorer (Hunter); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Judith Bremner (Bradley); Melissa & Kevin Brown (Larisch); Judy Cashner (Cashner); The Cocozzella Family (Wassum) Teresa Cross (Knauff); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Ray “Bud” Erickson (Kennedy-Nash); Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Lyle Forness (Forness); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Betty Grady (Werner); Leona Harper (Knauff); Mary Elizabeth Jacobs (Berube); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Randell Laughlin (Theiss); Sylvia Luttamus (Luttamus); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Frank & Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Ken Merritt (Hunter); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Fernando Otero (Pizza); Marion Papacosta (Roth-Renne); Susan Papp (Lenhart/Ray); Rachelle Portner (Hart); Mary Ann Richardson (Kennedy-Nash); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Norma Shirey (Hart); Iris and Juan Sosa (Leath); Deborah Tang (Burton); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Richard Tepel (Schipp); Marion Wagley (Capps); Joan Wassum (Wassum); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the Family and Friends of Sylvia Luttamus, mother of Eric Luttamus who died at the Lutheran Home in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin on Thursday, December 6th.

+ **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 are given to the Glory of God by Tommie Robinson, Jr. in memory of his brother Joseph Miles. The candle is given to the Glory of God by Bill Riggs in honor of the Augustana Deacons. Sally Larisch has give today’s bread and wine to the Glory of God in honor of Alex and Olivia Brown.

Join the Mortgage Madness Rush! Advent is here, and with the beginning of a new church year, renewal of our Mortgage Madness Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of members and friends – including \$5000 donated in recent weeks in memory of Ardelle Burton – we surpassed our goal of covering our monthly mortgage payments this past year and will be able to begin paying down the principal on our mortgage (more on that later).

Now we need to match our generous giving of the past year by reaching and again surpassing our goal of raising \$120,000 to cover a year's mortgage payments. Already two generous donors have agreed each to cover one month's payment of \$10,000, so we're on our way. Any amount – small or large – can be contributed, clearly designated for Accessibility. Some possible benchmarks: \$333 = one day; \$2,500 = one week; \$5,000 = two weeks; and \$7,500 = three weeks. Contributed last week: \$8,156.00

Many thanks to all who have pledged to Augustana's 2008 Mission Plan. As of December 2nd

48 member units had pledged a total of \$170,584.96. Weekly pledges range from \$2.00 to \$325.00, resulting in an average weekly pledge of \$68.34. If you have not yet pledged, please return your pledge card and time & talent form ASAP in the Sunday offering or mail to the church office. **We need your commitment.**

Augustana's Social Ministry Committee is pleased to report to the congregation that we **raised \$945 for Camp Safe Haven**-a summer camp organized by Lutheran Social Services.

Thrivent Lutheran matched our total and contributed \$945 to our fundraiser bringing our combined total to \$1,890. It costs \$1,200 to send one child to Camp Safe Haven. We will return to this fundraiser in the Spring in the hopes of raising an additional \$500 so we can guarantee an additional child attending the camp. Many, many thanks to all those who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

-- Today – The Second Sunday of Advent --

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library -- "Repentance, Faith, Holiness, and Love."

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Mary and the Angel

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: After receiving Communion, the children exit via the Truman Door for their Classrooms – Rooms 303a and 303b.

Food donations for our holiday baskets and the Food Pantry are greatly appreciated and will be received throughout the month of December. (See Pink Insert for shopping list)

Gifts of Hope – Social Hall during the Hospitality Hour

Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, Chocolate in the Social Hall during the Hospitality Hour

Christmas Flowers and Greens: Donations being accepted by Worship and Music Committee during the Hospitality Hour. (See Pink Insert for 2007 Donation Form)

Finance Committee Meeting – Room 301

Listening: Practicing Simple Presence meeting – Library – 1:00 pm

Christmas Caroling at the National Lutheran Home – Join the Augustana Choir, members of the Social Ministries Committee and your fellow members to journey to the National Lutheran Home, where we will entertain the residents with seasonal music and cheer.

-- This Week --

Wednesday, December 12th – Congregational Council Meeting – 7:30 pm – Library

Thursday, December 13th: Choir rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – Choir Room

Saturday, December 15th: Our neighbor, the Universalist National Memorial Church (UNMC) would like to invite members of Augustana to participate in a night of Christmas caroling in DuPont Circle. Carolers will meet @ 6 p.m. at the UNMC church at 16th & S Sts. NW. A delicious potluck will follow the caroling in our social hall. For more information call 202-387-3411 or go to www.universalist.org.

-- Next Sunday, December 16, 2007 – The Third Sunday of Advent --

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – “Repentance, Faith, Holiness, and Love.”

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Jesus is born

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons:

Hospitality Hosts: Larry Anthony, Ron Mueller, Catherine Cashner

Vespers and Lucia Fest: 5:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and plan to attend Augustana's Lucia Fest on A beautifully meditative Vespers service precedes the children's program. An Augustana tradition for more than 45 years, the Swedish tradition is a celebration for all to enjoy. All Augustana youth are invited to participate as Nissen, Star Boys, Lucia Queen and her court, banner bearers and more! As we gather in the spectacularly decorated Social Hall for a reception of Swedish inspired treats, the children continue the festive spirit as they invite all attending to enjoy the Lucycat buns!! For more information contact Ruth Sorenson at rutharne@gmail.com Volunteers for treats – always welcome!!

- Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements -

Church Council Nominating Committee: There are four openings for the Church Council in 2008. If you are interested in running for Church Council, please contact John Isbell at jsi34@msn.com or 703-244-6968 by December 16th.



During the Sundays of Advent, Adult Forum will feature a special Bible study,

"Repentance, Faith, Holiness, and Love." The series will examine the special meaning of Advent as a time of quiet waiting, self-reflection, and devotion in anticipation of the coming of Christ. Each week will focus on a special theme that will illuminate the simplicity and harmony of the season (in contrast to the hectic busy-ness of the pre-Christmas period) and provide us with a renewed appreciation for this time of preparation. Adult Forum meets at 9:15 a.m. in the library.

Gifts of Hope – Sunday, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th: As is our annual tradition, we will once again this holiday season offer members of Augustana the opportunity to select some unique Christmas gifts – gifts that provide for daily needs, gifts that build for the future, and gifts that bring joy. Among the beneficiaries this year are N Street Village, National Lutheran Home, Community Family Life Services, Fellowship Square Foundation, Lutheran Churches in Namibia, the Lutheran Church in El Salvador, Lutheran Social Services, Transitional Housing Corporation, Southeast Ministry, Mar-Lu-Ridge and the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. Gifts range greatly and include such items as a trip to the beauty shop, a basket of books, bus tokens, resettlement kits, a university scholarship, a week of summer camp, bed liners, ice cream treats and many others.

We have a special opportunity to support the construction of a permanent building for a kindergarten in northern Namibia. This is the home area of Augustana's own Lipumbu family. They have requested support from Augustana for this worthy effort. Currently, the kindergarten now meets in a tent under a tree. The class of kids is growing and they need a permanent building. Your contribution will support the purchase of windows, doors, and cement blocks. There are so many ways to make a difference with Gifts of Hope!

Please see Grace Morgan during the hospitality hour to make your selections. This is a wonderful way to get started on your holiday shopping.

Calling all Chess Players or Tutors: Patricia Mitchell, Head of School for the Academy for the Advancement of Learning (ALTA) our tenant has asked for help with their chess club. They currently have about a dozen 5th and 6th graders who are avid chess players. They are looking for volunteers to help with their chess club and the students. Help is needed either at lunch time 11:30 am to 1:00 pm or after school from 4:30-6:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in assisting ALTA with their chess program, please call Mrs. Mitchell at 202/232-4014.



December 9, 2007

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

SECOND READING:

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

¹⁰and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

¹¹and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

¹²and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.' "

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



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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Tom VandenBosch

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