

# Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 3, 2008

TEN-THIRTY A.M.

### THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

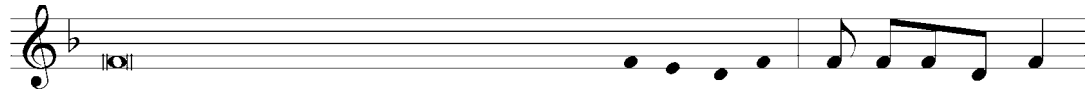
Max Reger

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

Entrance Hymn, No. 316

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

Apostolic Greeting



*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.*

Kyrie and Canticle of Praise

Cantor

Congregation



Ky - ri - e - - e - - - - le - i - son.



Chris - te - - - e - - - - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e - - e - - - - le - i - son.



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day



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

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

### Psalm 99:1-5, 9



The Lord is  
Pro - claim God's



King- let mor - tals quake- rul - ing o - ver cher - u - bim; In Zi - on,  
great - ness and bow down, Wor - ship on God's ho - ly hill; He is the



God the Lord is great; Let na - tions stand in awe of him. For God is  
Lord, our God and King, The Ho - ly One, our Sav - ior still. The Lord is



great, the Ho - ly One, whose won - drous name let all con - fess; "O, might - y  
King; let mor - tals quake; God sits a - bove the cher - u - bim; In Zi - on



King, most mer - ci - ful, You have es - tab - lished right - eous - ness."  
God the Lord is great; Let na - tions stand in awe of him.

### Second Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21



## 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.

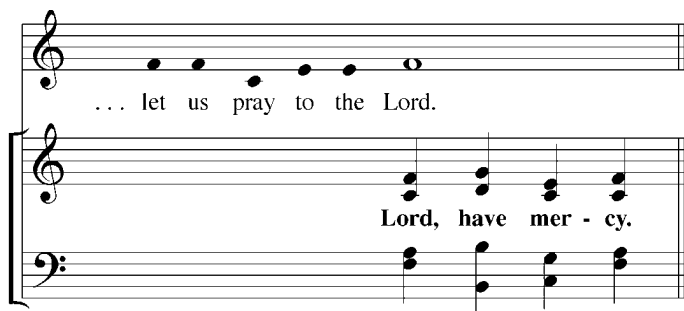
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made truly human.

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** -- *Each petition concludes with the following:*



The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is a single treble clef line with a melody of six notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a half note G4. Below the staff is the text "... let us pray to the Lord." The second staff is a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a four-measure accompaniment. The treble clef part has chords: G4-A4, G4-A4-B4, G4-A4-B4, and G4-A4. The bass clef part has chords: G3, G3-A3, G3-A3-B3, and G3-A3. Below the staff is the text "Lord, have mer - cy."

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Sharing of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### Anthem

The Glory of the Father

Egil Hovland

*The Congregation stands.*

### Offertory Hymn, No. 308

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

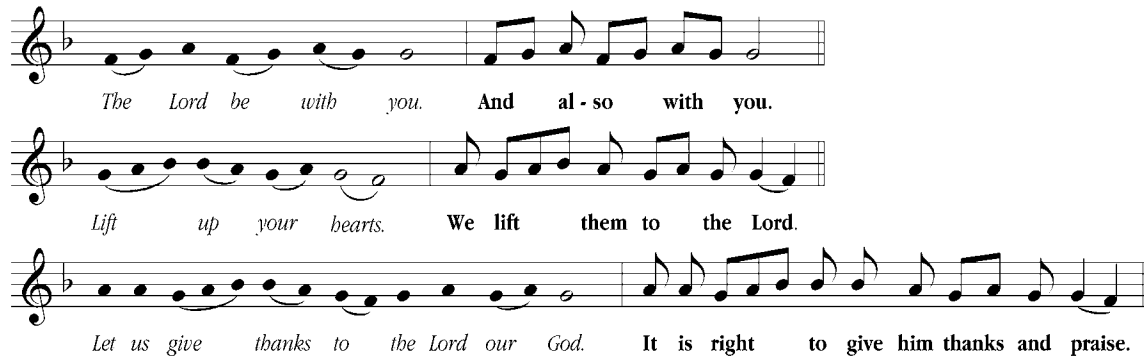
*Stanza 5.*

### Offertory Verse and Prayer

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this; when he is revealed we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

God of glory, **with great joy we worship you and lay before you these gifts. Let our lives serve you only, and lead us always to our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, the bright and morning star. 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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of text. The lyrics are printed below each staff, aligned with the notes.

### Sanctus and 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.

## Fraction Anthem – 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. 317

*Sung by the Choir.*

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

## Hymn, No. 315

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



## ***Servants at God's Altar***

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Norman Theiss
<b>Deacon I</b>	Kathy Garrison
<b>Deacon II</b>	Patricia Richter
<b>Lector</b>	DeAnna Allen
<b>Organist and Choirmaster</b>	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
<b>The Parish Choir</b>	
<b>Crucifer</b>	Scott Dillon
<b>Torchbearers</b>	David Juilfs, Carolyn Gist
<b>Bookbearer</b>	Douglas Anderson
<b>Thurifer</b>	Kathy Garrison
<b>Ushers</b>	Nicole Ruman Skinner, David Skinner, Joyce Byamungu Waguti
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judy Floy
<b>Tellers</b>	Peter Berube, Ruth Hunter, Tim Himes
<b>Hospitality Hosts</b>	Chip & Dawn Fenton, Carol Vezzetti

## ***Concerns of the People***

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

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson, Aaron Bonds, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Herman Davis, Sr, Norman Forness, 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); Betty Childers (Wassum); Teresa Cross (Knauff); Mindy Davis (Isbell); 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); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Samantha Lopez (Kahler-Larson); Frank & Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Ken Merritt (Hunter); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Fernando Otero (Pizza); Marion Papacosta (Roth-Renne); Rachelle Portner (Hart); Carrie Reynolds (Knauff); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Dave & Chris Sharp (Hart); Val Smith (Pizza); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Diana Tate (Richter); Jim & Marge Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Maria Weber (Fox-Fischer); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder); 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 are given to the Glory of God by Louise Anderson to the Glory of God in loving memory of her grandson, Lars Anderson Lindquist.

**Congratulations to our new Council Members** who were elected at the Annual Meeting last week. Those elected were Paul Beddoe, Kelly Bowers, Carol Capps and David Juilfs for a three year term of office, and John Isbell and Sam Luebke for a one year term of office. The new Congregational Council will hold its re-organizational meeting and retreat on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Larry Anthony.

**2008 Stewardship Update:** As of mid-January we had 53 pledges for our 2008 Mission Plan, amounting to a total of \$195,768 toward our budget goal of \$300,000 in member contributions. 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. Pledge cards and time & talent forms are available in the racks in the narthex and outside the church office. Or, alternatively, e-mail your pledge to our co-financial secretary, John Isbell, [jsi34@msn.com](mailto:jsi34@msn.com).

**Join the Mortgage Madness Rush!** Epiphany is here, and with the beginning of a new c year, renewal of our Mortgage Madness Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of members and friends – including over \$6,000 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: \$1,245.00



**– Today, February 3, 2008 – Transfiguration of Our Lord –**

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

**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 Hunger Fund** Collection

**Equal Exchange** Coffee Sales – Social Hall

**Listening: Practicing Simple Presence** – Noon in the Library

**All Committees Meet This Morning – Unless Noted**

**Christian Education Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 301**

**Evangelism Committee will not meet**

**Finance Committee will not meet**

**Property Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 301**

**Stewardship Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 303a**

**Social Ministries Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 118**

**Worship & Music Committee Meeting – Noon – Choir Room**

**– This Week –**



**Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>:** Ash Wednesday Services – 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

**February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> --Augustana's 2008 retreat!** -- Augustana's next congregational retreat is scheduled for this week February 8th and 9th (the first weekend in Lent) at the Singmaster Center on the campus of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. We will be exploring the theme of wilderness as symbols of the Lenten (See Yellow Insert) **Slots are still available!!**

**– Next Sunday, February 10, 2008 - First Sunday of Lent –**

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m. – Library – Neglected Voices: Beginnings (Rahab, Simeon, Barnabas)

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

**Lessons:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

**Hospitality Hosts:** Eric Luttamus, Bruce Gaston

**Listening: Practicing Simple Presence** – Noon in the Library

**Augustana's new Green Team** has its organizing meeting after the service. If you're interested in joining this most timely endeavor, please join us! We'll grab a cup of coffee and some goodies, head for a corner of the Social Hall, and get our Green Act together. Jim Heinemeier is Team Leader.

### **– Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements –**

**Lenten Devotional Booklets and information about our 2008 Lenten Schedule** is available in the labeled envelopes in the Narthex. Please take your copy home with you this morning. Any envelopes not picked up today, will have to be mailed next week. Be a wise Steward and help us save on postage. (The Lavender Insert in today's bulletin also has the information about the 2008 Lenten Schedule.)

**The Congregational Church Council** is interested in finding several people who would be interested in participating in an ongoing dialog with two or three people from Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria here at Augustana Church, to discuss how these two congregations can work together. We need volunteers from both congregations. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

**Augustana's Evangelism Team is reorganizing!** The Team meets after the service on Sunday, February 24. We'll be looking at Evangelism in its broadest sense - and then planning "good news" activities for the coming year. If you're interested, we invite you to join us. We'll grab a cup of coffee and some goodies, head for a quiet place, and get our evangelism ministry off and running. Jim Heinemeier is Team Leader.

**Gifts for the Christ Child:** Today is our last day of this drive. Please think about what baby supplies, equipment, and other amenities you can donate to a new family starting out in difficult circumstances. We plan to donate to families at Transitional Housing Corporation (THC), a faith-based, District-based, non-profit that provides housing and comprehensive support services to homeless and at-risk families so that they can make transformational changes in their lives. (See Yellow Insert)

**During the Sundays of Lent,** Adult Forum will feature a special Bible study, "Neglected Voices: Biblical Spirituality in the Margins." The series will focus on the stories of lesser-known Biblical characters whose encounters with God offer important insights for our own modern journeys of faith. Adult Forum meets at 9:15 am in the library.

**How will local congregations respond in the event of a disaster?** Will we act. . . or merely react? An introductory workshop especially for congregational leaders is being coordinated by Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area through its work with Lutheran Disaster Response. "Pre-Act" will offer tools and information to help congregations take the first steps in preparedness.

Three area events to choose from are:

**Saturday, February 23** at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (8304 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA)

**Saturday, March 1** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (4900 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC)

**Saturday, March 8** at Our Savior Lutheran Church (13611 Laurel-Bowie Rd Laurel, MD)

Each event will be held from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Coffee and registration begins at 9:30 AM. The events are open to leaders of all houses of worship and are free. Workshops and displays will focus on providing tools for planning and preparation as well as networking with other congregations and community organizations. For more information or questions, contact Deacon Kati Miller-Holland: 202-723-3000 ext. 200 or [hollandk@lssnca.org](mailto:hollandk@lssnca.org)



**February 3, 2008**

## **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. Today the church commemorates Ansgar, missionary to Denmark and Sweden.*

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18**

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16–21**

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

<sup>16</sup>We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1–9**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

<sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

### **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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Deborah Young, Nursery Attendant

#### **2008 Congregational Council**

Larry Anthony, Secretary -- Paul Beddoe

Kelly Bowers -- Carol Capps -- Irene Heinemeier

John Isbell – David Juilfs --Matt Larson

Sam Luebke -- John McKirgan

Rebecca Roth, Vice President

Barbara Solt – Arne Sorenson

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

See an usher for directions

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Please enter on U Street. From 10 am – 4 pm on Sundays

First Come, First Served