

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 17, 2008

10:30 a.m.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Adagio

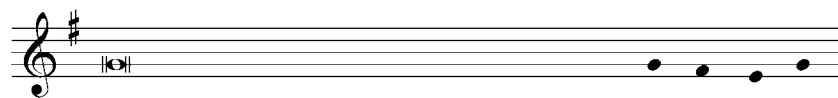
Tomaso Albinoni

As the bells are rung, the Congregation stands and turns to face the Baptismal Font.

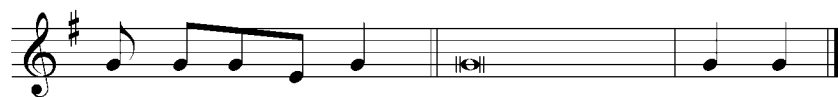
Hymn, No. 602

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

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.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121



1. Un - to the hills I lift my eyes. From whence shall come my aid?
2. God will not let your foot be moved; your Guard - ian nev - er sleeps;
3. Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your shel - ter and your shade;
4. From e - vil God will keep you safe; pro - vide for all you need;



My help is from the Lord a - lone, who heav'n and earth has made.
God's watch - ful and un - slum - b'ring care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.
'neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.
your go - ing out and com - ing in God will for - ev - er lead.

Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

The Congregation stands.

Gradual Verse and Hymn

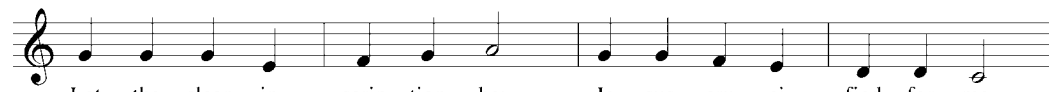
God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him may not perish, but have everlasting life.



On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



That life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures Ev - er may your work e - rase;



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,




Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, All my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

The Gospel is announced:



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, 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. 323

God Loved the World

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

Anthem, at the Offering

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God; and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.



Cast me not a-way from thy pres-ence; and take not thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.



Re-store un-to me the joy of thy sal-va-tion: and up-hold me with thy free Spir-it.

Installation of Congregational Council

Larry Anthony

Paul Beddoe

Kelly Bowers

Carol Capps

Irene Heinemeier

John Isbell

David Juilfs

Sam Luebke

John McKirgan

Rebecca Roth

Barbara Solt

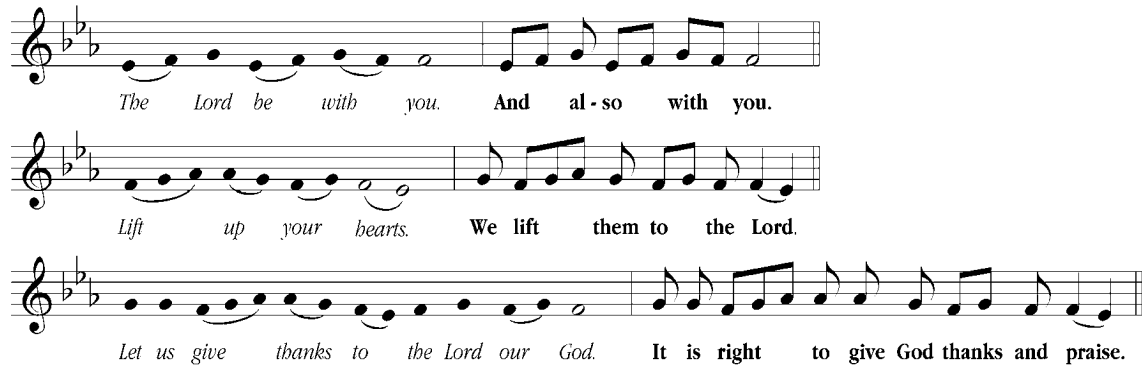
Arne Sorenson

Offertory Verse and Prayer

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

God our provider, **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

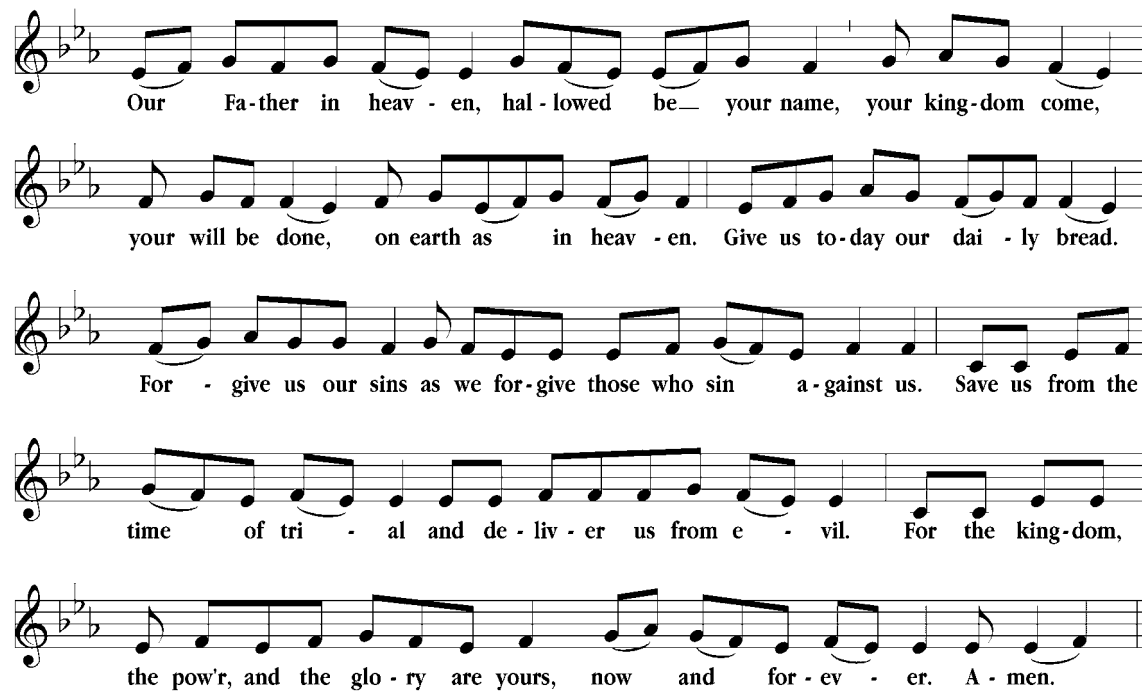


The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface and Sanctus – No. 190

Eucharistic Prayer, Acclamations and Amen

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

1-3. O— Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
1-2. Have mer - cy up - on us! 3. Grant us thy peace!— A - men.

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. 325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Hymn, No. 638

Blessed Assurance

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis, No. 201

Post Communion Prayer

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 831

The God of Abraham Praise

Stanzas 1-4.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

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.

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.

Servants at God’s Altar

Presiding Minister	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Doris Lewis
Deacon II	Ben Cutler
Lector	Joy Stancil
Organist and Choirmaster	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Crucifer	Patricia Richter
Torchbearers	Randell Laughlin, Bonnie LePard
Bookbearer	Monique Agbro
Ushers	Nicole Ruman Skinner, David Skinner, Joyce Byamungu Waguti
Altar Guild	Judy Floy
Tellers	Peter Berube, Brian Danaher, David Wassum
Hospitality Hosts	Bruce & Betsy Miller, Tim Himes

Concerns of the People

In our prayers, let us include the following:

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson, Robert Anderson, Aaron Bonds, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Kathy Garrison, Herman Davis, Sr, Ronald DiGregorio, 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); Lyle Forness (Forness); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Betty Grady (Werner); Leona Harper (Knauff); Guy 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); William Moon (Wassum); 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); Jancye O. Washington (Burton); Denise Washington (Burton); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Nansie Smith Word, especially her club sister, Salome Burton. Ms. Word passed away on February 8th.

+ **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 bread and wine, candle, DAG Gift and Accessibility Gift are given to the Glory of God by Patricia Richter in memory of William and Agnes Richter on their anniversary. An additional Accessibility Gift is given to the Glory of God by Lynn Fischer Fox and Alan Fox in celebration of their son Christian's first birthday, February 18th.

Congratulations to our new Congregational Council Members who were installed in this morning's service.

February stewardship update: As of February 7 we had 68 pledges for our 2008 Mission Plan, amounting to a total of \$231,988 toward our budget goal of \$300,000 in member contributions. Pledges continue to come in. If you've not yet returned yours, please return it and your time & talent form ASAP in the Sunday offering or mail to the church office. Or alternatively, e-mail your pledge to our asst. financial secretary, John Isbell, jsi34@msn.com

Mortgage Madness Rush Update: Our Mortgage Madness Campaign renewal is off to a great start! From the beginning of Advent in December through the first Sunday in February we received \$52,733 in Accessibility contributions – over five months in mortgage payments. Approximately \$120,000 is needed to cover a year's payments. Anything we raise above that amount between now and Advent 2008 can be used to pay down 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 week -- \$ 1,460.00

– Today, February 17, 2008 –The Second Sunday of Lent–

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Neglected Voices: Renunciation (Dinah, Haman, Simon Magus)

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.

– *This Week* –

Monday, February 18th: Church Offices closed for the federal holiday.

Wednesday, February 20^h: Lenten Wednesday Services

6:30 p.m. – Soup and Bread Supper in the Social Hall

7:00 p.m. – Office of Vespers in the Chancel; Meditation led by Kathryn Baerwald

Thursday, February 21st: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – Choir Room

– *Next Sunday, February 24, 2008 – Third Sunday in Lent* –

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Neglected Voices: Trust (Hannah, the Centurion, Stephen)

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.

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Lessons: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Hospitality Hosts: Kathy Garrison, Tom VandenBosch

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.

– *Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements* –

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.

For information on the Synod Prayer Resources Group monthly **Taize Service** see the Cherry Flyer. There is a service this evening. And **For Information on the March Lenten Quiet Day** sponsored by the Synod Prayer Resources Group see the second page of the Cherry insert.



**February 17, 2008 –
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel, Jesus directs our attention to the font of baptism. By water and the word, the Holy Spirit gives us new birth. Freely, out of love, we are made sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of the Lord Jesus, messengers of the Holy Spirit. From the waters of baptism we rise as a people blessed by God. We are sent forth into the world, not to condemn but to offer mercy.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

Genesis 1-11, often called the "primeval history," provides the background for today's reading. The repeated pattern of human rebellion and God's response ends with the Tower of Babel incident (11:1-9). In today's reading, God begins the relationship with humanity anew, starting with the person of Abram.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Paul has taught that Jews and Gentiles alike are made right with God through faith, and he insists that this has been true since Abraham, the great ancestor of the Jewish people. For this reason, people of "many nations" may share in God's promises to Abraham through faith.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The ministry of Jesus drew ambiguous responses from the religious leaders of his day. Some were offended by his challenge to their traditions and rejected him. Others, like Nicodemus, recognized the work of God in him, but needed his teaching to understand how to respond to him and God.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."



Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

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.

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