



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.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our 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

Exodus 34:29-35

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 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2


Gradual

Sung by the Choir.

Holy Gospel


Luke 9:28-43

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



Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo-ry, hea - ven's voice, the daz-zling light;
Glimpsed and gone the re - ve - la-tion, they shall gain and keep its truth,
Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep-tion with the pur - est light that shines,



Mo - ses and E - li - jah van-ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
Not by build-ing on the moun-tain an - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
And re - cast our life's in - ten-tion to the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise
But by fol - low - ing the Sa - vior through the val - ley to the cross
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry that what lies past Cal - vary's hill



Down - ward toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
And by test - ing faith's re - sil-ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by Your will.

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 man.**

**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 Light, **Show us your glory and hear us.**

Thanks be to God.

Let us bless the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sharing of Peace

Anthem

Gloria in excelsis Deo

attr. W. A. Mozart

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all those of good will.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee.

We give thanks to thee according to thy great glory.

Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son: Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

The Congregation stands.

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 all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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.

It is in - deed right and sal - u - tar - y... we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty, and despair,
You sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages, your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying,

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.



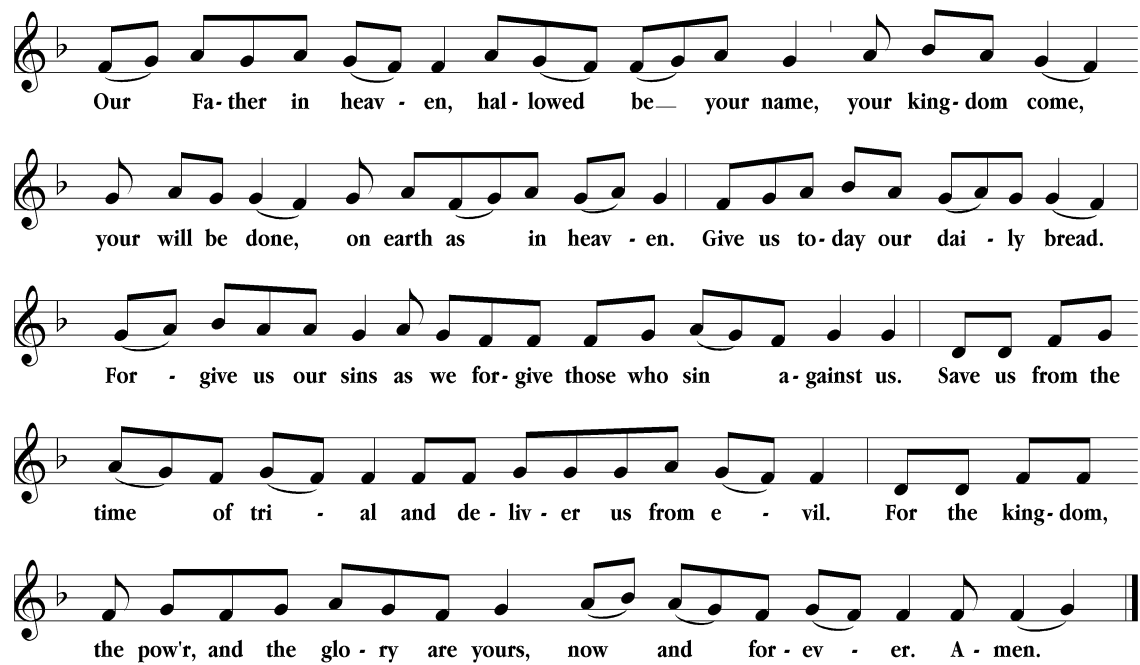
Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share;
strengthen our faith, increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.



Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

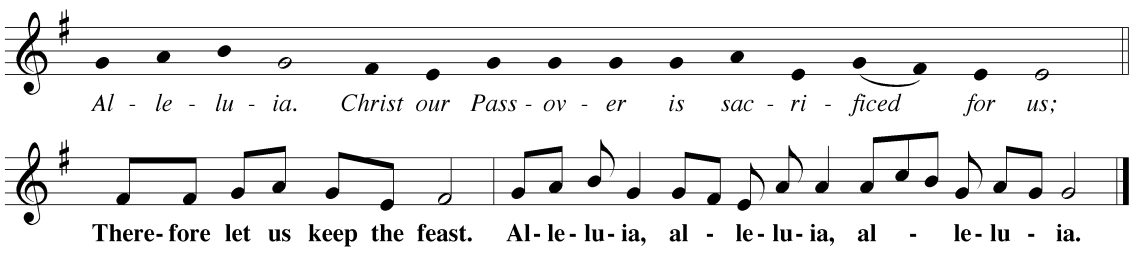


The Lord's Prayer



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.

At the Fraction – 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.*

Anthem Αινεῖτε τον Κύριον Setting by Gerald Near
Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the highest. Alleluia – Psalm 148:1

Hymn, No. 89 How Good, Lord, to Be Here

The Congregation stands.

THE POST-COMMUNION.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis



Lord, now let-test thou thy ser - vant de - part in peace: ac - cord - ing
to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion: which
thou hast pre-pared be - fore the face of all peo - ple; a light to
light - en the Gen-tiles: and the glo - ry of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost:
as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, in this Eucharist you reveal your faithfulness to us, your beloved children. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we may be signs of your grace and compassion for the world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 654 (*With One Voice*)

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Farewell to the Alleluia

Alleluia! Enclose and seal up the word, Alleluia.

Let it remain in the secret of your heart, Alleluia, until the appointed time.

You shall say it with great joy when that day comes.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Dismissal

Go in peace to spread the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Dieu parmi nous (God Among Us)

Olivier Messiaen

Words of the communicant, of the Virgin, and of the whole church:

That which has created me has rested in my tent; the Word has been made flesh and dwelt in me.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit has heartily rejoiced in God my Savior.

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. Join us downstairs in the Parish Hall for refreshment following the Service

Servants at God’s Altar

Celebrant and Preacher The Rev. Norman C. Theiss

Deacon I Jon Quam

Deacon II Rebecca Roth

Lector Courtney Allen

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. J. Thomas Mitts

The Parish Choir

Crucifer Scott Dillon

Thurifer Douglas Anderson

Book bearer Rebecca Roth

Torchbearers David Juilfs, Kelly Bowers

Ushers George Krafthofer, Nicole Skinner, David Skinner

Altar Guild Judy Floy

Tellers Mary Schooley, John Isbell

Drew Genszler

Hospitability Hosts Kelly Bowers, Jeff Teitel, Tim Himes

About the Music in the Service

The composer of the Opening Voluntary, Max Reger (1872-1916), wrote for a wide range of media, from solo voice to chamber music to mighty symphonies. His organ works demonstrate his belief that the organ has a far greater range and variety of expression than that found in mere “church music.” A Roman Catholic, he felt that the Protestants (Lutherans) did not realize or appreciate the riches of their chorale heritage, and over his lifetime he wrote hundreds of chorale settings, from simple harmonizations to virtuosic fantasies imbued with the myriad colors and styles of orchestral music.

The American musician Gerald Near (b. 1942) is among the finest contemporary composers of church music. His anthem sung during the Distribution is a setting of a Communion Hymn well known to Orthodox Christians in the Eastern (Byzantine) Rite. The pace of much of the Byzantine liturgy is very slow – unusually slow for most Westerners used to the familiar injunction that things ought to be “upbeat.” It is sung in Greek.

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992), one the most significant and influential French composers of the 20th century, was a professor of harmony and composition at the Paris Conservatoire and titular organist of the church of St. Trinite. His manner of composition is strongly influenced by theology, mysticism and exoticism. The scales and chords on which he based his music – largely of his own invention – produced sounds and colors uniquely suited to the musical and theological expression of his subjects. Most of Messiaen’s compositions are prefaced with the scriptural or liturgical quotation that inspired and shaped the music.

Dieu parmi nous (“God among us”), heard at the Closing Voluntary, is the final movement of the cycle *La Nativité du Seigneur* (“The Lord's Nativity”). The work begins with a presentation of the musical and theological ideas developed in the course of the work: 1). “Descent of Christ from Heaven to assume human form,” represented first harmonically by a rhythmic figure of descending chords and then melodically by a descending bombast spanning the entire pedalboard; 2). “Love of and Union with Christ by the Communicant, the Virgin, and the entire Church,” represented by a quiet theme and lush harmonies; and 3). “Exultation of the Spirit,” an exuberant Magnificat described by Messiaen as an “alleluiatic praise in bird style.” To Messiaen the songs of birds represented the purest form of music – creation glorifying its Creator.

Following this initial exposition, chords representing the “Descent of Christ” are quickly alternated with free “Alleluias in birdsong.” The lush theme embodying the “Love of Christ” then returns with a more rhythmically active accompaniment and a brief descending pedal line that recalls the “Descent of Christ,” culminating in the final toccata based on the opening descending pedal theme, which Messiaen terms “the piece itself” – God among us.

Parish Concerns

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson, Mary Beth Blegen, Ardelle Burton, Herman Davis, Sr., Jean Dilamb, Dorothy Gladney, Ruth Hunter, Bill Reid, Carroll Schipp.

+ **Friends and Family:** Stacey Aus (Knauff); Roseanne Baird (Bucci); Rex Baker (Robinson); Chris Balsam (Bucci); the Bagwell family (Bowers); Edith Bowers (Bowers); the Family of Ken Boynton (Gillam); the Family of Margaret Cahill (Isbell); Judy Cashner (Cashner); Mark & Heide Cassidy (Van Aken); George Cypress (Burton); Beatrice Ely; Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Eddie Faust (Roth/Renne); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Lyle Forness (Forness); Ruth Fox (Fischer-Fox); Jessica Fox (Fischer-Fox); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Carole Gaston (Gaston); Bill Grant (Hanson/Kaiser); Andrew Griffin (Waidler); Mary Hancock (Knauff); Leona Harper (Knauff); Danny Hartman (Knauff); Senator Tim Johnson (Baerwald); Tom Johnson (Hart); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Jacqueline Lindberg (Berube) Carol Lucas (Richter); Sean McAlister (Isbell); Sally Markle (Markle-Elder); Lois Merritt (Hunter); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Jennifer & Joe Reed (Roth/Renne); Ian Renne & Laura Martin (Roth/Renne); Mary Ann Richardson (Kennedy-Nash); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Caleb Richter; Sarah Richter; Johanna Schuele (Van Aken); Rich & Norma Shirey (Hart); John Stewart III (Burton); Iris and Juan Sosa (Leath); Helen Tardy (Hunter); Ruth & Earl Telfair (Smith); Richard Tepel (Schipp); Harold Vensel (Hunter); Marion Wagley (Capps); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Kay Wickre (Margrave); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder).

Augustana and our vision for the future.

Gifts to the Glory of God: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Norman Forness in memory of his mother, Mabel M. Forness (1907-2001, to mark the centennial of her birth on February 16, 2007. In addition, Joy Stancil and her family have give today's flowers, bread and wine, candle, DAG Gift and Accessibility Gift in memory of Alan Stancil.

Accessibility and Renovation Reminder: Our accessibility renovations are now virtually complete but paying for them is not – we have monthly mortgage payments of \$9,899 to cover far into the future. Please keep your pledge payments current and continue to honor and memorialize friends and family with contributions to the Accessibility and Renovation Fund. Thank you for your past generosity. Received last week: \$ 552.

Mortgage Madness – Or How to Manage Augustana's Monthly Mortgage Without Melodrama! Check out the Mortgage Madness Chart in the Narthex (commitments are shown in colors of the Liturgical Year.) We now have FIVE months and two weeks of funding for the new Church Year. Please consider prayerfully what YOU can contribute and help us manage our monthly mortgage payments without melodrama. Four weeks = \$10,000; Three weeks = \$7,500; Two Weeks = \$5,000, One Week = \$2,500, One day or more = \$333 per day.

-- Today --

--Transfiguration of Our Lord --
-- United Lutheran Appeal --

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Jesus Walks in Water

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Today is the United Lutheran Appeal Sunday: This appeal is for support of the thirteen agencies and institutions of the Metro Washington DC Synod. These agencies touch the lives of over 100,000 persons each year through their educational, outdoor, and social ministry endeavors. Offering envelopes for ULA were included in the January/February issue of the *Augustanan*. Additional envelopes and information are in the bulleting insert.

– This Coming Week –

Monday, February 19th: Church Offices closed for the legal holiday.

Monday, February 19th: 2007 Congregational Council Orientation and Re-Organizational Meeting – 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. To be held at the home of Larry Anthony and Ron Mueller.



Wednesday, February 21st: Services at twelve noon and 7:30 p.m. Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist.

Thursday, February 15th: 6:30 p.m. Healing and Prayer Service – Social Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

– Next Sunday, February 25, 2007 – First Sunday of Lent –

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Lenten Bible Study – God’s Love

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Martha and Mary

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2.9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Hospitality Hosts: Kaia Lenhart, Jen Ray, Doris and Jim Lewis

– Upcoming Events and Announcements –

During the Sundays of Lent, Adult Forum will feature a Bible study/discussion entitled, "Repentance: Living in God's Love." This series will explore the sorrow, joys, difficulties, and surprises that accompany a life lived in repentance (turning from sin and self-interest toward relationship with God). Each week participants will look at scriptural passages that illuminate a specific aspect of repentance and, through various exercises, consider ways repentance can become a part of their Lenten journey. Adult Forum meets at 9:15 in the Library

The Mid-Week Lenten Series returns to its original format this year. See the lavender insert for this year’s schedule.

Outreach to Santa Maria: A new English/Spanish language program with Iglesia Santa Maria is underway. Volunteers are needed to become language lesson partners. Improve or learn Spanish as you help our sister congregation speak English - a skill that requires lots of practice. Please contact Brian Danaher (danaherb@hotmail.com) or Pastor Phil Anderson for more information.

Saturday, March 24th: “*The Way of the Cross*” – A Silent Lenten Retreat from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm held at the Seekers Church, 276 Carroll Avenue, N.W, Washington, D.C. – Across the street from the Takoma Metro Stop. For more information see Patricia Richter, and/or call 301/588-2925 to register, \$60.00 fee.



February 18, 20007 -- THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

