

# Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2007

TEN-THIRTY A.M.

### THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

**Voluntary**

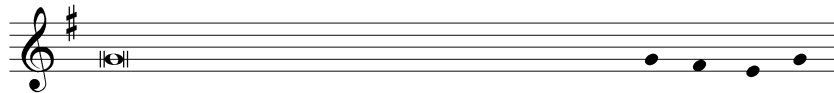
Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

Johann Ludwig Krebs

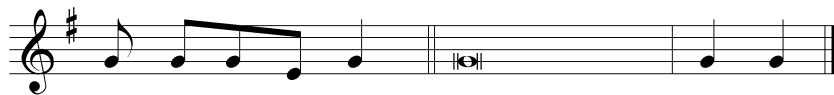
*As the bells are rung, the Congregation stands and turns to face the Baptismal Font.*

**The Great Litany** – page 168

#### 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.**

Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*The people are seated.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Lesson**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**Psalms 91, Hymn No. 779 (With One Voice)**

On Eagle's Wings

*The Cantor sings the verses, the Congregation sings the refrain.*

**Second Lesson**

Romans 10:8b-13

*The Congregation stands.*

**Gradual Verse and Hymn**

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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**

Luke 4:1-13

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, No. 99**

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

## 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**

## Installation of 2007 Congregational Council

Larry Anthony	Andrew Genszler	Patricia Richter
Judi Bucci	Irene Heinemeier	Rebecca Roth
Eileen Crawford	Matt Larson	Barbara Solt
Benjamin Cutler	John McKirgan	Arne Sorenson

**Prayers of the People** – Each petition concludes with one of the following responses:

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Anthem, at the Offering**

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake

Richard Farrant

*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.

**Offertory Verse and Prayer**

Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and receive a new heart and a new spirit. For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

**Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives, and feed us with your grace, that even in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**The Great Thanksgiving – Setting Three, page 109**

**Salutation, Preface and Sanctus  
Eucharistic Prayer and Doxology**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Agnus Dei**

**The Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament**

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.*

*Non-communicants are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

**Anthem**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Spiritual

**Hymn, No. 469**

Lord of All Hopefulness

## THE POST-COMMUNION

*The Congregation stands.*

### **Eucharistic Blessing**

**Nunc dimittis** – page 116

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage, in this meal you nourish us with the gifts of faith and hope. Sustain us on our journey, that refreshed by your grace, we may reach the promised land, the Easter feast of victory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Benediction**

**Hymn, No. 229**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Proclaim God's eternal joy.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

Johann Ludwig Krebs

We welcome all friends and visitors this morning to Augustana, 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 following the Service for refreshments and hospitality.



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

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Norm Theiss
<b>Deacon I</b>	Kathy Garrison
<b>Deacon II</b>	George Krafthofer
<b>Lector</b>	Sarita Chapman
<b>Organist and Choirmaster</b>	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
<b>The Parish Choir</b>	
<b>Vocal Soloist</b>	Phillip Assis

<b>Crucifer</b>	Douglas Anderson
<b>Bookbearer</b>	Chantelle Agbro
<b>Torchbearers</b>	Courtney Allen, Nichole Wade
<b>Tellers</b>	Kevin Horsted, Eileen Crawford, David Wassum
<b>Ushers</b>	George Krafthofer, Nicole and David Skinner
<b>Hospitality Hosts</b>	Tom VandenBosch, Jim and Doris Lewis

## ***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); Rex Baker (Robinson); Edith Bowers (Bowers); the Family of Ken Boynton (Gillam); the Family of Margaret Cahill (Isbell); Judy Cashner (Cashner); George Cypress (Burton); Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Lyle Forness (Forness); Ruth Fox (Fischer-Fox); Jessica Fox (Fischer-Fox); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Carole Gaston (Gaston); Leona Harper (Knauff); Danny Hartman (Knauff); Tom Johnson (Hart); Andy, Carlos, Rich and Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); 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); Mary Ann Richardson (Kennedy-Nash); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); 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.

+ **In Christian Joy** with Lynn Fischer Fox and Alan Fox on the birth of their son, Christian Paul Fischer Fox on Sunday, February 18, 2007.

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Alvin Ingram, whose funeral was held here yesterday.

**Gifts to the Glory of God:** Today's candle is given to the Glory of God by Patricia Richter in memory of William and Agnes Richter on their anniversary.

**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: \$ 1,090.00

**Thanks to all** who assisted with the Alvin Ingrim funeral on Saturday.

**-- Today – First Sunday of Lent --**

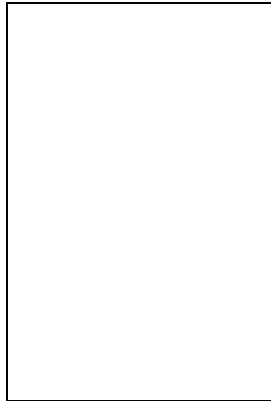
**Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m. – Library – Lenten Bible Study – God's Love

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

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

**New Members Class:** 12:30 -- Library

**– This Coming Week –**



**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Mid Week Lenten Joint Lutheran Service – hosted this week by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and St. Augustine's Episcopal Church at 600 M Street S.W. (note address change – St. Matthew's congregation currently is worshipping at St. Augustine's) – 6:30 p.m. – Soup and Bread; 7:30 Worship – The Rev. Tom Knoll preaching.

**Thursday, March 1st:** 6:30 p.m. Healing and Prayer Service – Social Hall  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

**– Next Sunday, March 4, 2007 – Second Sunday of Lent –**

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m. – Library – Lenten Bible Study – Living for God

**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon – The Good Samaritan

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

**New Members Class:** 12:30 – Library

**All Committees Meet**

**Lessons:** Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35

**Hospitality Hosts:** Rebecca Roth, Jennifer Renne, Amy Yergey, Rob Gibbs

– **Upcoming Events and Announcements** –

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

**What's YOUR calling at Augustana?!** Many of our committees are currently seeking chairpersons and committee members! New chairs are needed for Finance, Property, Worship & Music and the Evangelism committees. If you are interested in serving as member on one of these committees or as chair please contact the office.

**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

**Synod Assembly Representatives** - The Congregational Council is searching for **four** members of Augustana to serve as representatives at the Washington DC Metro Synod Assembly. The assembly will be held June 7-9 in Gettysburg, PA. This is a particular important year, as this year's assembly will be electing a new Bishop. Please contact a member of Council or Pastor Theiss if you are interested or have questions.

**Volunteer needed to serve as Editor of The Augustanan** – We are searching for a new member to work on the monthly newsletter. Rebecca Roth who currently works on the newsletter is willing to train someone who may be interested in learning "how to." Please contact the office or Rebecca Roth 240-463-6493 or [rebecca.roth@mac.com](mailto:rebecca.roth@mac.com) if you are interested.

**Augustana's NEW Mortgage Task Force** – This newly formed task force will work closely with members of the Finance and Stewardship Committees to find ways to manage our monthly A&R mortgage. If you are interested in serving on this task force please contact the office or a member of council.

***Congregational Information Meeting***

On Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> following the service, the Visionary Task Force will present and discuss their final draft with members of the congregation. Held in the Social Hall this timely meeting will allow members of the congregation one more opportunity to voice their ideas and concerns.

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:** “*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.

**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](mailto:danaherb@hotmail.com)) or Pastor Phil Anderson for more information.

**The Social Ministries Committee extends its thanks to all** who have helped us with our recent activities. We have collected a number of donations for our "Gifts for the Christ Child" program, through which we plan to help needy families who are staying at the Turning Point Center. We also celebrated our diversity this past month with two social trips. The Committee honored Black History Month by making a trip on February 10 to the home of Presidential advisor and educator Mary McLeod Bethune. Many thanks to all who joined us for a "Reconciling in Christ Sunday" brunch at a local restaurant on February 11, when we celebrated Augustana's eighteen year affiliation with Lutherans Concerned/North America and our church's open and welcoming atmosphere to all, including LGBT persons.



**February 25, 2007**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*The Lenten discipline is a spiritual struggle. In the confession of sins we acknowledge that we struggle and seek God's strength. Jesus struggles with us, and so we are sustained. Help is as close as a prayer and a confession that we cannot do it on our own. God gives life and its fruit, and so all we offer in worship is giving back what was first given us by grace. Deaconess Elizabeth Fedde, whom we commemorate today, bore fruit for God by serving others.*

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

*The annual harvest festival called the Feast of Weeks provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

<sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13**

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundational affirmation of those who are saved: the confession of faith in the risen Jesus as Lord.*

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is tempted by the devil and defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

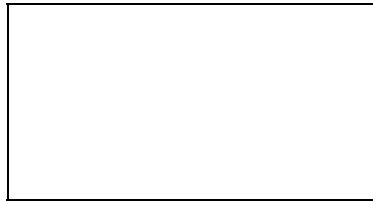
    'Worship the Lord your God,  
    and serve only him.' "

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup>and

    'On their hands they will bear you up,  
    so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.



### **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**

Larry Anthony – Judi Bucci – Eileen Crawford  
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Irene Heinemeier – Matt Larson  
John McKirgan – Patricia Richter –  
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

**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