

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 7, 2007

TEN-THIRTY A.M.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Dietrich Buxtehude

The Congregation stands as the bells are rung and turn to face the Baptismal Font.

The Order of Confession and Forgiveness

In name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Let us draw near to God in humility and confidence, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

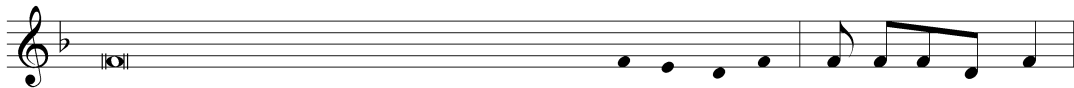
God of truth and light, **we confess our trust and reliance on human wisdom and strength. We acknowledge the things that divide us within the church, among the nations, and in our own relationships. Pour out your great light on us. Through the power and wisdom of the cross, heal our brokenness and forgive our foolish ways, that your light may shine through us and we may give glory to you. Amen**

The boundless riches of Christ are the gift of God's grace to all people. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Entrance Hymn, No. 189

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Apostolic Greeting



Kyrie

Adapted from Russian Chant



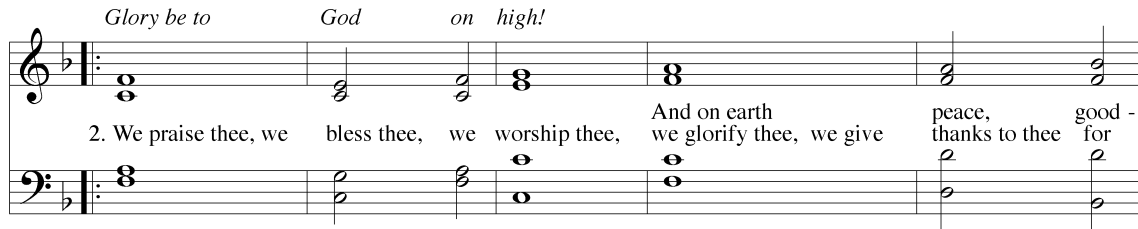
Musical notation for Kyrie, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with a series of chords and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Ky - ri - e - e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e - e - lei - - son.
Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - - son.
Ky - ri - e - e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e - e - lei - - son.

Gloria

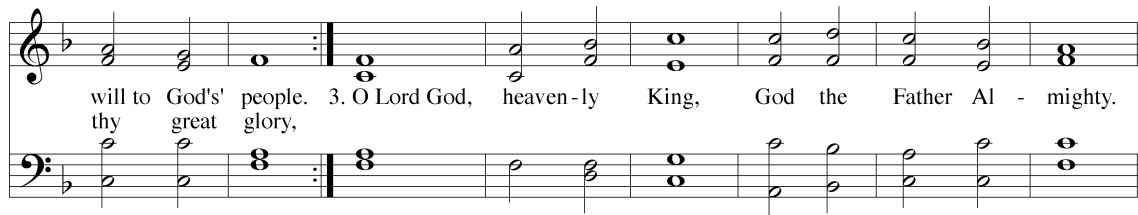
Adapted from Scottish Chant

Glory be to God on high!



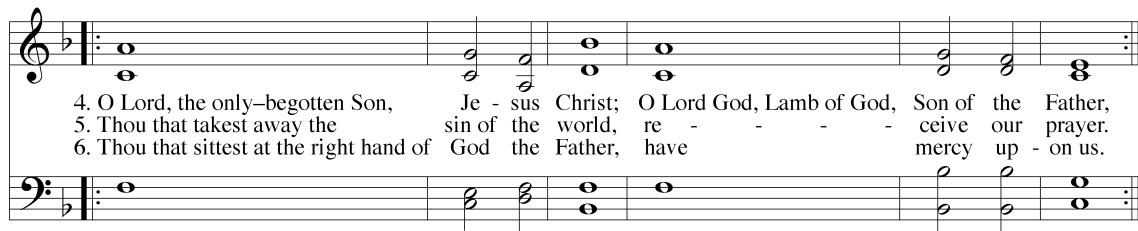
Musical notation for Gloria, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with a series of chords and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff.

2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, And on earth we glorify thee, we give peace, good -
thanks to thee for



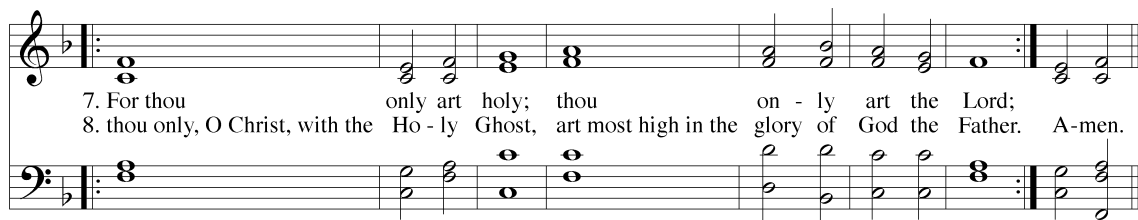
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will to God's people. 3. O Lord God, heaven-ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.
thy great glory,



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4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
5. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - - - ceive our prayer.
6. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.



Musical notation for Gloria, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff with a series of chords and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff.

7. For thou only art holy; thou on - ly art the Lord;
8. thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day



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

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Sung antiphonally by verse to LBW Tone 3, page 291.

The Lectern side sing verse 1, the Pulpit side sings verse 2, etc.; all sing verse 11.

Second Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

Gradual

The Alleluias are sung twice: first by the Cantor and then by the Congregation.

The Choir sings the Verse, and the Alleluias are repeated by the Congregation.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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. 647 (With One Voice)

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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

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, at the Offering

The Truth from Above

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 76

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Stanza 1.

Offertory Verse and Prayer

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

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 and Eucharistic Prayer – Setting Three, page 109

The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

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

Chorale and Voluntary To Jordan Came the Christ Our Lord J. S. Bach

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis – Hymn No. 339 (Paraphrase) O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Post Communion Prayer

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Be the light for our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 90 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Dismissal

Go forth as light into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

– Servants at God’s Altar –

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Rebecca Roth
Deacon II	Kathy Garrison
Lector	Tom VandenBosch
Organist and Choirmaster	J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Crucifer	Paul Beddoe
Thurifer	Kelly Bowers
Bookbearer	Alex Brown
Torchbearers	Kathy Garrison, David Juilfs
Ushers	Eddie Van Aken, Lola Wade
Altar Guild	Alice Anderson,
Tellers	Mary Schooley, John Isbell, Drew Genszler



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.

-- Concerns of the People --

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson, Mary Beth Blegen, Ardelle Burton, Jay Castaño and his family, Herman Davis, Sr., Dorothy Gladney, Chuck Holmes, Susan Nash, Bill Reid, Carroll Schipp.

+ **Friends and Family:** Stacey Aus (Knauff); Roseanne Baird (Bucci); Rex Baker (Robinson); Chris Balsam (Bucci); the Bagwell family (Bowers); Bob Bergeson (Sorenson); 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); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Andrew Griffin (Waidler); Mary Hancock (Knauff); Leona Harper (Knauff); Danny Hartman (Knauff); Senator Tim Johnson (Baerwald); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Ralph Lenhart (Lenhart-Ray); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Jacqueline Lindberg (Berube) Carol Lucas (Richter); Sean McAlister (Isbell); Sally Markle (Markle-Elder); Wendy Matlock (Lenhart-Ray); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Jennifer & Joe Reed (Roth/Renne); Ian Renne & Laura Martin (Roth/Renne); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Caleb Richter; Sarah Richter; Johanna Schuele (Van Aken); Ruth & Earl Telfair (Smith); The family of Charles Wagley (Capps); Paul Weber (Fischer-Fox); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Kay Wickre (Margrave); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder).

Augustana and our vision for the future.

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Names remain on the prayer list for four weeks and may be renewed by notifying the office.

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: \$ 5,505

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 one week 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 day or more = \$333 per day.

General Fund Update: Pledged for 2006- \$245,358; Pledged to date - \$245,358; given to date - \$231,514 Pledged gifts December 31st - \$3,229; Unpledged gifts December 31st - \$3,253; Total gifts December 31st - \$6,482

– Today –

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library -- Last Sunday of the series: "Responding to God's Announcements."

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Three Kings

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

All Committees Meet (except Finance Committee)

Christian Education Committee – Noon – Room 301

Evangelism Committee – Noon – Room 302

Property Committee – Noon -- Nave

Social Ministry Committee – Noon – Room 118

Stewardship Committee – Noon – Library

Worship and Music Committee – Noon – Choir Room

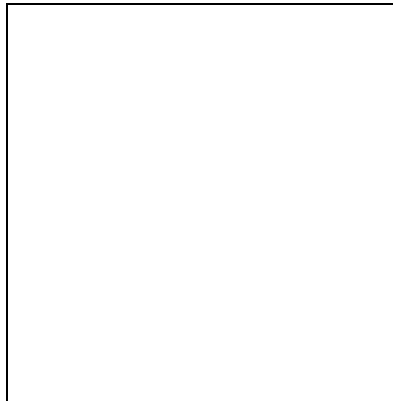
– This Coming Week –

Thursday, January 11th: Healing and Prayer Service – 6:30 – Social Hall

Thursday, January 11th: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – Choir Room

Sunday, January 14th: Augustana Lutheran Church celebrates 53 years of racial integration with a recital featuring Ms. Samantha McElhaney-Cheeks and Friends. We invite you to come and bring your friends.

**– Next Sunday, January 14, 2007 –Second Sunday of Epiphany –
Martin Luther King Weekend**



Adult Forum: 9:15 – Library – We will present the Biography Channel’s video, “Martin Luther King: The Man and the Dream.” The documentary presents an incisive look at the life and legacy of the civil rights leader, with a particular emphasis on the social and theological influences of his work.

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Flight to Egypt

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Hospitality Hosts: Leeann Hart, David Juilfs

Recital: Samantha McElhaney-Cheeks and Friends; 3:00 p.m.

– **Upcoming Events and Announcements** –

Thursday, January 18th: At 8:00 p.m. the Nordic Choir of Luther College will present a concert at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

**The 88th Annual Meeting of Augustana Lutheran Church
will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2007 following Worship Services**

Please Plan to Attend this Important Meeting

A Potluck Luncheon will be held prior to the meeting
The Congregational Council will provide turkey and ham
Members are asked to provide desserts, and side dishes as follows:
A-H – Salads or Side Dishes; I-Z – Desserts or Drinks

January 07, 2007

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

INTRODUCTION

Baptism is the beginning of a new story. It was for Jesus; it is for us. God claims us as sons and daughters, fills us with the Holy Spirit, and promises to travel the path with us--a path that will bring us home.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer fear, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now claims and redeems them.

But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--

⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent by the church to the Christians in Samaria, a group that had been converted through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans received the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

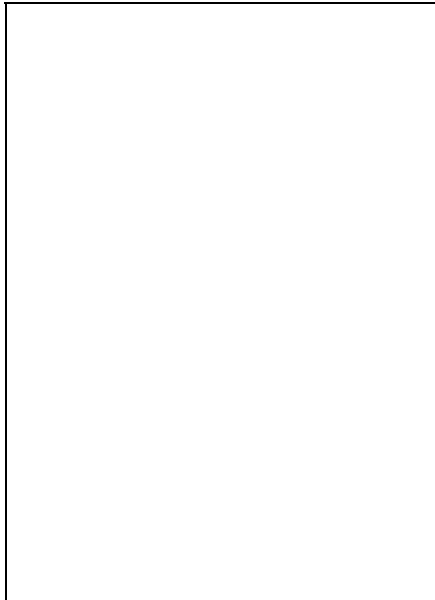
Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The last of the prophets of Israel, John the Baptist points ahead to "the one mightier than I [who] is coming." Although John baptizes with water, Jesus will baptize with the Spirit and fire. In Luke's version of this story, the focus is not on John, however. God is the actor, causing the Spirit to descend upon Jesus and inaugurating his mission with the proclamation that he is the "beloved Son."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



The 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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2006 Congregational Council

Larry Anthony – Ben Cutler – Andrew Genszler, Secretary
Tim Himes – Matt Larson – Kaia Lenhart
Jennifer Nordin, Vice President
Patricia Richter – Rebecca Roth – Brian Shannon
Barbara Solt - 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