

# *Augustana Lutheran Church*

*2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009*

## **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

JANUARY 13, 2008

TEN-THIRTY A.M.

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.

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.

## **THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE**

### **Voluntary**

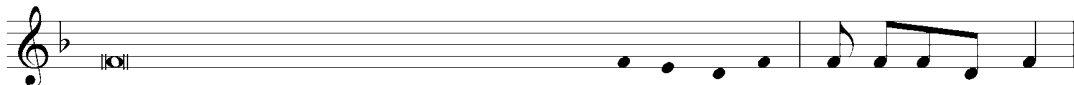
*The Congregation stands as the bells are rung.*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism** – page 97

**Entrance Hymn, No. 449**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

### **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

Adapted from Russian Chant

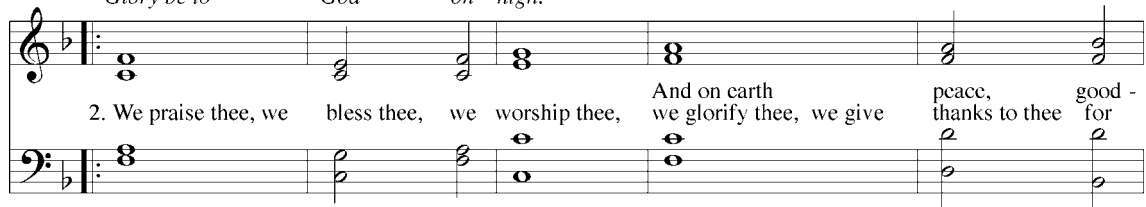


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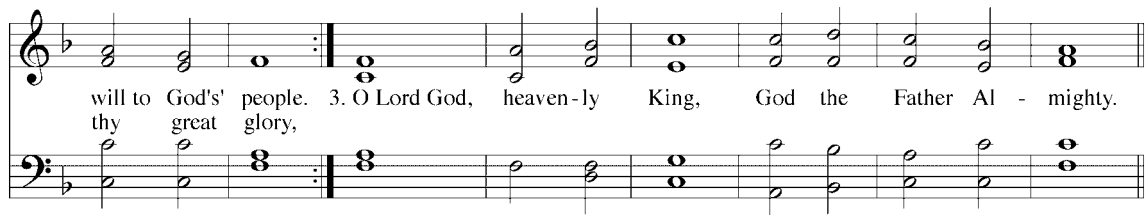
# Gloria

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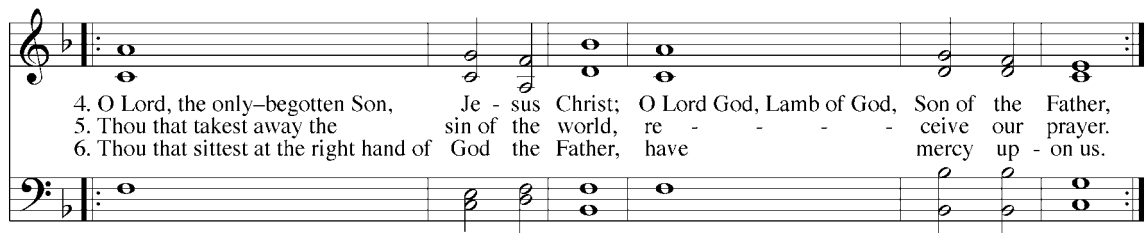
*Glory be to God on high!*



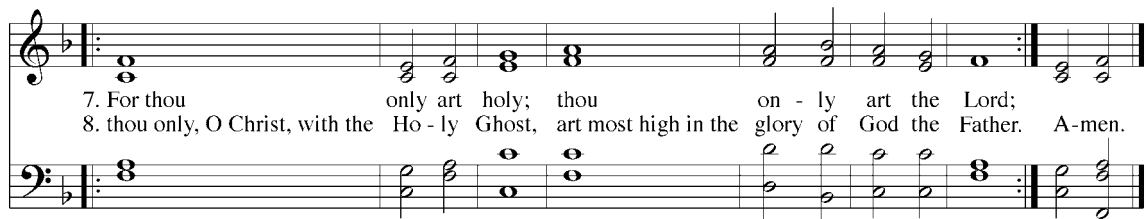
2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, And on earth we glorify thee, we give peace, good -  
thanks to thee for



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

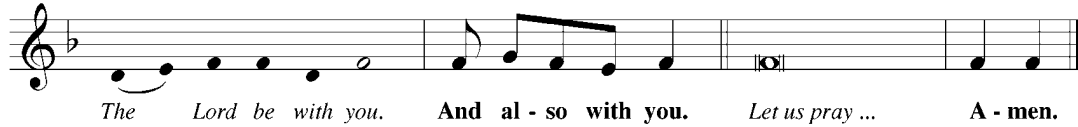


4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
5. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - - - ceive our prayer.  
6. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.



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



O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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 42:1-9

### Psalm 29

*Sung antiphonally by verse to ELW Tone 7, page 337.*

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

### Second Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

### 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.*



### Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

The Gospel is announced:



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, 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. 305

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 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 one of the following responses:*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Sharing of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Antem, at the Offering

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Don Muro

*The Congregation stands.*

### Offertory Hymn, No. 308

*Stanza 2.*

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

## **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 Five, page 161

## **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. 313** (Paraphrase)                      O Lord, Now Let Your Servant  
*Stanza 1.*

## **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. 304**    Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

## **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** Eileen Crawford  
**Deacon II** Rich Gillam  
**Lector** Judith Bucci  
**Organist and Choirmaster** J. Thomas Mitts  
**The Parish Choir**  
**Crucifer** Isaac Sorenson  
**Bookbearer** Nichole Wade  
**Torchbearers** Lars Sorenson, Randell Laughlin  
**Ushers** Eddie Van Aken, Lola Wade  
**Altar Guild** Judy Floy  
**Tellers** Michael Olson, Salome Burton  
Ron Mueller  
**Hospitality Hosts** Sonvy Waidler, John McKirgan,  
Jim Hafner



– Concerns of the People –

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

+ **Members:** Aaron Bonds, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Herman Davis, Sr, Dorothy Gladney, Renee Ivery, Bennett Nordin Soundararajan, Bill Reid, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Jeffrey Berry (Bob & Alice Anderson); Connie Boorer (Hunter); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Melissa & Kevin Brown (Larisch); Judy Cashner (Cashner); The Cocozzella Family (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); Susan Papp (Lenhart/Ray); Rachelle Portner (Hart); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Dave & Chris Sharp (Hart); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Diana Tate (Richter); Jim & Marge Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Marion Wagley (Capps); Joan Wassum (Wassum); Maria Weber (Fox-Fischer); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

+ **In Christian Joy** with Elizabeth Nash Kennedy on the birth of her son, Sennen Joseph Nash on December 18, 2007. Born five weeks premature, both mother and son are now at home and doing well.

+ **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, bread and wine, candle and DAG Gift are given to the Glory of God by the Augustana Choir in loving memory of Susan Nash on her birthday.

**Many thanks to the people** who made our sanctuary festive for the Christmas season and services. Especially Chris Vierling for the wonderfully lit tree and Kevin Canfield for the beautiful flora. And thank you, members of Augustana for all the donations to make this possible.

**The chart for 2008 Gifts to the Glory of God** has now been posted on the bulletin outside the office. Please sign up.

**Thank You to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** who earlier this month made two grants to Augustana, though it's Care in the Congregations program. The first grant was for \$1,000.00 and is support of our Food Pantry/Holiday Baskets program. The second grant in the amount of \$600.00 was given to support the Spring 2008 Choir Tour.

**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: \$889.00

**2007 Annual Report are ready to be picked up.** The 2007 Annual Report was completed on Friday. Please pick up your personal copy from a representative of the Congregational Council in the narthex this morning. It will be available this Sunday and next Sunday, and then mailed to those who have not picked up their copies. Help us keep the costs down by taking your report home today. Thanks to Josephine Allen, Mary Andoh, Novella Bradley, Salome Burton, Chuck Leath, Ingrid Margrave and Carol Vezzetti for assisting us to get the annual report completed in a timely fashion.

***– Today, January 13, 2008 – The Baptism of Our Lord –***

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m. – Library – “Living the Good News: God’s Own Dear Child  
**Sunday School:** After receiving Communion, the children exit via the Truman Door for their Classrooms – Rooms 303a and 303b.  
**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon  
**Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Social Ministries Committee** will meet in corner of the Social Hall following hospitality.  
**Listening: Practicing Simple Presence** meeting – Library – 1:00 pm

***– This Week –***

**Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>:** Congregational Council Meeting – 7:00 pm – Library

**Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>:** Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – Choir Room

***– Next Sunday, January 20, 2008 –Second Sunday after Epiphany –***

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m. – Library – presents the Biography Channel video, "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Man and the Dream." This documentary presents an incisive look at the life and legacy of the civil rights leader, with a particular emphasis on the social and theological implications of his work.  
**Sunday School:** After receiving Communion, the children exit via the Truman Door for their Classrooms – Rooms 303a and 303b.  
**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon  
**Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Lessons:** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42  
**Hospitality Hosts:** Kelly Bowers, Jeff Tietel, Rich Gillam  
**Listening: Practicing Simple Presence** meeting – Library – 1:00 pm

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

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>:** Augustana Annual Meeting following services. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

**The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Augustana Lutheran Church  
will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2008 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 – Desserts or Drinks I-Z – Salads or Side Dishes;

**Gifts for the Christ Child:** Our annual recognition of the needy will kick off next week and last throughout the Epiphany season. 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. A representative of THC will be in the social hall this Sunday following services (See Lavender Insert)

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.:** A Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany, featuring the Augustana Choir and organist, sponsored by the DC Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Held here at Augustana, the Service is open to the public without charge, and all are cordially invited to attend.

**February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> -- Mark your calendar for Augustana's 2008 retreat!** -- Augustana's next congregational retreat is scheduled for 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 a symbol of the Lenten (See Lavender Insert)

**January 13, 2008**

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**INTRODUCTION**

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1–9**

*God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,

nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**SECOND READING: Acts 10:34–43**

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.<sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,<sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13–17**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.<sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

<sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.<sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

## **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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Marcial Pacheco, Building Maintenance Supervisor

Deborah Young, Nursery Attendant

### **2007 Congregational Council**

Larry Anthony, Secretary – Judi Bucci –

Ben Cutler –Irene Heinemeier – Matt Larson

John McKirgan – Patricia Richter –

Rebecca Roth, Vice President

Barbara Solt – Arne Sorenson

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 – 14<sup>th</sup> & U Streets

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

First Come, First Served