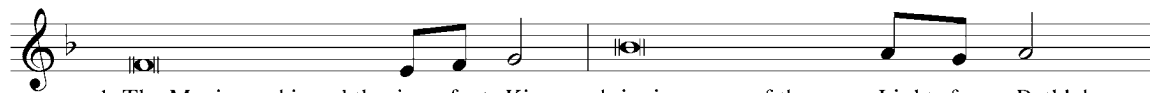
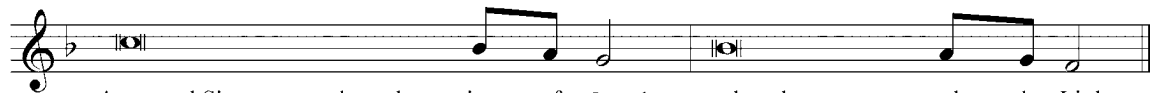


Canticle of Light



1. The Magi worshipped the in - fant King bringing news of the Light from Bethlehem.
 2. Martyrs Stephen and Lu - cia proclaimed the Light with dy - ing breath.
 3. Michelange - lo and Bach portrayed the Light with beauty.
 4. Guided by the Light, Martin Luther King spoke for the outcast.



Anna and Simeon saw the redemp - tion of Israel, and exalt - ed the Light.
 Luther and Francis of Assisi re - newed the Church, faithful to the Light,
 Caring for the sick and poor, Florence Nightingale served the Light.
 In baptism we testify to the Light, and carry the Light to all the world.

Hymn of Light

First stanza sung in unison; second stanza sung in canon, beginning with the Pulpit side.



(All) 1. O Light of Light, Love giv - en birth Je - su, Re - deem - er
 (Pulpit) 2. May all who seek to praise a - right through pur - er lives show



(Lectern) 2. May all who seek to praise a - right through



of the earth: More bright than day your face did show, your
 forth your light. To you, the King of Glo - ry, now all



pur - er lives show forth your light. To you, the King of

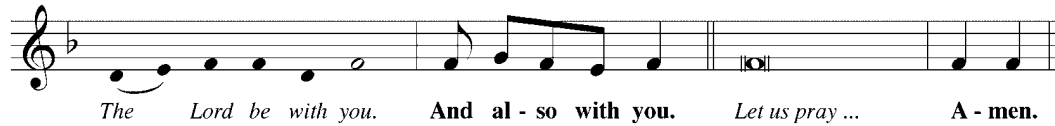


rai - ment whit - er than the snow,
 faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow. A - men.



Glo - ry, now all faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day



Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 27:1, 5-13



Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

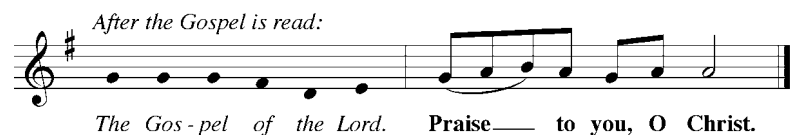
Gradual

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

John 1:29-42



Sermon – “Loving Your Enemies”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Congregation stands

Hymn of the Day



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the People

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.

Anthem, at the Offering

I Will Arise

arr. Robert Shaw

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 308

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Stanza 3.

Offertory Verse and Prayer

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror. Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all troubles.

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.' The music consists of a single melodic line with lyrics written below the notes.

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.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is 'Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be— your name, your king-dom come,'. The second line is 'your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.' The third line is 'For - give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the'. The fourth line is 'time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,'. The fifth line is 'the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.' The music consists of a single melodic line with lyrics written below the notes.

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 baptized and communing Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

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

Anthem Great Day! Spiritual, arr. Jones/Costen

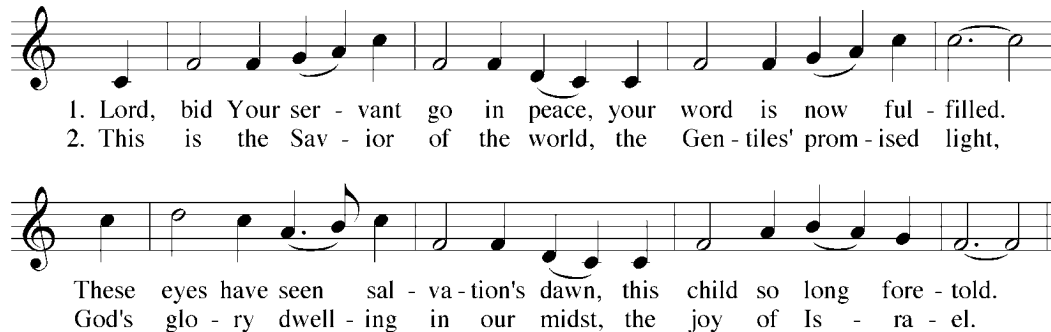
Hymn, No. 890 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis



1. Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, your word is now ful - filled.
2. This is the Sav - ior of the world, the Gen - tiles' prom - ised light,
These eyes have seen sal - va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

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. 841 Lift Every Voice and Sing

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary



– Servants at God's Altar –

Presiding Minister	Norman Theiss
Sermon Reader	Dr. Tommie L. Robinson, Jr.
Deacon I	Jon Quam
Deacon II	Rich Gillam
Lector	Doris Lewis
Organist and Choirmaster	J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Crucifer	Patricia Richter
Bookbearer	Nichole Wade
Torchbearers	Alex Brown, Olivia Brown
Ushers	Eddie Van Aken, Lola Wade
Altar Guild	Judy Floy
Tellers	Mary Schooley, Dawn Nelson Drew Genszler
Hospitality Hosts	Kelly Bowers, Jeff Tietel, Rich Gillam

– 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); Ruby Brooks (Anthony); 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).

+ **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 are given to the Glory of God by Bill Riggs in memory of Bob Johnson, on his birthday.

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

2008 Stewardship Update: As of mid-January we had 53 pledges for our 2008 Mission Plan, amounting to a total of \$195,768 toward our budget goal of \$300,000 in member contributions. If you have not yet pledged, please return your pledge card and time & talent form ASAP in the Sunday offering or mail to the church office. Pledge cards and time & talent forms are available in the racks in the narthex and outside the church office. Or, alternatively, e-mail your pledge to our co-financial secretary, John Isbell, jsi34@msn.com.

Join the Mortgage Madness Rush! Epiphany is here, and with the beginning of a new 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 a week ago on Friday. Please pick up your personal copy from a representative of the Congregational Council in the narthex this morning. Those not picked up this Sunday, must be mailed to those who have not picked up their copies. That will cost over \$2.25 each. So help us keep the costs down by taking your report home today.

– Today, 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.

Listening: Practicing Simple Presence meeting – Library – 1:00 pm

An Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God: Congregations from 10 denominations in the Silver Spring area will come together for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God today at 3 pm at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 14411 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville. The service is part of the area's observance of the 100th annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the theme this year is "Pray without ceasing." The public is cordially invited!

– This Week –

Monday, January 21st: Church Offices closed for the Martin Luther King federal holiday.

Tuesday, January 22nd: Bishop Graham will be preaching at the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service to be held at 7:30 p.m. at Annandale United Methodist Church in Annandale, VA (6935 Columbia Pike, 22003). In 1908 at Graymoor in Garrison, New York, the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement held the first Church Unity Octave and have prayed for Christian unity, "without ceasing," ever since.

Thursday, January 24th: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – Choir Room

– Next Sunday, January 27, 2008 – Third Sunday after Epiphany –

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Living the Good News: Chosen to Follow

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 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Listening: Practicing Simple Presence – Will not meet due to Annual Meeting

Fourth Sunday Food Collection: Our monthly collection of food for our pantry.

Augustana Annual Meeting and Luncheon following services. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

**The 89th 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;

Sunday, January 27th 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.

– Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements –

The Congregational Church Council is interested in finding several people who would be interested in participating in an ongoing dialog with two or three people from Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria here at Augustana Church, to discuss how these two congregations can work together. We need volunteers from both congregations. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

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)

Young Adult Discernment Group Welcomes New Members: A group of young adults in the synod meet occasionally for dinner and discussion of discerning God's call in their lives. The Discernment Group is made up of those aged 18-30 and is facilitated by the Rev. Meredith Lovell and the Rev. Amy Thompson Sevimli through Project Connect. Insight is shared around issues of discernment and what ministry is really like. The next gathering will take place on Mon., Feb. 4 at 7 pm. at Buca di Beppo Restaurant on DuPont Circle (Project Connect pays for the meal). *RSVP by Feb. 1* by contacting Pr. Lovell at mlovell@stpaulslutherandc.com or 202-966-5489, ext. 25.

February 8th and 9th -- 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)

Wednesday, February 13: Sermon Readings Mark Black History Month Readings of four sermons from James Weldon Johnson's *God's Trombones*, a classic book about the lyrical power and soul-stirring fire of the Black religious tradition, will be given by artists Doris Thomas and Michael Mack on Wed., Feb. 13 in conjunction with the "Art & Spirit" coffeehouse program of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. The program celebrating Black History Month will begin at 7 p.m. in the St. Augustine's sanctuary at 600 M St., SW (across from Arena Stage). Coffee, tea and desserts will be available throughout the evening. Donations will be accepted to help provide honorariums for the guest artists. For more information, visit www.staugustinedc.org or call the Rev. Martha Clark, Priest-in-Charge at St. Augustine's, at 202-554-3222.

Contemplative Prayer Series: A five-session series exploring contemplative prayer will be held at Advent Lutheran in Arlington on Sunday evenings, 7 p.m., from Jan. 27 through Feb. 24. The course, led by Barbara Rosenbaum, is co-sponsored by Advent Lutheran and the synod Prayer Resources Group. If you sense a yearning for a closer friendship with God and seek to be more attentive to God's presence in your life, you are invited to explore ancient treasures of the Christian tradition, such as meditation and deep prayer. Contact Ingrid Berndahl to register at iaberdahl@comcast.net

Shekinah Youth Event for 7th & 8th Graders: Shekinah, the synod-wide youth event for 7th and 8th graders and their adult advisors, will be held Mar. 7-9 at the 4H Center in Front Royal, VA. The theme is "Grace Almighty," exploring what it means to life in God's grace. Registration deadline is Feb. 13. Fee is \$115/person. Obtain registration forms and learn more at <http://metrodc.youthgroupstuff.com>.



January 20, 2008

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / LECTIONARY 2

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1–7

Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



GOSPEL: John 1:29–42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

