

# Augustana Lutheran Church

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

**JULY 6, 2008**



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.

We welcome all friends and visitors this morning to Augustana Lutheran Church,  
a congregation “Reconciled in Christ” that has been racially integrated since 1954.

Please sign the guest register in the narthex and fill out the attendance registration booklet  
located in the pews. Join us for hospitality in the Parish Hall following the service.

We invite you to be an active participant in the worship of God as you are able.  
Note that the peoples’ responses in the liturgy are indicated by **bold type**.

The music of the Eucharistic Liturgy is found in the front of the hymnal..



### **Servants at God’s Altar**

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	The Rev. John S. Kidd
<b>Deacon I</b>	Kathryn Baerwald
<b>Deacon II</b>	LeeAnn Hart
<b>Lector</b>	David Thews
<b>Organist</b>	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
<b>Soloist</b>	RuthAnn Reshan
<b>Crucifer</b>	Patricia Richter
<b>Bookbearer</b>	Lars Sorenson
<b>Torchbearers</b>	Kathy Garrison Isaac Sorenson
<b>Ushers</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Alice Anderson Joyce Byamungu Walguti
<b>Tellers</b>	Kevin Horsted Mary Schooley Al Young
<b>Hospitality Hosts</b>	Chuck Leath Tommie Robinson

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST  
LECTIONARY 14**

July 6, 2008

10:30 a.m.

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**THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE**

**Voluntary**

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

Gerald Near

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

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
one God, the source of life,  
the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

**Amen**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

God of compassion,  
**we confess that we have failed to bear witness  
that you desire to draw all people to yourself.  
In our hearts we have thought ill of those who differ from us,  
and our love of others has not been genuine.  
We have been caught up in the cares of the world.  
We have neglected opportunities to welcome the stranger,  
to feed the hungry, and to mend broken relationships.  
Forgive our sins, merciful God,  
that our hearts may burn with love for you and for those in need,  
and that our lives may witness to your never-failing love for your creation.**

**Amen**

Brothers and sisters, buried with Christ by baptism into his death, your sins are forgiven. The death Christ died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **Amen**

**Hymn, No. 520**

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Gospel is announced:



*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the e-lev-enth 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. 611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

## 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 always.

**And also with you.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

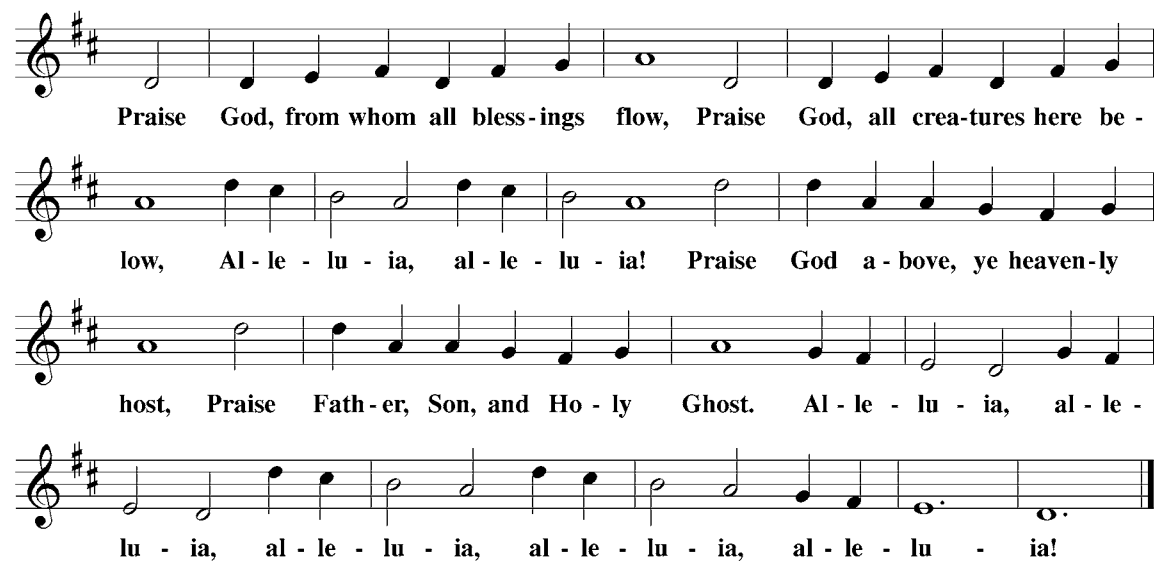
**Solo**

Come Unto Him

G. F. Handel

*The Congregation stands.*

### Offertory Hymn



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here be -  
low, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly  
host, Praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### Offertory Verse and Prayer

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts.

God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from thee 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 Savior and Lord. Amen**

## 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*

**Hymn, No. 777** – Stanzas 1-4

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

**Hymn, No. 765**

Lord of All Hopefulness

## THE POST-COMMUNION

*The Congregation stands.*

### Eucharistic Blessing

#### Nunc dimittis



Lord, let your ser - vant go in peace: ac - cord-ing to your word.  
To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it be;



Mine eyes have seen sal - va - tion's light you shined on all the world:  
all bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, wis - dom, might and ma - jes - ty;



to show your good - ness, stead-fast love – the joy of Is - ra - el.  
as from the first, un - to the last, for ev - er-more shall be.

### Post Communion Prayer

O God, our provider, you nourish us with holy food and drink, and you open our hearts to the needs of others. Refresh us with your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Benediction

**Hymn, No. 873** – Stanzas 1-3, 6

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Welcome others as Christ has welcomed you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

Prelude in E • Major

J. S. Bach

## *Concerns of the People*

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

+ **Members:** Josephine Allen; Louise Anderson; Claudia Cubas; Celia Davenport; Herman Davis, Sr.; Dorothy Gladney; Ingrid Margrave, Craig Shireman, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Jeffrey Berry (Bob & Alice Anderson); Connie Boorer (Hunter); Ruby Brooks (Anthony); Melissa & Kevin Brown (Larisch); Judy Cashner (Cashner); Sean Castilla (Laughlin); (Teresa Cross (Knauff); Jerry Custer (Bowers); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Elvera Desmond (Julifs); Beverly Anderson Fauser (Louise Anderson; Patricia Franks (Knauff); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Betty Grady (Werner); Keeva Harmon (Burton); Leona Harper (Knauff); the Rev. Jane Henderson (Schilke); Bobby Holden (Pizza); .Irma Holderbein (Heinemeier); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); Jennifer Kileo(Hart); Kate and the Rev. Luther Knauff (Knauff); Richard Larisch (Larisch); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Samantha Lopez (Kahler-Larson); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Adelaide Lusambilli (Markle-Elder); Bill Lynch (Hunter); Jan McGurty (Larisch); Ken Merritt (Hunter); William Moon (Wassum); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Christopher Palermo (Williams); Grace Patterson (Burton); Josephine Pizza (Pizza); Carrie Reynolds (Knauff); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Marvin Safrit (Anderson/Bowell); the Rev. Frank Senger (Kidd); The Sharp family (Hart); Robert Shelton (Arrington) Janet Spleen (Jaeger); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Diana Tate (Richter); Jim Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Jeff Whisenant (Bonds); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

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

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with Chuck Leath on the death of his sister Otelia Leath in North Carolina on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Gifts to the Glory of God:** Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bill Riggs in honor of the American servicemen and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Roger Bass has given today's candle, bread and wine to the Glory of God in loving appreciation of his friend Louise Anderson on her birthday this week.

**Earlier this month we announced that Aaron Bonds had agreed to become Augustana's head usher.** He is now actively recruiting new members for the ushers' corps. If you would like to be part of this vital Augustana ministry, please contact him at 202/248-8244 or at [abonds@gwu.edu](mailto:abonds@gwu.edu).

**HAVEN'T DECIDED what to do with your "economic stimulus" (tax rebate)?** Here's an idea. Two of our members decided to donate it to the Accessibility Fund and encourage others to follow their lead. Although that might not stimulate the economy directly, donating it to Accessibility might make you feel you've made the best possible use of those unexpected dollars!

**A REMINDER: The church doesn't go on vacation when you do.** Please remember to keep your contributions to Augustana current even when you're on vacation. Augustana depends on a steady flow of dollars from its members. For your convenience you can sign up for "Simply Giving," a plan sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans whereby your contributions to Augustana will be automatically deducted from your account and transferred to Augustana in the amount and frequency you designate. Yellow sign-up forms are available in the narthex and in the church office.

*-- Today, July 6, 2008 -- The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost --*

**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon – Nursery

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

**ELCA World Hunger Sunday** – See the cherry insert and the enclosed offering envelope. An anonymous donor has committed to matching the first \$100 given for the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal in today's offering. May your gifts always multiply in their good works.

**Committee Meetings** – Due to the holiday weekend, all committees with the exception of the Evangelism Committee will not meet this weekend. Committee Chairs may decide to have their respective committees meet next Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Evangelism Committee will meet at noon in Room 118.

*– Next Sunday, July 13, 2008 – Pentecost 9 –*

**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon – Nursery

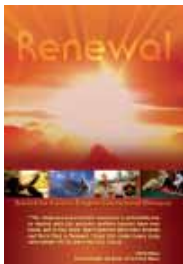
**Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.

**Committee Meetings** upon call of the Committee Chairs

**Lessons:** Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Hospitality Hour Hosts:** Carol Capps, Sam Luebke

*– Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements –*



**Renewal: An Interfaith Call to Action:** Join Shomrei Adamah of Greater Washington, DC Green Muslims, Faith at Work, Teva Learning Center, Foundry UMC's Green Mission and Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light to view highlights of the first feature-length documentary to capture the breadth and vitality of America's religious-environmental movement. Witness how individuals and communities driven by their spiritual and religious convictions are called to re-examine what it means to be human and how we live on this planet. Connect, discuss and engage in hands-on actions to carry our vision forward!

*When:* Wednesday, July 16, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

*Where:* Foundry United Methodist Church - At the corners of 16th and P Streets in NW Washington, DC.

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**July 6, 2008 -- TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTIONARY 14**

**INTRODUCTION**

*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather this day to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens." In the Christian community gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls. ... Today we commemorate Jan Hus (c. 1415), who spoke against abuses in the church of his day.*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67**

*The marriage of Isaac and Rebekah helped to fulfill God's promise that Abraham and Sarah would become the ancestors of many nations. While her family urged delay, Rebekah eagerly set out to meet Isaac.*

[Laban, Rebekah's brother, received a visitor who said,] "I am Abraham's servant. <sup>35</sup>The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup>And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. <sup>37</sup>My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; <sup>38</sup>but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

<sup>42</sup>"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! <sup>43</sup>I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," <sup>44</sup>and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

<sup>45</sup>"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.'  
<sup>46</sup>She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.'  
So I drank, and she also watered the camels. <sup>47</sup>Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. <sup>48</sup>Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. <sup>49</sup>Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

<sup>58</sup>And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will."  
<sup>59</sup>So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men.

<sup>60</sup>And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"May you, our sister, become  
thousands of myriads;  
may your offspring gain possession  
of the gates of their foes."

<sup>61</sup>Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant

took Rebekah, and went his way.

<sup>62</sup>Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. <sup>63</sup>Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup>And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, <sup>65</sup>and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup>And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

<sup>67</sup>Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 7:15–25a**

*Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

<sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

<sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd, saying:] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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