

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

July 13, 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

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. John S. Kidd
Deacon I	Ben Cutler
Deacon II	Kathryn Baerwald
Lector	David Thews
Organist	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
Soloist	Betsy Miller
Crucifer	Paul Beddoe
Bookbearer	Grace Fenton
Torchbearers	Bonnie LePard Joyce Byamungu Walguti
Ushers	
Altar Guild	Alice Anderson Joyce Byamungu Walguti
Tellers	Betsy Knauff Todd Johnson Dawn Nelson
Hospitality Hosts	Carol Capps Sam Luebke

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST
LECTIONARY 14**

July 13, 2008

10:30 a.m.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

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. 533

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Sermon

The Congregation stands.

Hymn of the Day

For the Fruit of All Creation



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing, For the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
spair - ing, In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, Most of all that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 467

We Place upon Your Table, Lord

Offertory Verse and Prayer

Jesus said, "The first commandment is: 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'."

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 Great Thanksgiving – Setting Five, page 161

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. 785

It Is Well with My Soul

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Concerns of the People

In our prayers, let us include the following:

+ **Members:** Josephine Allen; Louise Anderson; 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); Marty Wagner (Hart); 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 Joy** with Rebecca Berman and David McMahon on the birth of their daughter Veronica Elizabeth McMahon on Tuesday, July 1st.

+ **In Christian Joy** with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Dumfries, VA on the purchase of its first permanent home.

Gifts to the Glory of God: Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kevin Canfield and Robert Bennett.

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.

Thank You to Mary Andoh, Carol Capps, Pearl Cox, Ruth Hunter, Betsy Knauff, Chuck Leath and Bruce Miller for assisting in the preparation and mailing of the June/July issue of the *Augustanan*.

Thank You to Melanie Caesar, Judy Floy, and Patricia Richter for volunteering at Martha's Table over the Fourth of July weekend. Members of Augustana volunteer to provide food to homeless people on the first Saturday of every month. If you'd like to help on August 2nd or September 6th please contact Amy Yergey at ayergey@yahoo.com or 301-370-3854.

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 13, 2008 -- The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost --

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Nursery

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

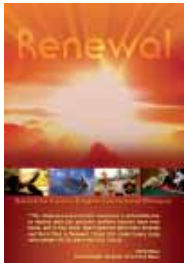
Christian Education Committee Meeting – Noon – Library

Property Committee Meeting – Noon -- Nave

Social Ministries Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 118

Young Adults Meeting – 8:30-9:30 p.m. – Library – See the Cherry Insert

-- Events this Week--



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 in DC. Contact Jim Heinemeier for more information.

-- Next Sunday, July 20, 2008 -- Pentecost 10 --

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Nursery

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Evangelism Committee Meeting – 12:30 p.m. – Room 118

Lessons: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30. 36-43

Hospitality Hour Hosts: Betsy Knauff, Kevin Horsted

– Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements –

Thursday, July 24th: Come out with Augustana's GLBT members and friends to Nellie's Bar and Grill on Thursday evening, from , 6:30 to 8:30pm, to give a warm welcome to Pastor Kidd. This event is one of the "small" group welcome parties that the Augustana Transition Team has kicked off this summer so that Pastor Kidd can get to know more about us and our concerns, and for us to get to know him.

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July 13, 2008 -- TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTINARY 15

INTRODUCTION

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

FIRST READING: Genesis 25:19-34

Although Jacob was younger than his twin, Esau, he eventually gets the birthright away from his brother. Jacob is portrayed in the Bible as deceptive, tripping his brother when he came out of the womb and driving a hard bargain by buying the birthright for a bowl of lentils.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean.

²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1–11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."