

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 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	Jon Quam
Deacon II	LeeAnn Hart
Lector	Diane Schilke
Organist	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
Soloist	Don Werner
Crucifer	Scott Dillon
Bookbearer	Anna Bavier
Torchbearers	Alex Brown Olivia Brown
Ushers	
Altar Guild	Alice Anderson Joyce Byamungu Walguti
Tellers	Tim Himes Ruth Hunter Brian Shannon
Hospitality Hosts	Kevin Horsted Betsy Knauff

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST
LECTIONARY 16**

July 20, 2008

10:30 a.m.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Berceuse

Louis Vierne

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. 807

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Gradual Hymn, No. 516

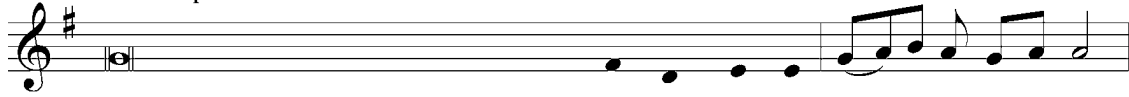
Stanzas 1-2.

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Gospel is announced:



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thir-teenth chap-ter. Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:



The Gos - pel of the Lord. Praise — to you, O Christ.

Hymn, No. 516

Stanzas 3-4.

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

Sermon

The Congregation stands.

Hymn of the Day, No. 693

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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,

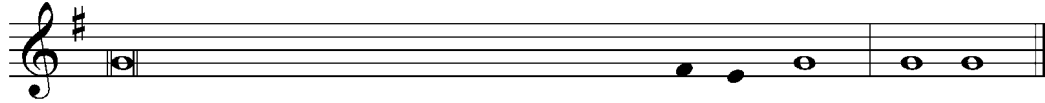
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing



The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **A - men**

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

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. 694

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Carillon du Longpont

Louis Vierne

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); the Cahill Family (Fenton); Judy Cashner (Cashner); Sean Castilla (Laughlin); (Teresa Cross (Knauff); Jerry Custer (Bowers); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Elvera Desmond (Juilfs); 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); 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.

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

The Altar Guild has been given candles which cannot be used and are available for purchase. A table will be set up during the Hospitality Hour. Any donations received will be used to purchase altar linens.

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 20, 2008 -- The Tenth Sunday of Pentecost --

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Nursery

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Evangelism Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 118

Bonhoeffer Book Study: Led by Kathy Garrison this book study group uses the book *Life Together* by Bonhoeffer. The group meets monthly on the third Sundays of the month in the Library at 12:00 noon. Contact Kathy Garrison at 703/472-0941 or at srkate1@aol.com

-- Events this Week--

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.

– Next Sunday, July 27, 2008 – Pentecost 11 –

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Nursery

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Hospitality Hour Hosts: Judi and Mike Bucci, Amy Yergey

Fourth Sunday of the Month Food Collection: Our Social Ministries Committee will be collecting food items for the Augustana/Santa Maria Food Pantry. The need is great, please be generous.

Borg Book Study: Led by the Rev. James Heinemeier, this group is reading and discussing Borg's book entitled *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. They meet monthly on the fourth Sundays of the month in the Library at 12:30. Contact Jim Heinemeier at 301/605-7050 or ISHJTH@hotmail.com

– Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements –

Sunday, September 7, 2008: "Land and Promise" a conference co-sponsored by the , Metro DC Synod ELCA and the Washington Chapter of the American Jewish Committee and the Episcopal Diocese of Washington is set for 2 to 8 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Cafritz Conference Center, Marvin Center, George Washington University. Keynote speakers will be Rabbi David Rosen, International Director of Interreligious Affairs (AJC), and the Rev. Peter Pettit, Director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, Assistant Professor of Religion Studies, Muhlenberg College. Register at jewishlutheranconference@gmail.com.

July 20, 2008

TIME AFTER PENTECOST—LECTIONARY 16

INTRODUCTION

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

FIRST READING: Genesis 28:10–19a

God's graciousness to Jacob is shown in God's revelation of the divine self to the patriarch, who is running for his life after cheating his brother Esau out of the family inheritance. Jacob promises that if God brings him back to the land, he will be loyal to God and give God a tenth of everything.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12–25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

⁴¹"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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