

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

TIME AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 6

JUNE 17, 2007

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 Service. A nursery is available for children up to five years old; see an usher for directions.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

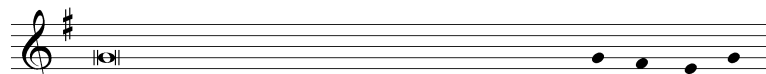
The Congregation stands.

Confession – page 95

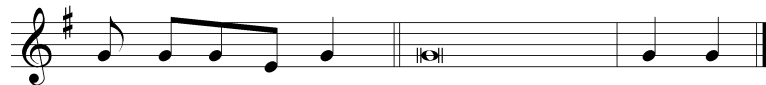
Hymn, No. 864

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day



*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. Let us pray ... A - men.

O God, the strength of those who hope in you: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in will and deed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

1 Kings 21:1-21a

Psalm 32



1. How blest are they whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n,
2. While I kept guilt - y si - lence, my strength was spent with grief:
3. So let the god - ly seek you in times when you are near;
4. "I gra - cious - ly will teach you the way that you should go,
5. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in - crease from year to year,



whose sins are whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heav'n.
your hand was heav - y on me; my soul found no re - lief.
no whelm - ing floods shall reach them or cause their hearts to fear.
and, with my eye up - on you, help you my coun - sel know.
but those who trust the Lord God know love in - stead of fear.



Blest they to whom the Lord God does not im - pute their sin,
But when I owned my tres - pass and did not hide my sin,
O Lord, you are my ref - uge, you are my hid - ing place,
Then do not be un - rul - y or slow to un - der - stand;
Then in the Lord be joy - ful, in song lift up your voice;



who have a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
then you for - gave my guilt, Lord, re - stored my life with - in.
and you sur - round me al - ways with songs of sav - ing grace.
be not per - verse, but will - ing to heed my wise com - mand."
be glad in God, you right - eous: re - joice, O saints, re - joice!

Second Lesson

Galatians 2:15-21

The Congregation stands.

Gospel Acclamation – page 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior

The Congregation is seated.

Voluntary, at the Offering

The Congregation stands.

Offertory, No. 182

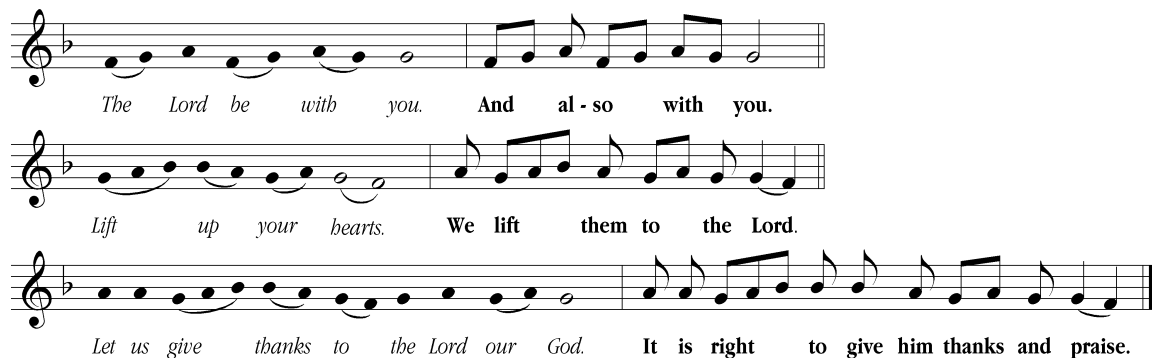
Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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.

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 him thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer – Setting Ten, page 207

Preface and Sanctus

Acclamation, 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.

Agnus Dei – page 208

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. 733

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis, No. 313 – Stanza 1

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benediction

Hymn, No. 625

Marching to Zion

The Congregation turns to face the entrance of the church as the Procession passes.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Welcome the stranger.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

-- Servants at God's Altar --

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| Celebrant and Preacher | Norman Theiss |
| Deacon I | Kelly Bowers |
| Deacon II | Eileen Crawford |
| Lector | Courtney Allen |
| Crucifer | Bonnie LePard |
| Torchbearers | Nelson Reed, |
| Organist and Choirmaster | Dr. J. Thomas Mitts |
| The Parish Choir | |
| Ushers | Paul Beddoe, Margaret Bond, John Isbell, Brian Shannon |
| Altar Guild | Judi Bucci |
| Tellers | Michael Olson, Salome Burton Dawn Nelson |
| Hospitality Hosts | Bonnie LePard, Bruce Reed and family, Catherine Cashner |

-- Parish Concerns --

+ **Members:** Mary Beth Blegen, Aaron Bonds, Ardelle Burton, Pearl Cox, Herman Davis, Sr., Dorothy Gladney, Bill Reid, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Andy, Carlos and Rich (Bucci); Rex Baker (Robinson); Effi Barry (Burton); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Judith Bremner (Bradley); Judy Cashner (Cashner); George Cypress (Burton); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Ray "Bud" Erickson (Kennedy-Nash); Robert Kyle Evans (Schip); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Lyle Forness (Forness); Ruth Fox (Fischer-Fox); Jessica Fox (Fischer-Fox); TraciLynn Fox (VandenBosch); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Carole Gaston (Gaston); Betty Grady (Werner); LaShun Griffin (Robinson); Mary Hancock (Knauff); Leona Harper (Knauff); Tom Johnson (Hart); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Marjorie Looney (Wassum); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Sally Markle (Markle-Elder); Bernadette Mayfield-Clarke (Robinson); Lois Merritt

(Hunter); David Moore (Hart); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Susan Papp (Lenhart/Ray); Rachelle Portner (Hart); Jennifer & Joe Reed (Roth/Renne); Mary Ann Richardson (Kennedy-Nash); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Sarah Richter (Richter); Rich & Norma Shirey (Hart); Ginny Solmundson (Roth/Renne); Iris and Juan Sosa (Leath); Deborah Tang (Burton); Helen Tardy (Hunter); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Earl Telfair (Smith); Richard Tepel (Schipp); Joey Tindall (Alice & Bob Anderson); The Family of Ray Verrey (Wassum); Marion Wagley (Capps); Joan Wassum (Wassum); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Kay Wickre (Margrave); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder).

+ **In Christian Joy** with Jennifer Renne and Rebecca Roth on the birth of Jackson Renne Roth on Sunday, June 10, 2007.

+ **In Christian Joy** with Donald Werner on the birth of his grandson, Brayden Kane on May 25, 2007.

+ **In Christian Joy** with our brothers and sisters of the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod upon the election of Richard Graham as our next bishop. (See pink insert)

+ **In Christian Joy** with our brothers and sisters in Christ of Faith Lutheran Church, Ormond Beach, Florida on the installation of the Rev. Dr. Marcia Cox as their pastor on Sunday, June 24, 2007.

+ **The Augustana Call Committee** and its work: Ruth Sorenson, Chair, Josephine Allen, Brian Danaher, Robert (Chip) Fenton, LeeAnn Hart, Tommie Robinson, Jr., and Rebecca Roth, *ex officio*.

Gifts to the Glory of God: Patricia Richter gives today's flowers to the Glory of God in memory of Ann Scalzo Wright and Leopold Bernhard on their birthdays. Don Werner has also given special flowers in honor his grandson Brayden and his granddaughter Courtney on her birthday.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Augustanans have done it again! The response to the "Mortgage Madness" campaign has been stupendous. We now have enough cash in hand to cover mortgage payments through October – check the Mortgage Madness calendar in the narthex. Just one more month's payment will bring us to the end of the church year. But, let's not slow down – anything we receive over and above what's needed for mortgage payments will allow us to start paying down principal. **Wouldn't it be great if we could pay off our mortgage in 10 years instead of 20!** Received last week: \$685.00

Copies of the old hymnals are available for members and friends upon request. The Worship and Music Committee will have some of the old hymnals available in the Social Hall this

morning if you would like a copy. Additionally, you can call the office if you would like either one of the old hymnals.

A REMINDER: Summer is almost here, but the church does not go on vacation when you go on vacation! Programs continue. Bills have to be paid. Please remember to keep your financial contributions coming even when you're not here. And, when you're not on vacation, please continue to share your time and talents –**WE NEED YOU!** -The Stewardship Committee

During June, July and August, Mr. Riggs will be away from the office on Fridays. All materials for the Sunday bulletins must be received by noon on Thursdays to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin.

-- Today -- Time after Pentecost – Proper 6 --

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Join us in the Social Hall for celebratory cake in honor of our high school and college graduates.

On Father's Day -- Plan to join us in the Social Hall after church as we sign greeting cards to our **service members stationed in Iraq.** We will send your cards with a donation of pre-paid phone calling cards to a military chaplain to distribute to his or her congregants. Many thanks to ELCA Federal Chaplaincy Ministries for their assistance with this project.

– This Coming Week—

Wednesday, June 20th: Congregational Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Library

Thursday, June 21st 6:30 p.m. Healing and Prayer Service – Social Hall

**– Next Sunday, June 24, 2007 –
Confessio Augustana**

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-26

Hospitality Hosts: Carol Capps, Betsy Knauff

-- Upcoming Events and Announcements --

The Board of Directors of the Southeast Ministry, an outreach ministry of Church of the Reformation, is looking to fill the fulltime position of Executive Director. Southeast Ministry provides a ministry of hope for men and women in a safe and respectful environment through GED and job readiness training. The Executive Director is responsible for managing all aspects

of the organization and liaising with Church of the Reformation; a more detailed job description can be obtained from the parish administrator by calling (202) 543-4200. The successful candidate will preferably have experience in church outreach ministries, community involvement, and a desire to serve God by serving others. If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for this position, please submit a resume to SEMinDC@aol.com, or to the Reformation office at 212 East Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20003.



Sunday, July 8th – Wednesday, July 11th: Augustana Church Camp celebrates its cultural diversity with 4 evenings of music, dance, crafts, games, food, friends and FUN! We'll travel the globe and explore the cultural gifts God has allowed us to enjoy. Children ages 6-12 are invited to participate, with teens and adults joining the fun as volunteers!! Please plan to be a part of the summer celebration. Watch for flyers and registration forms. More details coming soon!
Contact: Ruth Sorenson (rutharne@cs.com or 301-907-7993 for more information)

14th & U Farmers Market – We welcome this new enterprise in our community – see card insert.



Sunday, June 17, 2007

TIME AFTER PENTECOST -- LECTIONARY 11

INTRODUCTION

Confession and forgiveness frequently serve as a doorway to worship. We come into God's presence not because we earn it, but purely as an act of grace. Today's readings introduce us to some of the world's great sinners, and we take our place among them, hungry to taste the wonderful love of God.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-14] 15-21a

Ahab and Jezebel ruled Israel in the days of Elijah. After they cheated Naboth out of the vineyard that was his family inheritance, God sent the prophet to confront them with their sin.

Later the following events took place: Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria. ²And Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, so that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house; I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." ³But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give you my ancestral inheritance." ⁴Ahab went home resentful and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him; for he had said, "I will not give you my ancestral inheritance." He lay down on his bed, turned away his face, and would not eat.

⁵His wife Jezebel came to him and said, "Why are you so depressed that you will not eat?" ⁶He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard for it'; but he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" ⁷His wife Jezebel said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

⁸So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal; she sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who lived with Naboth in his city. ⁹She wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the assembly; ¹⁰seat two scoundrels opposite him, and have them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out, and stone him to death." [¹¹The men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. Just as it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, ¹²they proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth at the head of the assembly. ¹³The two scoundrels came in and sat opposite him; and the scoundrels brought a charge against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city, and stoned him to death. ¹⁴Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead."]

¹⁵As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Go, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead." ¹⁶As soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab set out to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

¹⁷Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying: ¹⁸Go down to meet King Ahab of Israel, who rules in Samaria; he is now in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. ¹⁹You shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: Have you killed, and also taken possession?" You shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, dogs will also lick up your blood."

²⁰Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" He answered, "I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD, ²¹I will bring disaster on you."

SECOND READING: Galatians 2:15-21

Paul explores the dynamics of grace. We are made right with God through Jesus and are crucified with Christ. We trade the old life of sin for a new life with God.

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; ²⁰and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

GOSPEL: Luke 7:36--8:3

A forgiven sinner expresses great love for Jesus. This humble act reveals what is lacking in the self-righteous who feel no need to be forgiven.

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him--that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." ⁴⁸Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

^{8:1}Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ²as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

Mission Statement of 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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Parents: A nursery is available for children up to five years old.
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Parking is available at the Reeves Center – 14th & U Streets
Please enter on U Street. From 10 am – 4 pm on Sundays
First Come, First Served

Richard Graham Elected Bishop of ELCA Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod

The Rev. Richard H. Graham, Hope Lutheran Church, College Park, Maryland, was elected June 8 to a six-year term as bishop of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod of the ELCA. Graham, 56, was elected at the synod assembly on the fifth ballot for bishop, 188-139, over the Rev. Philip Christian Hirsch, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fairfax, Virginia.

Graham will succeed the Rev. Theodore F. Schneider, 72, who previously announced he would not seek re-election. Schneider has served as bishop of the synod since 1995.

Graham led on the fourth ballot for bishop with 149 votes. Hirsch received 101 votes and the Rev. Ronald G. Qualley, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Fairfax, Virginia, received 79 votes. There were 70 names on the first or nominating ballot.

Graham will be installed October 14.

Graham received his M. Div. from Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1977 and an M.A. in Church History from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. in 1989.

Graham served as Assistant Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, Maryland; and Associate Pastor at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Annapolis, Maryland.

Currently, Graham serves the synod as secretary. He has also been a member of the synod's Candidacy Committee and a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Rockville, Maryland.

Graham is married to Nancy Ann and has two adult daughters.