

# Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 4, 2007

TEN-THIRTY A.M.

### THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Adagio

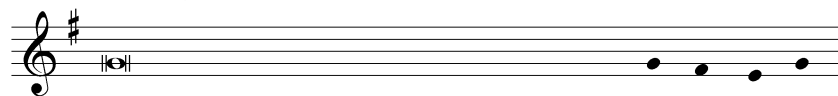
Tomaso Albinoni

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

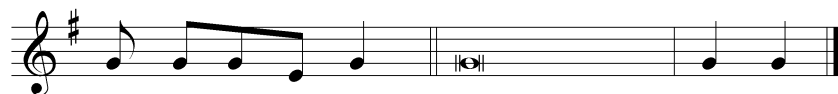
Hymn, No. 96

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

### 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.**

Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12. 17-18

Psalm 27:10-18 – page 227

*Sung by All to LBW Tone 2, page 291.*

**Second Lesson**

Philippians 3:17—4:1

*The Congregation stands.*

**Gradual Verse and Hymn**

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him may not perish, but have everlasting life.

On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,  
That life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures Ev - er may your work e - raise;  
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, All my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 13:31-35

The Gospel is announced:  
*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the \_\_\_ 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. 421**

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**Prayers of the People** – Each petition concludes with one of the following responses:

Merciful God, **hear our prayer**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Sharing of Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### Anthem, at the Offering

Ave verum corpus

W.A. Mozart

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered.  
and was sacrificed on the cross for us

whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood, Be for us  
a foretaste of heaven, during our final trail.

*The Congregation stands.*

### Offertory Hymn



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God; and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.



Cast me not a-way from thy pres-ence; and take not thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.



Re-store un-to me the joy of thy sal-va-tion: and up-hold me with thy free Spir-it.

### Offertory Verse and Prayer

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives, and feed us with your grace, that even in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**The Great Thanksgiving – Setting Three, page 109**

**Salutation, Preface and Sanctus  
Eucharistic Prayer and Doxology**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Agnus Dei**

**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.*

**Anthem**

God Loved the World

J. Thomas Mitts

**Hymn, No. 725 (With One Voice)**

Blessed Be the God of Israel

**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.

**Amen**

**Nunc dimittis** – Hymn No. 349

I Leave as You Have Promised, Lord

**Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage, in this meal you nourish us with the gifts of faith and hope. Sustain us on our journey, that refreshed by your grace, we may reach the promised land, the Easter feast of victory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Benediction**

**Hymn, No. 544**

The God of Abraham Praise

*Stanzas 1-4, 11.*

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Proclaim God's eternal joy.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

I Leave as You Have Promised, Lord

J. S. Bach

***Servants at God's Altar***

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Norman Theiss
<b>Deacon I</b>	Doris Lewis
<b>Deacon II</b>	George Krafthofer
<b>Lector</b>	Lisa Bonds
<b>Organist and Choirmaster</b>	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
<b>The Parish Choir</b>	
<b>Crucifer</b>	Douglas Anderson
<b>Bookbearer</b>	Julia Reed
<b>Torchbearers</b>	Nelson Reed, Alex Brown
<b>Ushers</b>	Ruth Hunter, Courtney Allen, Salome Burton, Heidi Hanson Michael Kaiser
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Andoh, Salome Burton
<b>Tellers</b>	Jon Quam, Ruth Hunter, Tim Himes
<b>Hospitality Hosts</b>	Rebecca Roth, Jennifer Renne, Amy Yergey, Rob Gibbs

## ***Parish Concerns***

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson, Mary Beth Blegen, Ardelle Burton, Herman Davis, Sr., Jean Dilamb, Dorothy Gladney, Ruth Hunter, Bill Reid,

+ **Friends and Family:** Andy, Carlos and Rich (Bucci); Stacey Aus (Knauff); Rex Baker (Robinson); Edith Bowers (Bowers); the Family of Ken Boynton (Gillam); the Family of Margaret Cahill (Isbell); Judy Cashner (Cashner); George Cypress (Burton); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Ray “Bud” Erickson (Kennedy-Nash); Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Lyle Forness (Forness); Ruth Fox (Fischer-Fox); Jessica Fox (Fischer-Fox); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Carole Gaston (Gaston); Leona Harper (Knauff); Danny Hartman (Knauff); The family of Beth Isbell (Isbell); Tom Johnson (Hart); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Sally Markle (Markle-Elder); Lois Merritt (Hunter); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Jennifer & Joe Reed (Roth/Renne); Mary Ann Richardson (Kennedy-Nash); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Sarah Richter (Richter); Rich & Norma Shirey (Hart); John Stewart III (Burton); Iris and Juan Sosa (Leath); Helen Tardy (Hunter); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Ruth & Earl Telfair (Smith); Richard Tepel (Schipp); Harold Vensel (Hunter); Marion Wagley (Capps); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Kay Wickre (Margrave); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder).

+ **Augustana** and our vision for the future.

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with Dorothy Schipp and her family on the death of Carroll Schipp on Wednesday of this week. A memorial service will be held at Augustana on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with Sid Stolz on the death of his father William R. Stolz in Colorado last Sunday. Funeral services were held in Colorado on Thursday of this week.

**Accessibility and Renovation Reminder:** Our accessibility renovations are now virtually complete but paying for them is not – we have monthly mortgage payments of \$9,899 to cover far into the future. Please keep your pledge payments current and continue to honor and memorialize friends and family with contributions to the Accessibility and Renovation Fund. Thank you for your past generosity. Received last week: \$ 3,260.00

### **-- Today – Second Sunday of Lent --**

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m. – Library – Lenten Bible Study – Living for God

**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon – The Good Samaritan

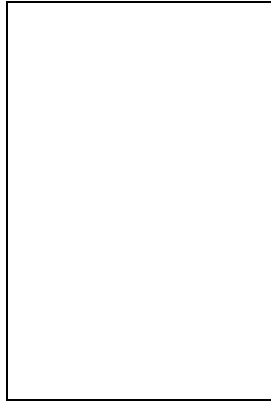
**Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.

**New Members Class:** 12:30 – Library

**Fair Trade Sunday** – Coffee and chocolate will be on sale in the Social Hall. Sponsored by the Social Ministries Committee in support of Lutheran World Relief. Sales during the hospitality times of both the Swedish Church and Augustana.

**Christian Education Committee** meeting – Noon – Room 301  
**Evangelism Committee** meeting – Noon – Room 302  
**Finance Committee** meeting – Noon – Room 303  
**Property Committee** meeting – Noon – Nave  
**Social Ministries Committee** meeting – Noon – Room 118  
**Stewardship Committee** will not meet this week, but will meet on March 11<sup>th</sup>.  
**Worship and Music Committee** meeting – Noon – Choir Room

**– This Coming Week –**



**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Mid Week Lenten Joint Lutheran Service – hosted this week by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1725 Michigan Avenue, N.W. 6:30 p.m. – Soup and Bread; 7:30 Worship – The Revs Martha Clark and Phil Huber preaching.

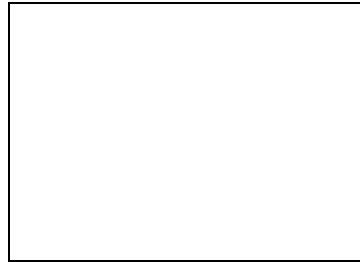
**Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 p.m. Healing and Prayer Service – Social Hall  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

**– Next Sunday, March 11, 2007 – Third Sunday of Lent –**

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m. – Library – Lenten Bible Study – The Struggle of Faith  
**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon – Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes  
**Worship Service:** 10:30 a.m.  
**New Members Class:** 12:30 – Library  
**Stewardship Committee** meeting – Noon – Room 118  
**Lessons:** Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9  
**Hospitality Hosts:** Jennifer Nordin, Greg Roemer, Enid Chung

– **Upcoming Events and Announcements** –

**What's YOUR calling at Augustana?!** Many of our committees are currently seeking chairpersons and committee members! New chairs are needed for Finance, Property, Worship & Music and the Evangelism committees. If you are interested in serving as member on one of these committees or as chair please contact the office.



**During the Sundays of Lent,** Adult Forum will feature a Bible study/discussion entitled, "Repentance: Living in God's Love." This series will explore the sorrow, joys, difficulties, and surprises that accompany a life lived in repentance (turning from sin and self-interest toward relationship with God). Each week participants will look at scriptural passages that illuminate a specific aspect of repentance and, through various exercises, consider ways repentance can become a part of their Lenten journey. Adult Forum meets at 9:15 in the Library

**Synod Assembly Representatives** - The Congregational Council is searching for **four** members of Augustana to serve as representatives at the Washington DC Metro Synod Assembly. The assembly will be held June 7-9 in Gettysburg, PA. This is a particular important year, as this year's assembly will be electing a new Bishop. Please contact a member of Council or Pastor Theiss if you are interested or have questions.

**Volunteer needed to serve as Editor of The Augustanan** – We are searching for a new member to work on the monthly newsletter. Rebecca Roth who currently works on the newsletter is willing to train someone who may be interested in learning "how to." Please contact the office or Rebecca Roth 240-463-6493 or [rebecca.roth@mac.com](mailto:rebecca.roth@mac.com) if you are interested.

**Augustana's NEW Mortgage Task Force** – This newly formed task force will work closely with members of the Finance and Stewardship Committees to find ways to manage our monthly A&R mortgage. If you are interested in serving on this task force please contact the office or a member of council.

***Congregational Information Meeting***

On Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> following the service, the Visionary Task Force will present and discuss their final draft with members of the congregation. Held in the Social Hall this timely meeting will allow members of the congregation one more opportunity to voice their ideas and concerns.

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>: at 5:00 pm – J. Thomas Mitts organ recital** – Washington National Cathedral. The recital is part of the Cathedral's regular Sunday afternoon recital series and is open to the public without charge. This is the last season of recitals for at least a year, until the Cathedral's new organ is installed.

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>:** at 5:00 pm Lutherans Concerned Metro Washington D.C. -- Discussion with the Bishop Part II -- Due to inclement weather, the Bishop was nice enough to reschedule with us to continue our discussion. Please join us again at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation (212 E Capitol St NE, Washington, DC) for our annual meeting with the Bishop. Light refreshments will be served

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:** “*The Way of the Cross*” – A Silent Lenten Retreat from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm held at the Seekers Church, 276 Carroll Avenue, N.W, Washington, D.C. – Across the street from the Takoma Metro Stop. For more information see Patricia Richter, and/or call 301/588-2925 to register, \$60.00 fee.

**Outreach to Santa Maria:** A new English/Spanish language program with Iglesia Santa Maria is underway. Volunteers are needed to become language lesson partners. Improve or learn Spanish as you help our sister congregation speak English - a skill that requires lots of practice. Please contact Brian Danaher ([danaherb@hotmail.com](mailto:danaherb@hotmail.com)) or Pastor Phil Anderson for more information.

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>:** 3:00 pm – Lutherans Concerned Metro Washington D.C. -- Movie Night Home of Robert Joppa's (814 North Barton Street, #2, Arlington, VA 22201) ---Metro accessible from the Courthouse Station on the orange line and the B4 bus -- - Ample and free street parking. BYOB, popcorn provided. Please RSVP and, if needed, arrange for transport from Courthouse at [LCMWDC@lcna.org](mailto:LCMWDC@lcna.org)

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:** "Just Desserts" fundraiser to benefit the Lutheran Volunteer Corps  
**Where:** HR-57 Center for Preservation of Jazz and Blues, 1610 14th Street NW (U Street Metro-Green Line) **When:** Tuesday, March 27th, 7:00 pm **Price:** \$15 (includes desserts and coffee/tea). Tickets can be bought at the door. Enjoy desserts? Want to bid on lots of great items? Want to raise some money for social justice? Come to HR-57 on March 27 to enjoy an evening of entertainment, desserts, and a silent auction. All proceeds will go to benefit the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. Entertainment will be provided by both Lutheran Volunteer Corps members and local community members, delicious desserts will be donated by local bakeries and restaurants, and silent auction items will range from homemade crafts to donations from local stores and theaters.

**March 04, 2007**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Baptism is the compass that guides us through life. Lent is a season for immersing ourselves in a new identity--reminding us who we are and calling us to what we are to be doing. The miracle of grace is as amazing as starting a family in your old age, as Abraham and Sarah did, or being reminded that our true citizenship lies beyond this world.*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God's promise is sealed with a covenant-making ritual, a sign of God's promise.*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup>But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1**

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35**

*Jesus likens the tyrant Herod to a murderous fox. He speaks of himself as a mother hen who would sacrifice her own life to shield her children from danger.*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "



### **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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William R. Riggs, Office Administrator  
Marcial Pacheco, Building Maintenance Supervisor  
Deborah Young, Nursery Attendant

#### **2007 Congregational Council**

Larry Anthony – Judi Bucci – Eileen Crawford  
Ben Cutler – Andrew Genszler, Secretary  
Irene Heinemeier – Matt Larson  
John McKirgan – Patricia Richter –  
Rebecca Roth, Vice President  
Barbara Solt – Arne Sorenson

**Parents:** A nursery is available for children up to five years old.  
See an usher for directions

**Parking** is available at the Reeves Center – 14<sup>th</sup> & U Streets  
Please enter on U Street. From 10 am – 4 pm on Sundays  
First Come, First Served