

Kyrie Ki K'schimcha

Sung by the Choir.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Let us pray ... A - men.

Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Sung by the Choir.

Second Lesson

Romans 8:6-11

The Congregation stands.

Gradual Verse and Hymn


The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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 - rase;
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


John 11:1-45

The Gospel is announced:



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, 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. 339

Christ, the Life of All the Living

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 truly human.**

**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:

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sharing of Peace

The Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Anthem, at the Offering

O Bread of Life from Heaven

Heinrich Isaac

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

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David. If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

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

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 God thanks and praise.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al- so with you.' The second staff contains 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.' The music consists of a single melodic line with lyrics written below the notes.

Preface and Sanctus – No. 190

Eucharistic Prayer, Acclamations, Doxology and 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.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be— your name, your king-dom come,'. The second staff contains 'your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.' The third staff contains 'For - give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a- gainst us. Save us from the'. The fourth staff contains 'time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,'. The fifth staff contains 'the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.' The music consists of a single melodic line with lyrics written below the notes.

Agnus Dei

1-3. O— Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
1-2. Have mer-cy up-on us! 3. Grant us thy peace!— A - men.

The Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament

*All baptized and communing Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.
Non-communicants are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Motet

Adoramus te Giovanni di Palestrina
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
for by your holy cross and passion you have redeemed the world.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn, No. 338

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

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. 597

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Dismissal

Go in peace. Proclaim God's eternal joy.
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Chromatic Fantasy

Johann Pachelbel

Servants at God's Altar

Presiding Minister	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Patricia Richter
Deacon II	Doris Lewis
Lector	RuthAnn Reshan
Organist and Choirmaster	J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Crucifer	Paul Beddoe
Torchbearers	Chantelle Agbro, Monique Agbro
Bookbearer	Kathy Garrison
Ushers	Ruth Hunter, Salome Burton, Heidi Hanson, Michael Kaiser, Jerry Brown
Altar Guild	Carol Vezzetti, Marilyn Olson
Tellers	Kevin Horsted, Eileen Crawford, Betsy Knauff
Hospitality Hosts	Grace Morgan, Brian Borders and family, Ingrid Margrave

Concerns of the People

In our prayers, let us include the following:

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson, Robert Anderson, Aaron Bonds, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Kathy Garrison, Herman Davis, Sr, Ronald DiGregorio, Norman Forness, Dorothy Gladney, Renee Ivery, George Krafthofer, Bill Reid, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Julio Azpuru-Bernhard (Azpuru); Jeffrey Berry (Bob & Alice Anderson); Connie Boorer (Hunter); Ruby Brooks (Anthony); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Melissa & Kevin Brown (Larisch); Judy Cashner (Cashner); Betty Childers (Wassum); Teresa Cross (Knauff); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Betty Grady (Werner); Leona Harper (Knauff); Guy Jacobs (Berube); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Samantha Lopez (Kahler-Larson); Frank & Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Adelaide Lusambilli (Markle-Elder); Ken Merritt (Hunter); William Moon (Wassum); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Fernando Otero (Pizza); Marion Papacosta (Roth-Renne); Rachelle Portner (Hart); Carrie Reynolds (Knauff); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Dave & Chris Sharp (Hart); Denise Smith (Burton); Val Smith (Pizza); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Diana Tate (Richter); Jim & Marge Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Ada Velasquez and Beimer (The Lydians); Jessica Velasquez and Kaylee (The Lydians); Jancye O. Washington (Burton); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Marge Tate, who died last week, especially Patricia Richter.

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

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

A **special thank you** to Matt Larson for stepping in finishing the service on the organ, when Dr. Mitts had to leave because of illness.

Thank you to the Lydians who on Monday cleaned and organized the church kitchen. Several bowls, serving dishes, etc. belonging to members were found during the cleaning. They are in kitchen for you to pick up if you are missing any kitchenware.

Congratulations to James Nelson LePard Reed for an outstanding performance last Sunday at the World Premiere of Evensong: Of Love and Angels written by Pulitzer Price-winning composer Dominick Argento. The piece featured Nelson as the treble soloist. The reviews in both the Washington Post and the Baltimore Sun praised his talents and performance. We are all proud of him.



February stewardship update: As of March 2nd we had 72 pledges for our 2008 Mission Plan, amounting to a total of \$270,468 toward our budget goal of \$300,000 in member contributions. Pledges continue to come in. If you've not yet returned yours, please return it and your time & talent form ASAP in the Sunday offering or mail to the church office. Or alternatively, e-mail your pledge to our asst. financial secretary, John Isbell, jsi34@msn.com

Mortgage Madness Rush Update: Our Mortgage Madness Campaign renewal is off to a great start! From the beginning of Advent in December through the first Sunday in February we received \$52,733 in Accessibility contributions – over five months in mortgage payments. Approximately \$120,000 is needed to cover a year’s payments. Anything we raise above that amount between now and Advent 2008 can be used to pay down principal. During the past year we were able to pay off \$50,000 in principal. Any amount – small or large – can be contributed, designated for Accessibility. Some benchmarks: \$10,000 = one month’s mortgage payment; \$7,500 = three weeks; \$5,000 = two weeks; \$2500 = one week; \$333 = one day. Received last week -- \$1, 921.00

– Today, March 2, 2008 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent –

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Neglected Voices: Servanthood (Baruch, The Woman Who Anoints, Phoebe)

Sunday School: After receiving Communion, children ages 5 and up exit via the Truman Door for their Classrooms - Rooms 303a and 303b. Elementary class for ages 5-10, Middle school class for ages 11-14. Preschool class for ages 2-4 meets in the nursery during worship service, 10:45 - 11:15.

Nursery Program: Nursery available for children up to age 5 during worship service.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Passion/Palm Sunday Reading Rehearsal – Immediately after the service in the Nave
The Worship & Music Committee will have a table today in the Social Hall during Hospitality Hour to receive your contributions for Easter Flowers and the Landscaping Project. See the insert. Your support of this program will be greatly appreciated. **Today is the last day for making contributions.**

New Members Class: Library – 12:30 p.m.

– This Week –

Monday, March 10th: At 7:30 p.m. the Concert Choir of the University of Minnesota, Morris Campus under the director of Dr. Kenneth Hodgson presents a concert of sacred and secular music at Trinity Lutheran Church, 11200 Old Georgetown Road, North Bethesda, MD. The concert will feature both classical and contemporary music.

Wednesday, March 12th: Lenten Wednesday Services

6:30 p.m. – Soup and Bread Supper in the Social Hall

7:00 p.m. – Office of Vespers in the Chancel; Meditation led by Lisa Bonds

Wednesday, March 12th: Congregational Council meeting following Vespers at approximately 7:45 p.m. in the library.

Thursday, March 13th: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – Choir Room



– Next Sunday, March 16, 2008 –Palm/Passion Sunday –

The Liturgy of the Palms – Meridian Hill Park, Blessing of the Palms and Procession to Augustana at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Neglected Voices: Promises (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego; Dismas, Unnamed Faithful)

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Lessons: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66

Hospitality Hosts: Special Event – see announcement under Upcoming Events

– Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements –

**Palm/Passion Sunday Coffee Hour
Birthday Party
Retirement Party
Sunday, March 16, 2008**

Only once in a lifetime do three such special events occur on the same day, so, although traditionally there is no coffee hour at Augustana on Palm/Passion Sunday, Barbara Solt invites you after the service to this celebration of her 65th birthday and beginning of her retirement after 41 years as a social worker. In keeping with another budding Augustana tradition, Barbara thinks the best way anyone might want to honor this special occasion would be through the

AUGUSTANA ACCESSIBILITY FUND

The Schedule for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday is printed on the lavender insert. Please review it for information as to times and places of services.

Finger Food: Each year following the Easter Vigil the Augustana Evangelism Committee sponsors a **gala reception**. We honor those being baptized and received at that service. It is a joyous occasion. Members of the congregation are asked to bring their special "Finger Food" for the reception food tables. Cookies, tea sandwiches, fruit, and other delicacies will be most welcome. Since we will have so many guests at the receptions, you are asked to bring large portions. For more information about the gala reception or to offer to assist with the festivities contact one of the following: Jim Heinemeier, David Julfs and David Wassum.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Audit Committee for this year. No experience necessary, just an inquisitive nature. Contact John McKirgan at 301-762-1879.

Borg Book Study Group information: See green insert.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 9, 2008

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel is the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. With Martha and Mary we stand at the graves of our beloved dead and hear Jesus say, "I am the resurrection and the life." His words give hope to all who dwell in the shadows of death. But also they are words spoken next to the font of baptism, where we die to death and rise to life in Christ.

At the font we sing with St. Patrick, "I bind unto myself today . . . [Christ's] cross of death for my salvation, his bursting from the spiced tomb" (LBW 188).

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's earlier vision of the glory of the Lord departing from the temple (10:18ff.) symbolizes Israel's defeat by Babylon and subsequent exile. Now, his vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving Spirit.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

Paul contrasts two ways of living: The unspiritual life may seek to please God but cannot do so, for it is marked by self-reliance. The spiritual life begins with our justification by God and continues in the power of the Spirit who raised Christ from the dead.

To 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: John 11:1-45

The raising of Lazarus is presented as the last and greatest sign in John's gospel. It reveals Jesus as the giver of life. But as John 11:45-53 makes clear, this sign leads to the plan to execute Jesus.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Fifth Sunday in
Lent 

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.

See an usher for directions

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

