

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11, 2007

TEN-THIRTY A.M.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Prelude in A Minor

J. S. Bach

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

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Trusting in the steadfast, sure love of God,
let us return to the Lord, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **you desire to gather your children together,
yet we are not always willing.**

We squander your gifts, misuse our power, and turn away from your love.

**We spend ourselves for what does not satisfy
and neglect those in sorrow and in need.**

**Spare us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins, that we may turn from evil ways
and find shelter beneath your wings. Amen**

God is generous to all who ask for help.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

Hymn, No. 499

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

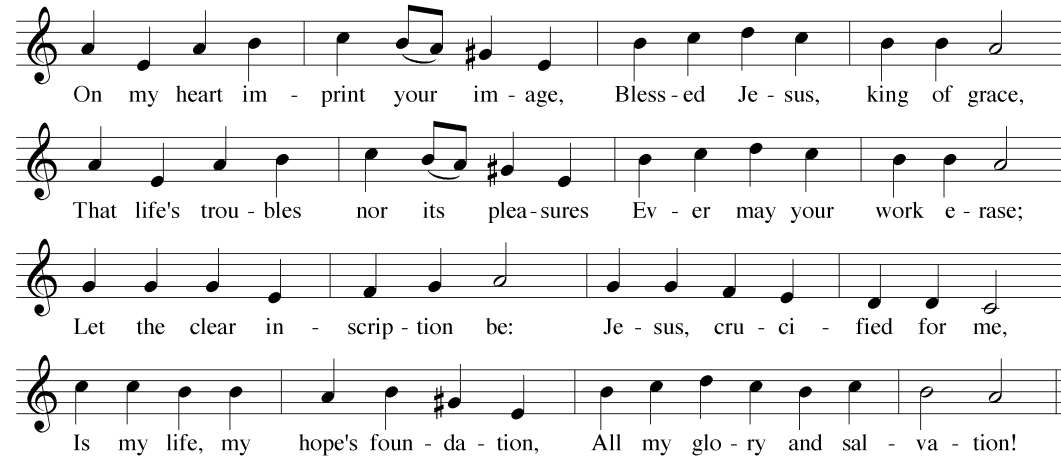
Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The Congregation stands.

Gradual Verse and Hymn

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.



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

Luke 13:1-9



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



1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the
2. When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and
3. When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and love up -
4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the cross are
5. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the



wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

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

Anthem, at the Offering

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Don Muro

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

In these days and in that time, says the Lord, the people of Israel and the people of Judah shall come; they shall come weeping as they seek the Lord their God. They shall ask the way to Zion, with faces turned toward it, and they shall come and join themselves to the Lord by an everlasting covenant that will never be forgotten.

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.

Solo Psalm 51 J. Thomas Mitts

Hymn, No. 504 O God, My Faithful God

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

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. 343 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Dismissal

Go in peace. Proclaim God's eternal joy.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Fugue in A Minor J. S. Bach

We welcome all friends and visitors this morning to Augustana, 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. Join us downstairs in the Parish Hall following the Service for refreshments and hospitality.

Servants at God's Altar

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	David Juilfs
Deacon II	Kathy Garrison
Lector	Judi Bucci
Organist and Choirmaster	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Vocal Soloist	Betsy Miller
Crucifer	Paul Beddoe
Bookbearer	Lars Sorenson
Torchbearers	Isaac Sorenson, Esther Sorenson
Ushers	Ruth Hunter, Courtney Allen, Salome Burton, Heidi Hanson, Michael Kaiser
Altar Guild	Mary Andoh, Salome Burton
Tellers	John McKirgan, Mary Andoh, Tom VandenBosch
Hospitality Hosts	Greg Roemer, Enid Chung, Jennifer Nordin

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); Muriel Halsey (Wassum); Marie Hanke (Lenhart/Ray); 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); Susan Papp (Lenhart/Ray); Jennifer & Joe Reed (Roth/Renne); Mary Ann Richardson (Kennedy-Nash); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Sarah Richter (Richter); Rich & Norma Shirey (Hart); Iris and Juan Sosa (Leath); Deborah Tang (Burton); Helen Tardy (Hunter); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Ruth & Earl Telfair (Smith); Richard Tepel (Schipp); 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 17th at 1:00 p.m.

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Harold Vensel, especially his sister-in-law, Ruth Hunter on his death on March 3rd.

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: \$ 1,561.00

-- Today – Second Sunday of Lent --

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Lenten Bible Study – The Struggle for Faith

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

New Members Class: 12:30 – Library

Evangelism Committee meeting – Noon – Choir Room

Members Class: 12:30 – Library

Stewardship Committee meeting – Noon – Room 118

Worship and Music Committee meeting – Noon – Nave

– This Coming Week –

Wednesday, March 14th: Mid Week Lenten Joint Lutheran Service – hosted this week by Georgetown Lutheran Church, 1556 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. 6:30 p.m. – Soup and Bread; 7:30 Worship – Pastor Theiss preaching.

Thursday, March 15th: 6:30 p.m. Healing and Prayer Service – Social Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Saturday, March 17th: 1:00 p.m. – Carroll Schipp Memorial Service – with Repast following the service. If you can bring food for the repast, please see or contact Alice Anderson, Jon Quam and/or Kevin Canfield.

– Next Sunday, March 18, 2007 – Fourth Sunday of Lent –

Adult Forum: will not meet this Sunday

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – The Lost Sheep

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

New Members Class: 12:30 – Library

Lessons: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Hospitality Hosts: Deidra and Peter Agbro. Josephine Allen

Congregational Information Meeting

On Sunday, March 18th 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.

J. Thomas Mitts organ recital at 5:00 pm — 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 several years, until the Cathedral's new organ is installed.

Lutherans Concerned Metro Washington D.C at 5:00 pm. -- 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

– 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 and the Evangelism committees. If you are interested in serving as member on one of these committees or as chair please contact the office.

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.



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

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 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.

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) or Pastor Phil Anderson for more information.

Saturday, March 24th: “*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.

Sunday, March 25th: 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

Tuesday, March 27th: "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 11,2007

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.

⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them-- do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

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

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Please enter on U Street. From 10 am – 4 pm on Sundays
First Come, First Served