

# *Augustana Lutheran Church*

*2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009*

## **PALM SUNDAY THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

March 16, 2008

10:00 a.m.

### **THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS**

The Congregation gathers at Meridian Hill Park for the Liturgy of the Palms.

**Hymn, No. 346**

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

### **Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the Highest!**

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

**Psalm 31:9-16**

*Sung by the Congregation to ELW Tone 9, page 338.*

**Second Lesson**

Philippians 2:5-11

**Gradual Hymn, No. 354**

Calvary

*The Congregation sings the Refrain; stanzas 1, 3-4 sung by the Soloist.*

Hymn of the Day



1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him dy - ing on the tree!  
 2. Tell me, all who hear him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like this?  
 3. You who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil great  
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion; Here the ref - uge of the lost;



This is Christ, by all re - ject - ed; Here, my soul, your Sav - ior see.  
 Friends through fear his cause dis - own - ing, Foes in - sult - ing his dis - ress;  
 Here may views its na - ture right - ly, Here its guilt may es - ti - mate.  
 Christ, the rock of our sal - va - tion, His the name of which we boast.



He's the long - ex - pect - ed proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord.  
 Man - y hands were raised to wound him, None would in - ter - vene to save;  
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed; See who bears the aw - ful load;  
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



Proofs I see suf - fi - cient of it: He's the true and faith - ful Word.  
 But the deep - est stroke that pierced him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
 It's the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

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:

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 all.  
**And also with you.**

**Anthem, at the Offering**                      O Wondrous Love                      J. S. Bach/J. T. Mitts

*The Congregation stands.*

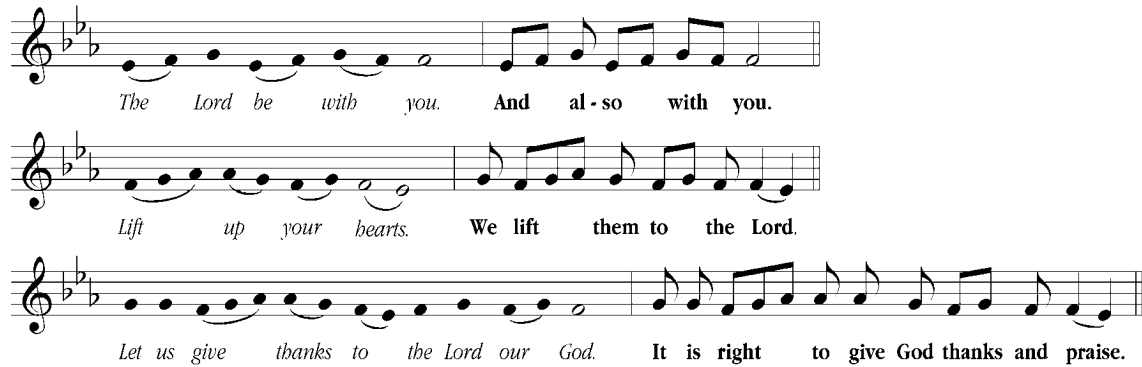
**Offertory Hymn, No. 337**    Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

### **Offertory Verse and Prayer**

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Let us pray. 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

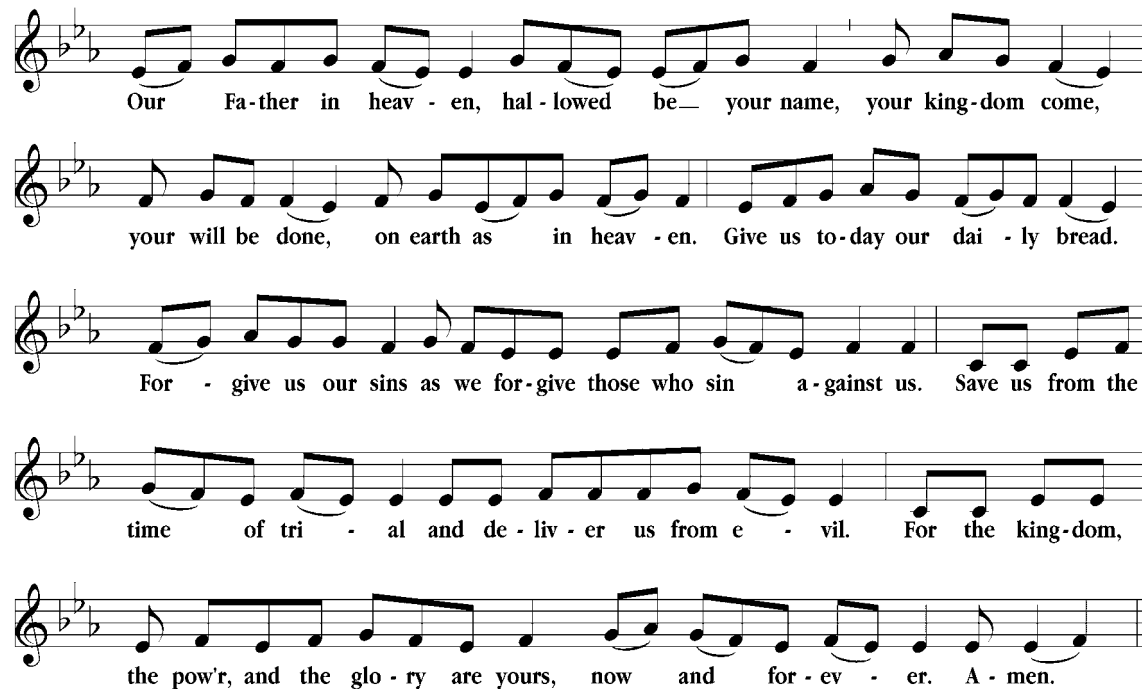


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## 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.

## 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 Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.*

*Non-communicants are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

Solo

He Was Despised

G. F. Handel

## 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, No. 201

### 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. 356

Sing, My Tongue

### Dismissal

Go in peace.

Proclaim God's eternal joy.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Voluntary

Kyrie! God the Holy Spirit

J. S. Bach

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

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Norman Theiss
<b>Deacon I</b>	Eileen Crawford
<b>Deacon II</b>	Kathy Garrison
<b>Lector</b>	Brian Borders
<b>Passion Story Readers</b>	<i>Narrator</i> – Kathryn Baerwald <i>Judas</i> – Carol Capps <i>Jesus</i> – Tommie L. Robison, Jr. <i>Witness/Disciple</i> – Tim Himes <i>Simon Peter</i> – Jerry Brown <i>Pilate</i> – Kane Borders <i>Servant Girls &amp; Pilate's Wife</i> – Caroline Borders <i>High Priests</i> – Pastor Theiss & Pastor Heinemeier <i>Crowd</i> – The Choir <i>Soldiers</i> – The Men of the Choir
<b>Crucifer</b>	David Juilfs
<b>Thurifer</b>	Douglas Anderson
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Kane Borders, Caroline Borders
<b>Book Bearer</b>	Randell Laughlin
<b>Organist and Choirmaster</b>	J. Thomas Mitts
<b>Vocal Soloists</b>	Phillip Assis, Betsy Miller
<b>The Parish Choir</b>	
<b>Tellers</b>	John McKirgan, Ruth Hunter, Tim Himes
<b>Ushers</b>	Ruth Hunter, Salome Burton, Heidi Hanson, Michael Kaiser Jerry Brown
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marilynn Olson, Carol Vezzetti
<b>Hospitality Hosts</b>	Friends of Barbara Solt

## ***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); Sean Castilla (Laughlin); Betty Childers (Wassum); Teresa Cross (Knauff); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Beverly Anderson Fauser (Louise Anderson); 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).

+ **Those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil:** Dylan Chung Roemer; Anthony Whitten, Jr.; Beimer Noil Joya, and Kaylee Sarai Joya

+ **Those who will be received at the Easter Vigil:** Melanie Caesar; Gina Jaeger; Steve Jaeger; Jacqueline Nader; and Al Young

+ **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.*



**February stewardship update:** As of March 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 -- \$830.00

**Thank You to our office volunteers** for preparing and mailing the March issue of the Augustanan on Friday. They were Josephine Allen, Novella Bradley, Salome Burton, Carol Capps, Ruth Hunter, Chuck Leath and Carol Vezzetti. The same group also prepared the Evangelism Committee's Holy Week postcard which advertised our upcoming services to the neighborhood.

**Congratulations to Mary Schooley** who has been confirmed by the congregational council as our new Head Teller. She will supervise and train our six teams of tellers. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact her.

**Thank you to Phillip Assis and Michael Kaiser** for putting up the Holy Week banners which advertise our services this coming week.

**Thank you to our regular office volunteers** who have greatly assisted us this week as we prepared for Holy Week. Those who gave of their time and talent were Salome Burton, Ingrid Margrave and Bruce Miller.

**Thank You to all** who made our Mid-Week Lenten dinners and Vespers services so successful this Lenten Season. A special thanks to our homilists and cantors whose contributions enriched all our lives. Additionally thanks to all who brought soup and bread to feed our flock.

### **'Green Palms'**

Today in celebration of Palm Sunday, Augustana has partnered with Lutheran World Relief to use Eco-Palms - a branch truly worthy of celebration! Our purchase of these palms supports harvesting communities in Guatemala and Mexico by increasing their income, providing education for their children and generating opportunities to purchase more nutritious fruits and vegetables. More importantly, local harvester cooperatives are empowered to choose where and

how funds from Eco-Palm sales should be invested in their communities. And, since Eco-Palms are harvested in a sustainable fashion, the communities protect the local rainforest for future generations. LWR has worked with the University of Minnesota to build support for this most worthy program. As we wave our palms, we can truly say: 'Hosanna in the highest!'

**– Today, March 16, 2008 – The 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.

**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.

**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 65<sup>th</sup> 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**



## HOLY WEEK

### – This Coming Week –

- Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>:** Maundy Thursday Liturgy – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Good Friday Liturgy (Spoken) – 12:00 Noon  
Neighborhood Stations of the Cross – 1:30 p.m.  
Begins at St. Augustine Church and ends at Augustana  
Good Friday Liturgy (Sung) – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Noon – Easter Egg Dyeing and Decorating – *for Children of All Ages*  
– Augustana Kitchen
- Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** The Vigil of Easter – 8:00 p.m., followed by a Gala Reception. – see box that follows.

***The Gala Reception following the Vigil of Easter  
Welcomes our newest members:  
nine new brothers and sisters in Christ.***

The Evangelism Committee sponsors the reception and requests that all Augustana Members help with the event:

1. By bringing Festive Reception Finger Food – Cakes, Pies, Sweets, Fruit, Cheese, Finger Sandwiches
2. By setting up at 4:00 p.m. and/or cleaning up afterwards.

Please see Jim Heinemeier, David Wassum or David Juilfs if you can volunteer



**– Next Sunday, March 23, 2007 – The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord –**

**Adult Forum:** does not meet today

**Sunday School:** Elementary School Class will not meet – Preschool Class will meet – Middle School Class, check with teachers.

**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon – He Has Risen

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

**Lessons:** Jeremiah 31:1-6; Palm 118: 1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

**Food for Fourth Sunday:** Collecting for our food pantry. Since it's Easter and many of you may be busy, members can bring food & supplies on the Fifth Sunday of the month, if they prefer!

**Hospitality Hosts:** No Coffee Hour this morning.

**– Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements –**

**Borg Book Study Group:** For information on how to be a part of this new book study group, see the green insert.

**The ELCA's Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality** was released on March 13, 2008. It is available online at [www.elca.org/faithfuljourney](http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney). The Augustana office does have a copy, and will print copies for members upon request.

## 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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**March 16, 2008**

**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Matthew's account of the passion today and John's version on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.*

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a**

*The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5–11**

*Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.