

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 18, 2007

TEN-THIRTY A.M.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

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.

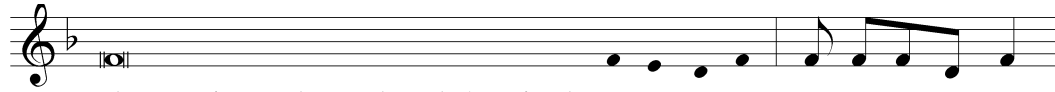
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

Hymn, No. 304

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Apostolic Greeting



*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.**

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son,
Chri - ste e - lei - son, Chri - ste e - lei - son,
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son,



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Prayer of the Day



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

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Joshua 5:9-12

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

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The Congregation stands.

Gradual Verse and Hymn

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have eternal 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 - 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 15:1-3, 11b-32

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. 385

What Wondrous Love Is This

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 He Leaves His Heavenly Portals Heinrich Isaac

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn



Offertory Verse and Prayer

Come; let us return to the Lord; for it is God who has torn, and God will heal us; God has struck down, and God will bind us up. After two days God will revive us; on the third day God will raise us up.

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.

Hymn, No. 733 (*With One Voice*)

Our Father, We Have Wandered

Hymn, No. 448

Amazing Grace

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. 524

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

Dismissal

Go in peace. Proclaim God's eternal joy!

Thanks be to God!

Voluntary

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	Doug Anderson
Deacon II	Kelly Bowers
Lector	Lola Wade
Organist and Choirmaster	Jeanne Lowe
The Parish Choir	
Crucifer	Scott Dillon
Bookbearer	Kelly Bowers
Torchbearers	Kathy Garrison, TBA
Ushers	Ruth Hunter, Courtney Allen, Salome Burton, Heidi Hanson, Michael Kaiser
Altar Guild	Mary Andoh, Salome Burton
Tellers	Peter Berube, Brian Danaher
Hospitality Hosts	Deidra and Peter Agbro. Josephine Allen

Parish Concerns

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

+ **Friends and Family:** Andy, Carlos and Rich (Bucci); Stacey Aus (Knauff); Rex Baker (Robinson); Effi Barry (Burton); 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); Jody Tindall (Alice & Bob Anderson); Marion Wagley (Capps); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Kay Wickre (Margrave); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder).

Augustana and our vision for the future.

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Burdell Jones, especially Salome and Ardelle Burton, on her death on March 12th.

Thank you to all who assisted with the Carroll Schipp Memorial Service yesterday. It was greatly appreciated by Dorothy Schipp and her extended family.

Gifts to the Glory of God: Katie, Nicole and David Skinner give Today's candle, bread and wine to the Glory of God in honor of Bobby Skinner's first birthday.

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: \$2,160.00

-- Today – Fourth Sunday of Lent --

Adult Forum: does not meet today

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

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

New Members Class: 12:30 – Library

Congregational Information Meeting

Today 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

– This Coming Week –

Tuesday, March 20th: Congregational Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Library

Wednesday, March 21st: Mid Week Lenten Joint Lutheran Service – hosted this week by First Trinity Lutheran Church, 309 E Street, N.W. 6:30 p.m. – Soup and Bread; 7:30 Worship –Pastor James Phillips preaching.

Thursday, March 22nd: 6:30 p.m. Healing and Prayer Service – Social Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

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.

– Next Sunday, March 25, 2007 – Fifth Sunday of Lent –

Adult Forum: Lenten Bible Study: Ordinary and Extraordinary

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Zaccheus

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

New Members Class: 12:30 – Library

Lessons: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Hospitality Hosts: Grace Morgan, Brian Borders and family, Margaret Mushala and family

Lutherans Concerned Metro Washington D.C. – 3:00 p.m. 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

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-- Upcoming Events and Announcements –

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.



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

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.

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 18, 2007
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST READING:

Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

GOSPEL:

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ¹¹"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with

compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

