

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16



1. When in the night I med - i - ate on mer - cies mul - ti - plied,
2. For - ev - er in my thought the Lord be - fore my face shall stand;
3. My in - most be - ing thrills with joy and glad - ness fills my breast;
4. I know that I shall not be left fro - got - ten in the grave,
5. The path of life Thou show - est me; of joy a bound - less store



my grate - ful heart in - spires my tongue to bless the Lord, my guide.
se - cure, un - moved I shall re - main, with God at my right hand.
be - cause on God my trust is stayed, my flesh in hope shall rest.
and from cor - rup - tion, Thou, O Lord, thy ho - ly one wilt save.
is ev - er found at thy right hand, and ple - sures ev - er - more.

Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

The Congregation stands.

Gradual Hymn, No. 381

Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

The Gospel is announced:



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ___ chapter. Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:



The Gos - pel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn at the Returning Procession, No. 372

Christ Is Arisen

Sermon

Hymn of the Day, No. 386

Stanzas 1, 4-8.

○ Sons and Daughters of the King

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 Congregation is seated.

Anthem, at the Offering Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedell

The Congregation stands.

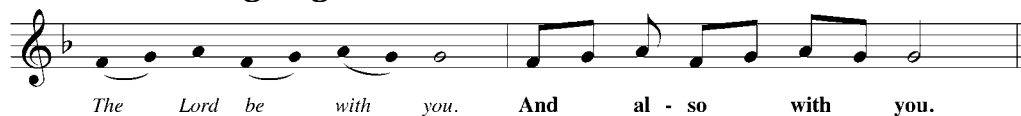
Offertory Hymn, No. 382 – Stanza 1 Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Offertory Verse and Prayer

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Rid yourselves of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Living God, **in Christ's resurrection you raised up new life for the world. Receive what we offer, that others might know that life through the gifts you give us to use and to share. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving



Preface and Sanctus – No. 192

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.

At the Fraction – Christ Our Passover



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Hymn, No. 382

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

O God of love, you bind us to yourself in this sacrament, and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world. Guide us by your Spirit that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of life. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 128

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go and tell the news that Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Voluntary

“Christ lag in Todes Banden: (BWV 625)

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. Please join us following the Service.

Servants at God’s Altar

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Kelly Bowers
Deacon II	Eileen Crawford
Lector	Rebecca Berman
Crucifer	Isaac Sorenson
Torch Bearers	Lars Sorenson, Nichole Wade
Book Bearer	Alex Brown
Organist and Choirmaster	Sonja Kahler and Matt Larson
The Parish Choir	
Tellers	Peter Berube, Salome Burton, David Wassum
Ushers	Ruth Hunter, Salome Burton, Jerry Brown, Heidi Hanson, Michael Kaiser
Altar Guild	Carol Vezzetti, Marilyn Olson
Hospitality Hosts	Josephine Allen, Deidra & Peter Agbro

Concerns of the People

In our prayers, let us include the following:

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson, Aaron Bonds, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Kathy Garrison, Herman Davis, Sr 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); (Teresa Cross (Knauff); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Beverly Anderson Fauser (Louise Anderson); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Betty Grady (Werner); Dorothy Hairston (Burton); 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); Val Smith (Pizza); Janet Spleen (Jaeger); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Diana Tate (Richter); Jim Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Jancye O. Washington (Burton); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with Jon Quam on the death of his father Clifford Quam in Montana last week.

+ **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.

March stewardship update: As of March 23rd 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 -- \$3,575.00

Thank You to all our volunteers who assisted at God's Altar during Holy Week. The deacons, lectors, special readers, acolytes altar guild, ushers, and tellers all made the many services of Holy Week very special. A huge thank you to the choir for their wonderful voices. And finally, our deep appreciation to Kevin Canfield, whose talented use of flowers and plants always glorifies God, especially at Easter.

Thank You to all our volunteers who assisted with the Gala Reception following the Easter Vigil.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008

The Call Committee and the Augustana Congregational Council are pleased to announce that there will be a Special Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, April 13, 2008 immediately following the Worship Service to call a new *pastor* to our beloved congregation.

– Today, March 30, 2008 – The Second Sunday of Easter–

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Living the Good News: Faith and Doubt

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.

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

– This Coming Week –

Thursday, April 3rd: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm – Choir Room

– Next Sunday, April 6, 2008– The Third Sunday of Easter –

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Living the Good News: Emmaus Revelation

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: 10:30 – Noon – Nursery

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Hospitality Hosts: Mary Andoh, Sarita Chapman

ELCA World Hunger Fund Sunday

Social Ministries Committee will be selling Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolate during the Hospitality Hour.

All Committee meet – with exception of the Evangelism Committee

– Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements –

We are reviving the "**Building Use Committee**" here at Augustana and we need your help to get it started and volunteers to make it work! So far we have two volunteers, LeeAnn Hart and Chip Fenton. In the past, Council and Property committee members played a major role in working with the tenant, but we would like to start a new committee to focus on Augustana's needs as well as those of our current and future tenants. Augustana learned recently that our current tenant, ALTA, will not be renewing the lease for the 2008-2009 school year; they will stay through the end of July 2008, so this committee will also work on finding a new tenant. This is an exciting opportunity for Augustana, and we ask that you prayerfully consider taking part in this renewed and very important committee. We are especially interested in any ideas you may have for potential new tenants, or contacts you may have in the commercial real estate business who could assist us in locating a suitable tenant. If you are interested or want to learn more, please contact the office or Rebecca Roth.

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



March 30, 2008

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first

letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22–32

After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

²⁵"For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3–9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In

this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL: John 20:19–31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side,

I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



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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