

# *Augustana Lutheran Church*

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

## **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 4, 2008

10:30 a.m.

We welcome all friends and visitors this morning to Augustana Lutheran Church, 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 for hospitality in the Social Hall following the service.

### **THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE**

#### **Voluntary**

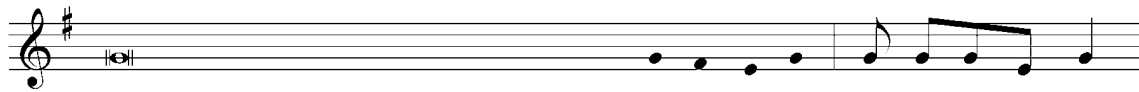
*As the bells are rung, the Congregation stands and turns to face the Baptismal Font.*

#### **Entrance Hymn, No. 393**

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism – page 97**

#### **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 – Setting Four, page 147**

#### **Canticle – page 149**

This Is the Feast of Victory

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day



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

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*The Congregation is seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

### Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35



Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered;  
let those who | hate God flee.  
<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.  
<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;  
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.  
<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;  
"I AM" is that name, rejoice | before God!  
<sup>5</sup>In your holy habita- | tion, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;  
<sup>6</sup>you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in | desert places.  
<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,  
when you marched | through the wilderness,  
<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;  
 you restored your inheritance | when it languished.  
<sup>10</sup>Your people found their | home in it;  
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.  
<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;  
 sing praises | to the Lord.  
<sup>33</sup>You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;  
 you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.  
<sup>34</sup>Ascribe pow- | er to God,  
 whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.  
<sup>35</sup>How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,  
 giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!

**Second Lesson**

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*The Congregation stands.*

**Gradual**

*Sung by the Choir.*

**Holy Gospel**

John 17:1-11

*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.***

**Sermon**

*The Congregation stands.*

**Hymn of the Day, No. 322**

*Stanzas 1, 4-7.*

Oh, Love, How Deep

**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 peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

### **Anthem, at the Offering**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hugo Distler

*The Congregation stands.*

## Offertory Hymn, No. 392

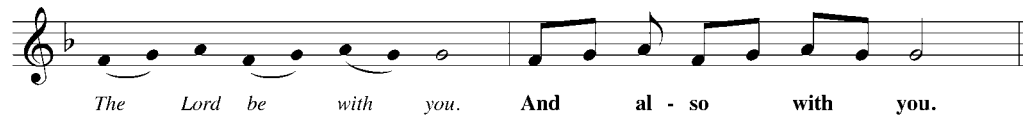
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

### Offertory Verse and Prayer

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? If you then know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

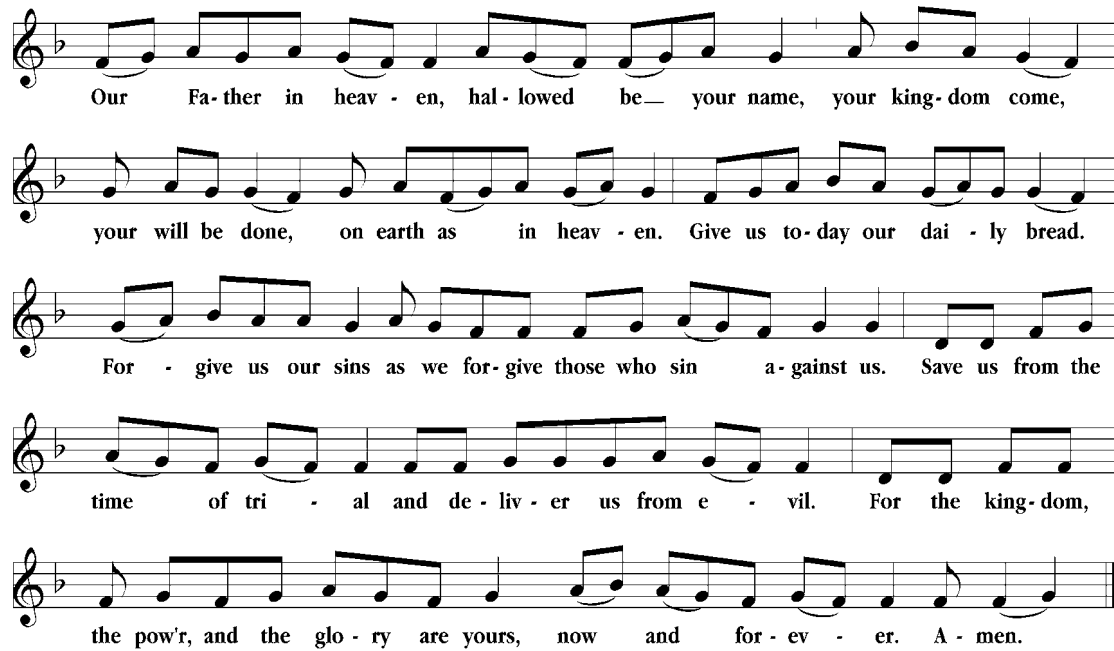
Living God, **in Christ's resurrection you raised up new life for the world. Receive what we offer, that others might know that life through the gifts you give us to use and to share. Amen**

### The Great Thanksgiving



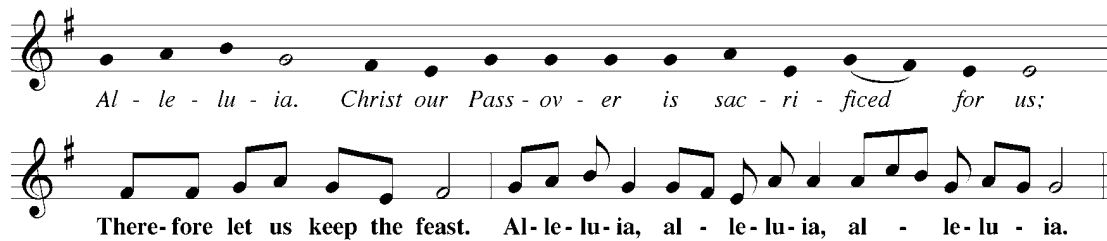
### Preface and Sanctus, Eucharistic Prayer – No. 192

## 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**

Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem

**Hymn, No. 379**

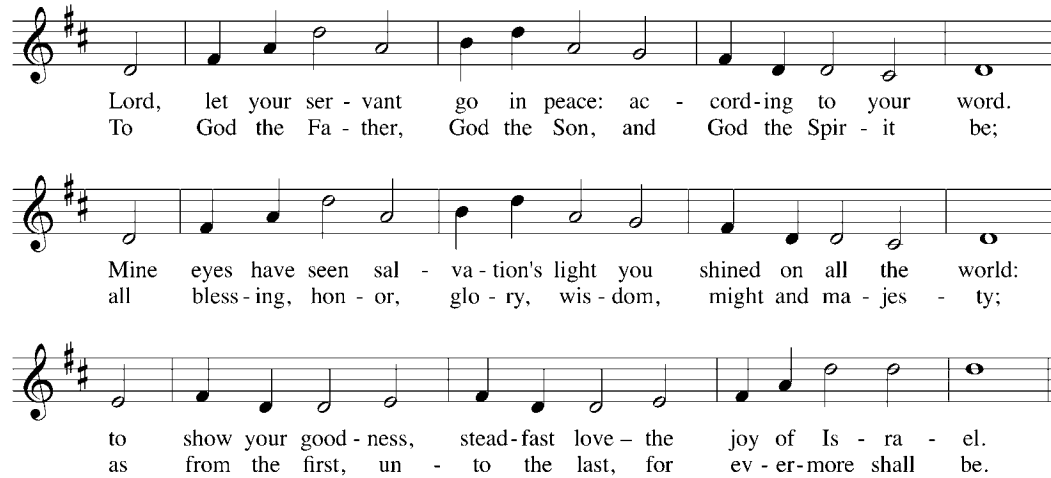
Now the Green Blade Rises

*The Congregation stands.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION

### Eucharistic Blessing

#### Nunc dimittis



Lord, let your ser - vant go in peace: ac - cord - ing to your word.  
To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it be;

Mine eyes have seen sal - va - tion's light you shined on all the world:  
all bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, wis - dom, might and ma - jes - ty;

to show your good - ness, stead - fast love - the joy of Is - ra - el.  
as from the first, un - to the last, for ev - er - more shall be.

#### 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. 475

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

#### Dismissal

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

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

#### Voluntary



## *Servants at God's Altar*

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Norman Theiss
<b>Deacon I</b>	Douglas Anderson
<b>Deacon II</b>	David Juilfs
<b>Lector</b>	Chantelle Agbro Monique Agbro
<b>Crucifer</b>	Scott Dillon
<b>Thurifer</b>	John Shutt
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Isaac Sorenson, Lars Sorenson
<b>Book Bearer</b>	Joyce Byamungu Waguti
<b>Organist and Choirmaster</b>	J. Thomas Mitts
<b>The Parish Choir</b>	
<b>Cantor / Soloist</b>	Betsy Miller
<b>Tellers</b>	John McKirgan, Mary Andoh
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Borders, Grace Morgan Kane Borders, Caroline Borders
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Judi Bucci
<b>Hospitality Hosts</b>	Liz Bruening, Norman Forness
<b>Sunday School Teachers</b>	Nicole Ruman Skinner, Dawn Fenton, Esther Rege

## *Concerns of the People*

### **In our prayers, let us include the following:**

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson; Celia Davenport; Herman Davis, Sr.; Dorothy Gladney; 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); Keeva Harmon (Burton); Leona Harper (Knauff); The Rev. Jane Henderson (Schilke); Irma Holderbein (Heinemeier; Guy Jacobs (Berube); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); Jennifer Kileo (Hart); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Samantha Lopez (Kahler-Larson); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Adelaide Lusambilli (Markle-Elder); Ken Merritt (Hunter); William Moon (Wassum); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Marion Papacosta (Roth-Renne); Grace Patterson (Burton); Josephine Pizza (Pizza); Carrie Reynolds (Knauff); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Marvin Safrit (Anderson/Bowell); The Sharp family (Hart); Janet Spleen (Jaeger); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Diana Tate (Richter);

Jim Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

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

**Gifts to the Glory of God:** Today's flowers, candle, bread and wine, are given to the Glory of God by Kathy Garrison in honor of her grandsons Liam and David on their 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> birthdays.

**Mortgage Madness Update:** From the beginning of Advent in December through April 27<sup>th</sup> we received \$71,043 in Accessibility contributions –we are than half way to our “necessary” goal of \$120,000 to cover a year's mortgage payments! Anything we raise above that amount between now and Advent 2008 can be used to pay off 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 Sunday -- \$ 1,215.00

**Thank You** to Salome Burton, Bruce Miller, Betsy Knauff and Ingrid Margrave for assisting with numerous tasks in the office this week.

*– Today, May 4, 2008 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter –*

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m. – Library – Living the Good News: Abiding in Jesus.

**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. Sunday School teachers: Nicole Ruman Skinner, Dawn Fenton, Esther Rege

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

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

**ELCA – World Hunger Sunday** – Our monthly collection for that important work – See insert & envelope

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

**All Augustana Committees** meet with the exception of the Evangelism Committee.

Christian Education Committee meets in the Library

Finance Committee meets in Room 301

Property Committee meets in Room 302

Social Ministries Committee meets in Room 118

Stewardship Committee meets in Room 303a

Worship & Music Committee meets in the Choir Room

*– This Coming Week –*

**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm – Choir Room

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>:** New Members Reception – from 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Home of Larry Anthony and Ron Mueller



***– Next Sunday, May 11, 2008– Day of Pentecost –  
Pastor Theiss Appreciation Sunday  
Reception of New Members***

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m. – Library – Living the Good News: Safety and Oneness

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**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon – Nursery

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

**Lessons:** Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>:** Will be Pastor Theiss' last Sunday with us. A **special pot-luck luncheon** is planned to celebrate his ministry with us. If you would like to assist with that celebration, please see or contact Rebecca Roth For the potluck luncheon, households whose last name is **A-I**, please bring Salads or Side Dishes, and those households whose last name is **J-Z** should bring Desserts, Bread and Butter or Drinks.

**Vespers and Concert:** The Augustana Choir will present a special Pentecost Vespers Service and Concert at 5:00 p.m. Plan now to attend this special service and hear the wonderful music performed by members of the choir. – See flyer insert – extra copies of the flyer are available in the narthex for you to share with friends and colleagues.

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

**How Green is Our Newsletter?** In our last Newsletter and in a recent Sunday Bulletin, we asked Augustana members who had household email addresses if they would accept a PDF electronic copy of the newsletter instead of a paper copy. So far, we have received requests from only (8) eight members. As 'charter subscribers' these respondents will be rewarded with PDF copies in a limited gilt-edged edition that are bound in half-calf! However, numbers like this will not save a toothpick! Please think again, and tell us that you will be happy to receive an electronic copy. (Note to those of you who do not have email: we know who you are, and you will still receive a paper copy.) Please let Bruce Miller know at [bruce@millerspace.com](mailto:bruce@millerspace.com) if you want an electronic newsletter.

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Augustana Youth will once again be preparing and serving dinner to the women of the shelter ran by N Street Village. If you could like to assist in preparing food for this meal, please contact Grace Morgan at 301/718-4388 or at [gpm202@aol.com](mailto:gpm202@aol.com)

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:** National Lutheran Home Spring Festival – see yellow insert

**Hold the Date:** On Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> will celebrate the end of our Sunday School year with a picnic as our hospitality hour. Co-chaired by Esther Rege and Sonvy Waidler the event will feature fun, refreshments, and games. Plan now to join in the celebration. Contact Sonvy Waidler if you would like to assist with the events planned for the day.



**May 4, 2008**

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

### **FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14**

*Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension.*

So when [the apostles] had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where

they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others, because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>1</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5,6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

<sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

## **GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup>"And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### **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 following the commandments and mission that the Word of God in Jesus Christ has given us so that we may live effectively in the world as we are located."

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