

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

TIME AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 23

NOVEMBER 11, 2007

TEN-THIRTY 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. We invite you to join us for hospitality following the Service.

A nursery is available for children up to five years old; see an usher for information. After receiving Holy Eucharist, children meet their Sunday School teachers at the Truman Door and move to their classes in Rooms 303a and 303b.

The Liturgy – Setting Five

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

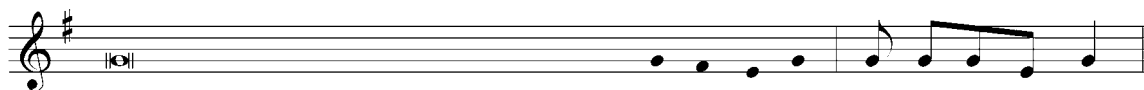
J. S. Bach

Confession and Forgiveness – page 94

Hymn, No. 824

This Is My Father’s World

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 – page 156

Gloria – page 158

Prayer of the Day



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

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Congregation is seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

Sung by All to ELW Tone 5, page 337.

Second Lesson

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

The Congregation stands.

Gradual

Sung by the Choir.

Holy Gospel

Luke: 20:27-38

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. 619

Stanzas 1-3, 8.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Each petition concludes with one of the following responses:

Lord in your mercy: **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.

Solo

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G. F. Handel

The Congregation stands.

Offertory, No. 182

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offertory Verse and Prayer

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Let us pray. God of all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts that we might be for the world signs of your precious presence in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving – Setting Five, page 161

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus, Acclamation and Amen – page 162

The Lord's Prayer – page 163

Agnus Dei – page 164

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 -- O Jesu, Joy of Loving Hearts

Sung by the Choir.

Organ Setting: Gerald Near

Choral Setting: J. Thomas Mitts

Hymn, No. 638

Blessed Assurance

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis, No. 201

Post-Communion Prayer

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 628

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Dismissal

Go in peace to love God and serve your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Postlude in G Major

G. F. Handel

Servants at God's Altar

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Kathy Garrison
Deacon II	Kelly Bowers
Lector	Bruce Reed
Organist and Choirmaster	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Vocal Soloist	Betsy Miller
Crucifer	Bonnie LePard
Bookbearer	Lars Sorenson
Torchbearers	Nichole Hoffman, Isaac Sorenson
Altar Guild	Alice Anderson, Carol Vezetti
Ushers	Brian Shannon
Tellers	Peter Berube, Ruth Hunter
Hospitality Hosts	Ruth Sorenson, Betsy Knauff

Parish Concerns

In our prayers, let us include the following:

+ **Members:** Aaron Bonds, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Herman Davis, Sr., Dorothy Gladney, Jim Heinemeier; Renee Ivery, Sam Luebke, Bill Reid, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Bill Barrows (Richter); Jeff Becker (Gaston); Connie Boorer (Hunter); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Judith Bremner (Bradley); Melissa & Kevin Brown (Larisch); Judy Cashner (Cashner); George Cypress (Burton); Teresa Cross (Knauff); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Ray "Bud" Erickson (Kennedy-Nash); Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Lyle Forness (Forness); TraciLynn Fox (VandenBosch); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Betty Grady (Werner); Leona Harper (Knauff); Mary Elizabeth Jacobs (Berube); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Randell Laughlin (Theiss); Sylvia Louttamus (Louttamus); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Frank & Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Sally Markle (Markle-Elder); Ken Merritt (Hunter); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Fernando Otero (Pizza); Marion Papacosta (Roth-Renne); Susan Papp (Lenhart/Ray); Rachelle Portner (Hart); Mary Ann Richardson (Kennedy-Nash); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Norma Shirey (Hart); Iris and Juan Sosa (Leath); Deborah Tang (Burton); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Richard Tepel (Schipp); Marion Wagley (Capps); Joan Wassum (Wassum); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

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

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Violet Fiskerbeck, mother of Elizabeth Bruening, who died on Thursday, November 1.

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Rich Shirey, uncle of LeeAnn Hart, who died on Monday, November 5.

+ **The Augustana Call Committee:** Ruth Sorenson, Chair, Josephine Allen, Brian Danaher, Robert (Chip) Fenton, LeeAnn Hart, Tommie Robinson, Jr., and Rebecca Roth, *ex officio*.

Gifts to the Glory of God: Today's flowers are given by Dr. Tommie Lee Robinson, Jr. in memory of his grandmother, Annie Green.

Next Steps in our Mortgage Madness Campaign: We will renew our "Help Pay the Monthly Mortgage" Campaign with the arrival of Advent in December. Meanwhile, thanks to the generosity of so many members and friends, by the end of June we had received enough funds for Accessibility to cover our \$9,899 monthly mortgage payments (principal and interest) through November, the end of the church year. **Now we have a great opportunity - namely, to use all additional Accessibility funds donated this autumn to pay back principal exclusively.** The benefits of making supplemental principal payments are enormous, as every additional dollar applied to principal payment saves us dollars in interest. In fact, our Finance Committee has calculated that **every \$4.00 used to pay down principal will save us \$6.00 in interest.** Let's see how many interest dollars we can save by December! Contributed last week: \$3,691.

-- Today --

Adult Forum: 9:15 – Library – Resurrection Life

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Samuel Listens to God

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School: After receiving Communion, the children exit via the Truman Door for their Classrooms – Rooms 303a and 303b.

Hospitality Hosts: Ruth Sorenson, Betsy Knauff

Greeting cards to Iraq: Please sign some Christmas cards to the troops during hospitality time today. We will send the cards to a chaplain stationed in Iraq through the ELCA Federal Chaplaincy Ministries to share with his congregation, along with phone calling cards which servicemembers can use to call home for Christmas. Please help give some peace in a time of war.

* **Organ Recital:** J. Thomas Mitts presents an organ recital here at Augustana at 4:00 p.m., with a reception following in the Social Hall. You are cordially invited to attend.

-- This Week --

Monday, November 12: Church office closed for Veterans Day holiday.

Thursday, November 15: Choir rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – Room 303

November 16 & 17 - It's Thanksgiving basket time. We need volunteers to buy food and pack the baskets. Pick up will be at the social hall, by noon Saturday. Contact Celia Davenport at 202-829-9750 or Brian Danaher at danaherb@hotmail.com .

-- Next Sunday, November 18th, 24th Sunday After Pentecost --

Adult Forum: 9:15 – Library - Standing Steady in God

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – David and Goliath

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Malachi 4:1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

Stewardship luncheon of thanksgiving for the 2008 financial and time & talent commitments we place in the offering that day. A-H bring dessert; I-Y bring a salad or vegetable dish. Ham and turkey will be provided.

- Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements --

Stewardship - 2008 advance pledging by leadership has resulted in a range of pledges from \$19 weekly to \$325 weekly, with an average weekly pledge of \$90.90. Let's build on this strong beginning with generous pledges!

November 17, 9 am - Help the Homeless Walkathon. We did the mini-walk, so let's do the "real" 5-kilometer walk around the National Mall! Meet other Augustana's at a meeting place on the Mall at 8:30am. For more information, contact Brian Rivas at brianrivas@yahoo.com or Brian Danaher at danaherb@hotmail.com. Register at www.helpthehomelessdc.org

Saturday, November 17th: Quiet Day in preparation of Advent, co-sponsored by the Metro DC Synod Prayer Resources Group, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Route 50 & Woodlawn Avenue, Falls Church, Virginia. (Church phone - 703/532-6617). The Quiet Day theme is “Living with open hands ... waiting”, and will be in three sessions, each featuring a short introduction to be followed by a time for silent reflection, during which participants will be invited to prepare for God's coming this Advent. The Quiet Day leaders are the Rev, Jane Halpern and Barbara Rosenbaum of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Lunch is provided. (Donation requested) To register for the Quiet Day contact Barbara Rosenbaum at 703/824-1947 or email her at rosenbaum.Barbara@Verizon.net .

Amigos - Fellowship: The Social Ministries Committee is extending outreach to our sister congregation Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria in a very simple way. We are encouraging Augustanans to choose a Sunday when they can volunteer to attend a Santa Maria service, and to use the opportunity to make new friends. Please contact Brian Danaher at danaherb@hotmail.com if you can volunteer to be our "ambassador" this month on November 25.

Martha's Table : Thank you to Brian Rivas and Scott Berglund for volunteering at Martha's Table on November 3rd. Members of Augustana provide food to those in need the first Saturday

of every month. We are looking for volunteers on December 1st and January 5th. Please contact Amy Yergey at 301-294-9185 or ayergey@yahoo.com if you'd like to help or need more information.

Thanksgiving Service - On Thanksgiving Day, November 22, the combined Thanksgiving Service will be held at New Bethel Baptist Church. Fr. Smith of St. Augustine Catholic Church will preach, and the St. Augustine choir will sing.

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.”



FIRST READING:

Job 19:23-27a

"O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

SECOND READING:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

GOSPEL:

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."