

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

TIME AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 28

NOVEMBER 18, 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 Celebration.

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

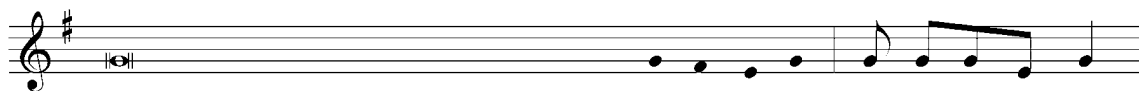
Voluntary

Confession and Forgiveness – page 94

Hymn, No. 327

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

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

Salutation and Prayer of the Day



O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

The Congregation is seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

Sung by All to ELW Tone 7, page 337.

Second Lesson

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

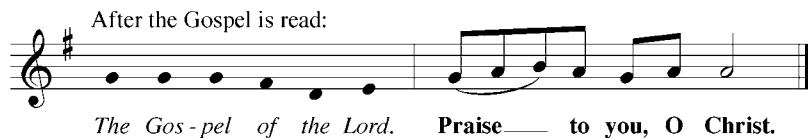
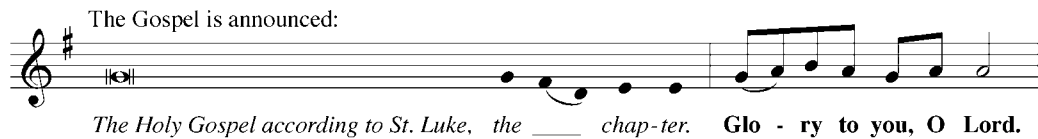
The Congregation stands for the Gospel Procession.

Gradual

Sung by the Choir.

Holy Gospel

Luke: 21:5-19



Sermon

The Congregation stands for the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor



1. Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2. Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3. Crown, O God, your own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness



King of kings, with your liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease; and the cit - y's crowd - ed clan - gor
with your sword; feed the faint and hun - gry peo - ples



purge this land of bit - ter things; so - lace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of your Word; cleanse the bod - y



wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of your wings.
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

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.

Anthem

Jubilate Deo

Dale Wood

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 883

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Members come forward to place their pledge cards in the basket at the Chancel steps.

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

Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee Plainchant, Mode V

Sung by the Choir.

Organ Variations by Gerald Near

Hymn, No. 460

Now the Silence

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. 711

O Day of Peace

Dismissal

Go in peace to love God and serve your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Servants at God's Altar

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Patricia Richter
Deacon II	Ben Cutler
Lector	Tim Himes
Organist and Choirmaster	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Crucifer	Nichole Wade
Bookbearer	Caroline Borders
Torchbearers	Carolyn Gist, Kane Borders
Altar Guild	Alice Anderson, Carol Vezzetti
Ushers	Tim Himes, Bruce Gaston
Tellers	John McKirgan, Mary Andoh, Tom VandenBosch
Hospitality Hosts	Stewardship Committee

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 (Brian 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); 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 Luttamus (Luttamus); 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).

+ **In Thanksgiving** for the life of K. Helena Schilke, mother of Diane Schilke.

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Rich Shirley on his death, especially his wife Norma and his niece, LeeAnn Hart. Mr. Shirley passed away on November 5th

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Lorraine Getz on her death, especially her niece, Judy Floy. Ms. Getz was killed in a pedestrian accident in northern Minnesota on November 10th.

+ **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.

Gifts to the Glory of God: Today’s flowers are given by LeeAnn Hart in thanksgiving for her daughter Brooke’s fifth birthday.

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: \$1,875.00



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!

-- Today --

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

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

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.

Stewardship luncheon of thanksgiving for the 2008 financial and time & talent commitments we placed in the offering this morning.

Class on Listening with Kathy Garrison will meet in the library at 12:30pm today. It is a time to learn how to be truly present for and with another person and learn a little something about ourselves in the process

-- This Week --



Thanksgiving Service -- Thursday, November 22nd: Continuing our long tradition of a Community Worship Service on Thanksgiving Day this year's Service will be held at New Bethel Baptist Church, 1739 9th Street, N.W, Washington DC. Father Smith of St. Augustine Catholic Church will preach, and the choirs of both New Bethel and St. Augustine choir will sing. Pastor Theiss will participate in the service as well. Please join us for this celebratory service.

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.

-- Next Sunday, November 25th – The Feast of Christ the King –



Adult Forum: Will not meet

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Daniel and the Lions

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Hospitality Hosts: Jon Quam and Liz Bruening

Fourth Sunday of the Month Food Collection – Food donations for our holiday baskets and the Food Pantry are greatly appreciated.

- Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements --

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.

Sunday, December 2nd, The First Sunday of Advent: We begin the Advent season and open the new Church Year this Sunday morning with the cantata, "Savior of the Nations, Come" by J. S. Bach. The choir will be joined by soloists and accompanied by an ensemble of violins, viola, cello, bass, oboes, bassoon, and organ. Join us for this special service as we prepare for the coming of our Lord.



Sunday, December 9th: Join the Augustana Choir and fellow Augustana members for a Carol Sing at the National Lutheran Home following our hospitality hour. We encourage all members to meet and greet the residents of the National Lutheran home and enjoy caroling with Dr. Mitts and our choir.

Sunday, December 16th: Mark your calendar and plan to attend Augustana's Lucia Fest on December 16th at 5:00 p.m. A beautifully meditative Vespers service precedes the children's program. An Augustana tradition for more than 45 years, the Swedish tradition is a celebration for all to enjoy. All Augustana youth are invited to participate as Nissen, Star Boys, Lucia Queen and her court, banner bearers and more! As we gather in the spectacularly decorated Social Hall for a reception of Swedish inspired treats, the children continue the festive spirit as they invite all

attending to enjoy the Lucy cat buns!! For more information contact Ruth Sorenson at rutharne@gmail.com Volunteers for treats – always welcome!!

Gifts of Hope – Sunday, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th: As is our annual tradition, we will once again this holiday season offer members of Augustana the opportunity to select some unique Christmas gifts – gifts that provide for daily needs, gifts that build for the future, and gifts that bring joy. Among the beneficiaries this year are N Street Village, National Lutheran Home, Community Family Life Services, Fellowship Square Foundation, Lutheran Churches in Namibia, the Lutheran Church in El Salvador, Lutheran Social Services, Transitional Housing Corporation, Southeast Ministry, Mar-Lu-Ridge and the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. Gifts range greatly and include such items as a trip to the beauty shop, a basket of books, bus tokens, resettlement kits, a university scholarship, a week of summer camp, bed liners, ice cream treats and many others. Please see Grace Morgan during the hospitality hour to make your selections. This is a wonderful way to get started on your holiday shopping.



During the Sundays of Advent, Adult Forum will feature a special Bible study, "Repentance, Faith, Holiness, and Love." The series will examine the special meaning of Advent as a time of quiet waiting, self-reflection, and devotion in anticipation of the coming of Christ. Each week will focus on a special theme that will illuminate the simplicity and harmony of the season (in contrast to the hectic busy-ness of the pre-Christmas period) and provide us with a renewed appreciation for this time of preparation. Adult Forum meets at 9:15 a.m. in the library.

Report from the Call Committee

In mid-September, the Augustana Call Committee met with the Congregational Council to review, and receive approval for the Augustana pastoral candidate materials. By late September, following a few additions and revisions, the completed packet was submitted to the Synod.

Recognizing that Bishop Graham was just coming on board, the call committee anticipated that the transition at the headquarters may create a pause in our Call process. As we eagerly await our meeting with Bishop Graham on Monday, December 3rd, we have been assured that dialogue about Augustana has begun and continuing discussions are on the Synod agenda. At this point, we believe that the names of pastoral candidates submitted by Augustana members, those submitted by candidate's themselves and names suggested by the Synod are being considered. The Augustana congregation profile packet will soon be reviewed. The Synod office does not have a specific time frame to share with us at this point. Until we meet with the Bishop, we do not know any names of prospective candidates.

To keep our momentum going, the Call Committee has met to think through the nature of the interview process and the questions and discussions we hope will be part of the interview dialogue.

As the call process unfolds in the months to come, we intend to continue bulletin announcements and brief Sunday updates as our means to keep the congregation informed. We welcome your thoughts and questions as this exciting process moves forward.

In Christ's name, The Augustana Call Committee

November 18, 2007

TIME AFTER PENTECOST -- LECTIONARY 33

INTRODUCTION

Signs of the end time fill today's gospel. Christ will come again "to judge the living and the dead," we confess in the creed. How, then, shall we live, knowing that everything around us will one day pass away? We can live with hope if we know that history is heading toward the God who loves us. Yet we also live in the present moment ready for action, making the most of the time given to us as a gift.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that the day of the Lord is coming and that it will bring doom to the evil but vindication to those who fear God.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, preferring to live on the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them that if they want to eat, they need to work.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

Luke's presentation of Jesus' teaching about the last days emphasizes the necessity for responsible behavior in the time between Jesus' ascension and the second coming.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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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Parents: A nursery is available for children up to five years old.
See an usher for directions

Parking is available at the Reeves Center – 14th & U Streets
Please enter on U Street. From 10 am – 4 pm on Sundays
First Come, First Served