

# *Augustana Lutheran Church*

*2100 New Hampshire Avenue. N.W. Washington. DC*

## **THE DAY OF REFORMATION AND RECONCILIATION**

OCTOBER 28, 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.

### **Reformation Theology**

Three phrases sum up the principles at work in Reformation theology from the 16<sup>th</sup> century:

**Scripture only:** Faith and life are guided only by God’s word.

**Faith only:** Justification is received only through trust in God’s promises.

**Grace only:** Righteousness is offered only the undeserved love of God in Christ Jesus.

The reformers lived in hope – not hope as wishfulness, but hope as faith and confidence. Their hope based on Scripture, was a) that God is loving and not vengeful, b) the salvation is free in Christ, and c) that the presence of God is a gift, not of our doing.

Today we still live in that hope. Our lives are shaped by the gratitude we have for that love. Our lives are always capable of being re-formed to God’s Word, by God’s Word so that we live in that love. God’s good news for Reformation Day is this: God’s word is sure. Our faith is in God. Through grace, God will shape us and save us.

## THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

**Voluntary**

A Mighty Fortress

Dietrich Buxtehude

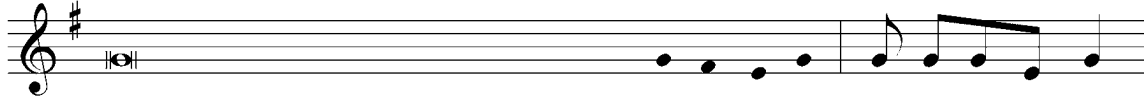
*As the bells are rung, the Congregation stands and turns to face the Baptismal Font.*

**Entrance Hymn, No. 504**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Stanza 3 sung by the Choir.*

**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 – Hymn No. 409**

Kyrie! God, Father

**Gloria – Hymn No. 410**

All Glory Be to God on High

**Salutation and Prayers of the Day**



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

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Lesson**

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

**Psalm 84:1-7**



How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to me!  
Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a nest;  
For bet - ter one day in thy courts than thous - ands far a - way,



My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with - in thy courts to be;  
how hap - py they who dwell with Thee and praise Thee with - out rest,  
and at thy thres - hold, Lord, to stand than in strange tents to stay.



my ve - ry heart and flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for Thee.  
and hap - py they who trust in Thee and are for - ev - er blest.  
The Lord our sun and shield will be, and give us grace al - way.

**Second Lesson**

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**Gradual Hymn, No. 517**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

*Stanzas 1 and 2.*

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 18:9-14

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.*

**Hymn at the Returning Procession, No. 517**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

*Stanza 3.*

**Sermon**

*The Congregation stands for the Sermon Hymn.*

**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 the following responses:*

Lord in hour mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Sharing of Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Anthem, at the Offering**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hugo Distler

*The Congregation stands for the Offertory Hymn.*

**Offertory Hymn, No. 883**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

**Offertory Verse and Prayer**

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Amen!

Gracious God, by **Christ's death on the cross you have given new life to us. Receive these gifts as tokens of our love for you, that we might give thanks for the fullness of your salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**The Great Thanksgiving – Setting Three, page 145**

**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.

**Agnus Dei – page 146**

**The Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament**

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist.  
 Non-communicants are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

**Anthem**

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

J. S. Bach

**Hymn, No. 369**

The Church's One Foundation

## THE POST-COMMUNION

*The Congregation stands.*

### **Eucharistic Blessing**

**Nunc dimittis – Hymn No. 440**

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Gracious God, through the gift of this meal you heal our brokenness and strengthen our spirits. Increase our faith in you, that the power of this holy sacrament might bring us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Benediction**

**Hymn, No. 840**

Now Thank We All Our God

*The congregation turns to face the entrance of the church as the Procession passes.*

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Welcome others as Christ has welcomed you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

Toccata on “Praise to the Lord”

Han-Friedrich Micheelsen

### ***Servants at God’s Altar***

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	Norman Theiss
<b>Deacon I</b>	George Krafthofer
<b>Deacon II</b>	Doris Lewis
<b>Lector</b>	Peter Berube
<b>Crucifer</b>	Paul Beddoe
<b>Thurifer</b>	Kathy Garrison
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Caroline Borders, Kelly Bowers
<b>Book Bearer</b>	Kane Borders
<b>Organist &amp; Choirmaster</b>	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
<b>The Parish Choir</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Mary Andoh, Betsy Knauff, Sarita Chapman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Vezzetti
<b>Tellers</b>	Mary Schooley, Dawn Nelson Drew Genszler
<b>Hospitality Hosts</b>	Chip and Dawn Fenton, Betsy Knauff

## **-- Parish Concerns --**

+ **Members:** Mary Beth Blegen, Aaron Bonds, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Herman Davis, Sr., Dorothy Gladney, Sam Luebke, Bill Reid, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Bill Barrows (Richter); Connie Boorer (Hunter); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Judith Bremner (Bradley); Judy Cashner (Cashner); George Cypress (Burton); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Ray “Bud” Erickson (Kennedy-Nash); Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Lyle Forness (Forness); TraciLynn Fox (VandenBosch); 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 Lauttamus (Lauttamus); Ann Lockwood (Werner); 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); Rich & 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 Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Salome Ardelle Burton, who died on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Her funeral will be on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Visitation at 9:00 am, Service at 10:00 am, with a Repast at 11:30 with burial at Fort Lincoln Cemetery at 1:45 pm.

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the family and friends of Dorothy L. Smith, who died on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. A memorial service for her will be held on Wednesday, October 31 at 11:30 a.m.

+ **The Augustana Call Committee and its work:** 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 to the Glory of God by Kevin Canfield and Robert Bennett.

**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: \$1,490.00

**-- Today – Sunday, October 28, 2007  
-- Reformation Sunday--**

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 – Library – We will have a special Reformation Day viewing of the Mosaic video, "Opening the Door to Luther." Hosted by public television travelogue host Rick Steves, the video presents an armchair tour of the cities and locales where key events in Martin Luther's life and work took place.

**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon – God Calls Gideon

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

**Sunday School:** After receiving the bread and wine of communion, the children should exit via the Truman Door for their Classrooms – Rooms 303a and 303b.

**Food for the Fourth Sunday:** Our monthly collection of food for the Augustana / Santa Maria Food Pantry.

Kick off of the collection of Food for the Augustana Food Baskets for Thanksgiving,

**Please join us as we welcome** Summer Parrish from Lutheran Social Services to kick-off our fundraiser to send a child with HIV to summer camp for the summer 2008. We will be accepting donations until November 11th. Join us in the social hall after church. Questions can be directed to Tim Himes at [bestillhelenarrives@yahoo.com](mailto:bestillhelenarrives@yahoo.com)"

**Lutheran Home Fall Festival Preparation Sunday at Augustana.** Please bring donations to our Hospitality Hour. There will be a box marked National Lutheran Home Fall Festival.

**Reformation Service** – Washington National Cathedral at 4:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod. Bishop Graham will be the celebrant and preacher.

**-- This Week –**

**Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>:** Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – Choir Room

**– Next Sunday November 4, 2007 –  
– The Feast of All Saints (transferred) –**

**Adult Forum:** 9:15 – Library – Chosen for Blessing

**Nursery Program:** 10:30 – Noon – Naomi and Ruth

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

**Lessons:** Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

**Hospitality Hosts:** Patricia Richter, Carol Vezzetti

**All Committees Meet**

## – Upcoming Events and Announcements –

**Help needed!** Someone to assist in the care of a 95-year old life-time member of First Trinity Lutheran Church who is quite well and very pleasant but requires help with some tasks. Duty time would be from about 10:30 am to 6:00 pm, five days per week. There is a possibility to live in as well. Location is a home in the Lake Barcroft / Falls Church, VA community. If interested, please contact Carole Shores 703-941-4740

**For the Bible Tells Me So** will be playing at the E Street Cinema from Oct. 26 - Nov. 1. It approaches the issue of homosexuality and the church through the stories of five families-- including those of Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson, Chrissy Gephardt (daughter of former Majority Leader Dick Gephardt), an ELCA Lutheran family from Minnesota, and two families from the South, including the daughter of two African-American preachers. It is a very thoughtful and fair look at the issue. Whether you come to it from a perspective of faith or politics (or both!), <http://www.forthetellmeso.org/> Those who have already seen this film recommend it highly.

**Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>:** 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](mailto:rosenbaum.Barbara@Verizon.net).

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Mark your calendar now:** 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. (See Lavender Insert for more information on this Fall’s Stewardship Campaign)

**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](mailto:danaherb@hotmail.com) if you can volunteer to be our "ambassador" this month on October 28 or next month on November 25.

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22**

*The prophet identifies with his people in this anguished prayer following the onslaught of the Babylonians and the destruction of Jerusalem.*

Although our iniquities testify against us,  
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;  
our apostasies indeed are many,  
and we have sinned against you.

<sup>8</sup>O hope of Israel,  
its savior in time of trouble,  
why should you be like a stranger in the land,  
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

<sup>9</sup>Why should you be like someone confused,  
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?  
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,  
and we are called by your name;  
do not forsake us!

<sup>10</sup>Thus says the LORD concerning this people:  
Truly they have loved to wander,  
they have not restrained their feet;  
therefore the LORD does not accept them,  
now he will remember their iniquity  
and punish their sins.

<sup>19</sup>Have you completely rejected Judah?  
Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down  
so that there is no healing for us?  
We look for peace, but find no good;  
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

<sup>20</sup>We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,  
the iniquity of our ancestors,  
for we have sinned against you.

<sup>21</sup>Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;  
do not dishonor your glorious throne;  
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

<sup>22</sup>Can any idols of the nations bring rain?  
Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God?  
We set our hope on you,  
for it is you who do all this.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who is now facing death. Though others have let him down, Paul is sure of his faith in the Lord, who has stood by him and lent him strength.*

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14**

*At the time of Jesus, Pharisees were regarded as exceptionally religious persons, and tax collectors were treated as outcasts. In this parable Jesus contrasts the two in a surprising way to make a point about approaching God in humbleness.*

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

## **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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### **2007 Congregational Council**

Larry Anthony – Judi Bucci – Eileen Crawford

Ben Cutler – Andrew Genszler, Secretary

Irene Heinemeier – Matt Larson

John McKirgan – Patricia Richter –

Rebecca Roth, Vice President

Barbara Solt – Arne Sorenson

**Parents:** A nursery is available for children up to five years old.

See an usher for directions

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Please enter on U Street. From 10 am – 4 pm on Sundays

First Come, First Served