

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

TIME AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 17

SEPTEMBER 2, 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 directions.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

The Congregation stands.

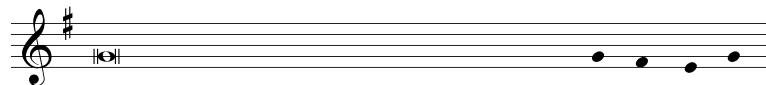
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Hymn, No 634

Stanzas 1-2, 5-6.

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day



*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. Let us pray ... A - men.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112



1. How blest are those who fear the Lord and great - ly
2. A - bound - ing wealth shall bless their home, their right - eous -
3. The peo - ple who be - friend the weak in jus - tice
4. By e - vil they are not dis - mayed, the right - eous
5. Dis - pers - ing gifts a - mong the poor, the right - eous
6. The wick - ed will be brought to shame, while right - eous



love God's ho - ly will. Their chil - dren share their great re - ward,
ness for - e'er en - dure. To them shall light a - rise in gloom,
shall their cause main - tain. True peace shall all their life at - tend,
trust in God a - lone. Their heart is stead - fast, un - a - fraid,
for their needs pro - vide. Their right - eous - ness shall thus en - dure;
ones will see the Lord. Un - right - eous hopes will not see gain,



and bless - ings all their days shall fill.
for they are mer - ci - ful and pure.
and long their mem - 'ry shall re - main.
for they shall see their foes o'er - thrown.
their strength in hon - or shall a - bide.
for sin will find its due re - ward. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16


Gradual Hymn, No. 509

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Holy Gospel


Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

Sermon

The Congregation stands for the Hymn

Hymn of the Day, No. 710

Let Streams of Living Justice

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.

The Congregation is seated.

Voluntary, at the Offering

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here be -
low, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly
host, Praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Offertory Verse and Prayer

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds. Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, No. 471

Let Us Break Bread Together

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis, No. 201

Now, Lord

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Benediction

Hymn, No. 551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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

Dismissal

Go in peace. Welcome the stranger.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary



-- Servants at God's Altar --

Celebrant and Preacher Norman Theiss
Deacon I Kelly Bowers
Deacon II David Juilfs
Lector Jim Heinemeier
Crucifer TBA

Bookbearer	TBA
Torchbearers	TBA
Organist	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
Ushers	Ruth Hunter, Salome Burton, Heidi Hanson, Michael Kaiser
Altar Guild	Mary Andoh
Tellers	Peter Berube, Brian Danaher, David Wassum
Hospitality Hosts	Betsy Knauff

-- Parish Concerns --

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

+ **Friends and Family:** Effi Barry (Burton); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Judith Bremner (Bradley); Judy Cashner (Cashner); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Ray "Bud" Erickson (Kennedy-Nash); Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Lyle Forness (Forness); TraciLynn Fox (VandenBosch); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Mary Pat Gertz (Gertz); Betty Grady (Werner); Mary Hancock (Knauff); Leona Harper (Knauff); Mary Elizabeth Jacobs (Berube); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Sylvia Luttamus (Luttamus); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Sally Markle (Markle-Elder); Lois Merritt (Hunter); David Moore (Hart); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Francisco 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).

+ **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*.

Thanks to all of you for your prayerful support of the Call Committee as we continue our work. The Augustana Call Committee has met each month since May to keep the momentum of the pastoral search moving forward. Participation for the member survey was strong, a congregational profile has been written and completed and the first congregational Sunday "snapshot" was issued. Tallies for the data were compiled and discussed. The committee has enjoyed lively and thoughtful dialogue as it engages in a variety of tasks to prepare a complete packet reflecting the Augustana congregation for presentation to the Synod and the perspective Pastoral candidates. The call committee will meet with the Augustana Congregational Council to

review the materials before presenting the packet to the Synod in September. We anticipate the interview process to begin in the fall. *Respectfully, The Augustana Call Committee*

Gifts to the Glory of God: Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Peter Berube in honor of the 50th birthday of Kevin Horsted.

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 summer and 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: \$1,110.00

Augustana and its Social Ministries Committee extends its thanks to all who served dinner to the residents of the N Street/Luther Place Women's transitional shelter on August 18th: Betsy Knauff, Patricia Richter, Kathryn Baerwald, Diedra, Monique and Chantelle Agbro, and DeAnna Allen and sons Robert and Joseph Bass. Once each calendar quarter, Augustanans volunteer to make and/or serve food to the residents living at the shelter while they seek new job and housing opportunities. Many thanks to Grace Moran, Caroline Borders and Kane Borders for arranging the event. If you are interested in helping next quarter, please let them know.

-- Today -- Time After Pentecost -- Proper 17 --

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Please note that Augustana Committees will not meet today, and that all committees will meet next Sunday.

-- This Week --

Monday, September 3rd: Congregational Office closed for the Labor Day holiday.

Thursday, September 6th: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – For more details see announcement in Up Coming Events.

**-- Next Sunday, September 9, 2007 – Holy Cross (transferred) --
Start of the Fall Seasonal Programs**

Adult Forum: 9:15 – Library -- For more details see announcement in Up Coming Events.

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – God Made the World

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 the Classrooms – Rooms 303a and 303b

Lessons: Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 12:20-33

Hospitality Host: Josephine Allen, Diedra and Peter Agbro

ELCA World Hunger Monthly Appeal

Fair Trade Sunday - coffee and chocolate for sale benefiting Lutheran World Relief, in social hall during hospitality time

All Augustana Committees Meet – With Exception of Evangelism & Finance Committees

Christian Education Committee Meeting – Noon – Library

Property Committee Meeting – Noon – 302

Stewardship Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 301

Social Ministry Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 118

Worship and Music Committee Meeting – Noon – Choir Room

Unity Walk: Join the Interfaith Conference of Washington for the third "9/11 Unity Walk." Churches, synagogues, & mosques come together starting at 1:30pm in peace and understanding as participants walk from Washington Hebrew Congregation at 3935 Macomb Street NW to the Islamic Center on Massachusetts Ave. For more information, visit www.911unitywalk.org or contact Richard Fields 202-234-6300 ext. 204, richardf@ifcmw.org or Saman Hussain, 202-234-6300 ext. 211, samanh@ifcmw.org.



-- Upcoming Events and Announcements --

Choir Rehearsals begin this Thursday, September 6th at 7:30 in choir room, followed by a Champagne & Chocolate Reception in the atrium, and continue on Saturday morning, September 8th at 9:30, beginning with a Continental breakfast. The first choral service is next Sunday, September 9th, The Feast of the Holy Cross.

Special events this year include the presentation of a Bach cantata on December 2nd, the First Sunday of Advent; A Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany on Sunday evening, January 27th; and a choir tour to New Orleans in May. You are cordially invited to join us. Contact Dr. Mitts, (202) 425-4586, for more information.

Adult Forum, Augustana's weekly adult Christian education series, kicks off on September 9th with a two-part series on forgiveness. A discipline that is essential to the Christian life, forgiveness is an elusive concept for many of us and often elicits varied and contradictory responses within the Christian community. This series will examine forgiveness from a biblical perspective, consider the way forgiveness can be practiced in our daily lives, and reflect on the important foundational role forgiveness plays in the life of the Church and among God's people.

On September 23rd, Adult Forum will feature the return of "Living the Good News," the lectionary-based Bible study that anchored Adult Forum several years ago. Each week, participants will review the scripture passages designated for reading in worship on that Sunday and consider the themes they share, their relevance to the season of the church year, and their implications for Christian living. Adult Forum meets at 9:15 in the library and all are invited to attend.

September 16th: Greetings to our Students in the Holy Land – Augustana has partnered with the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation to sponsor two Palestinian Christian children. Sign greetings to the children during hospitality time, welcoming them back to their schools for another year.

September 29th: Mark your calendar for the annual Lutherans Concerned/Metro Washington DC banquet dinner, featuring guest speaker Pastor Bradley Schmeling who was recently removed from the clergy roster of the ELCA because he is in a committed loving relationship. The reception and dinner will be held at Georgetown Lutheran Church. Please contact Brian Danaher or Bob Joppa for more information.

Augustana is looking for a few good Sunday School teachers! Plans are being made to revive the Sunday School program in September and we're now seeking volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers. To accommodate teachers' busy schedules, we will be implementing a rotational "team teaching" approach that will allow for flexibility in teacher scheduling. If you are committed to the spiritual growth and development of young Augustanans and eager to work with a great group of kids, please consider becoming a part of this important congregational ministry. For details about our plans for Sunday School, contact Bob Luoma (202-546-1324, gluoma@boo.net) or a member of the Sunday School Planning Committee: Sara Markle-Elder, Sarita Olley, and Sonvy Waidler



September 02, 2007

TIME AFTER PENTECOST -- LECTIONARY 22

INTRODUCTION

Who is welcome in your community of faith? And how would they know that they are? Today's readings ask us to think about hospitality, especially as it is practiced at the table. The feast of God's radical grace calls us into this place and connects friends and strangers with one another.

On this day in 1872, the great Danish bishop and theologian Nikolai Grundtvig died. He is remembered as a powerful intellect who insisted that ancient beliefs could find a home in modern culture.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is known as wisdom literature. It gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains many suggestions for the conduct of life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

In Luke's gospel, Jesus often tells parables about meals in order to illustrate God's unexpected grace and to lead people to a faithful response. Here we have two examples of these stories: one encourages humility, and in the other Jesus invites his listeners to review their guest list.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



**The labourer is
worthy of his hire ...**

Luke 10:7

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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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