

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS (Transferred)

SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

TEN-THIRTY A.M.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

Prelude in B Major

Marcel Dupré

The Congregation stands as the bells are rung.

Entrance Hymn



1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, didst yield the
2. Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; by thee the
3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee, who wast a
4. Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou art high ex -
5. Let ev - 'ry tongue con - fess with one ac - cord in heav'n and

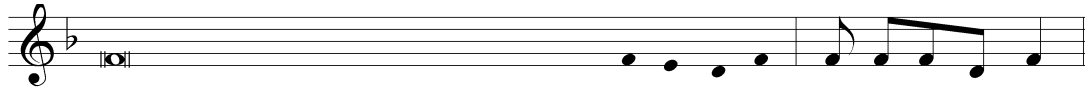


glo - ry that of right was thine, that in our dark - ened hearts thy
out - cast and the poor were sought; and by thy death was God's sal -
ser - vant that we might be free, hum - bling thy - self to death on
alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, and giv'n the Name to which all
earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; and God the Fa - ther be by



grace might shine. Al - le - lu - ia!
va - tion wrought. Al - le - lu - ia!
Cal - va - ry. Al - le - lu - ia!
knees shall bow. Al - le - lu - ia!
all a - dored. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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 Three, page 138

Canticle – page 140

This Is the Feast of Victory

Prayer of the Day



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

Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross, so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we who glory in his death for our salvation may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Numbers 21:4b-9

Psalm 98:1-5

Setting by J. Thomas Mitts

Sung by the Choir.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Gradual

Sung by the Choir.

Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

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. 803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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

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.

And also with you.

Anthem, at the Offering

Cantate Domino

Hans Leo Hassler

*Cantate Domino canticum novum,
cantate Domino, omnis terra.*

Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus.

*Annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus,
annunciate inter gentes gloriam ejus,
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, and bless his name.

Proclaim his salvation from day to day,
proclaim his glory among the nations,
and his wonders among all peoples.

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 356

Stanzas 1, 6, 7.

Sing, My Tongue

Offertory Verse and Prayer

Christ Jesus emptied himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 gracious presence in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving – Setting Three, page 144

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus, Acclamation and Amen – pages 144-145

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.

Fraction Anthem

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

Adoramus te

Giovanni Palestrina

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the
 2. When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and
 3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and love up -
 4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea-sure, by the cross are
 5. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the



wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream-ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
 mea-sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

The Congregation stands.

THE POST-COMMUNION

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis



1. Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, your word is now ful - filled.
 2. This is the Sav - ior of the world, the Gen - tiles' prom - ised light,



These eyes have seen sal - va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
 God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

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. 660

Lift High the Cross

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

Dismissal

Go in peace to love God and serve your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Finale *from* Symphony I

Louis Vierne

Servants at God's Altar

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Douglas Anderson
Deacon II	Eileen Crawford
Lector	Brian Shannon
Thurifer	Kelly Bowers
Crucifer	Paul Beddoe
Torch Bearers	Scott Dillon, Kathy Garrison
Book Bearer	Alex Brown
Organist & Choirmaster	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Ushers	Ruth Hunter, Salome Burton, Heidi Hanson, Michael Kaiser
Altar Guild	Mary Andoh
Tellers	Michael Olson, Salome Burton Ron Mueller
Hospitality Hosts	Josephine Allen, Diedra and Peter Agbro

-- 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:** 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);Randell Laughlin (Theiss); Sylvia Luttamus (Luttamus); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Sally Markle (Markle-Elder); Lois Merritt (Hunter); 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).

+ **In Christian Sympathy** with the friends and family of Effi Barry on her death, especially Salome Burton.

+ **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 Alan Sutherland in memory of Mavis Whitman.

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: \$1,048.00

**-- Today -- 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

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 and Worship 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

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.

-- This Week --

Tuesday, September 11th: Congregational Call Committee Meeting – Home of Tommie Robinson at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 13th: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – Choir Room

-- Next Sunday September 16, 2007 --

-- Time After Pentecost – Lectionary 24 --

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Lessons: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Like 15:1-10

Hospitality Hosts: Betsy Knauff and the Lydians.

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.

-- Upcoming Events and Announcements --

Today is the first choral service of the Fall season. We welcome back the Congregational Choir.

Special choir 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, kicked off this morning 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 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.



September 9, 2007
HOLY CROSS DAY

INTRODUCTION

The festival of the Holy Cross began in Jerusalem in the early fourth century when a church was built over the place of the crucifixion. The forty-day period between August 6 (Transfiguration) and September 14 became a special season to honor the central symbol of the Christian faith. This day turns the church toward the crucified Lord who became one with the poor, the outcast, the little ones of this world. Marked by the holy cross in baptism, throughout our lives we acclaim the cross as the sign of the world's salvation.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4b-9

This story is one of many describing the journey of the Israelites from Mount Sinai to Moab. The symbol of the snake, common in Canaan at this time, becomes a sign of God's judgment and healing.

[From Mount Hor the Israelites set out,] ^{4b}but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?"

For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

In this letter, Paul makes clear his purpose to preach Christ and the wisdom of the cross. This "wisdom" confounds common perceptions of God: Christ crucified reveals God as the One who suffers with humankind.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not

know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



The 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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Tom VandenBosch

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