

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE
IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF
WILLIAM ELLSWORTH REID
October 25, 1907 – May 2, 2008



Saturday, May 10, 2008
Ten O'clock a.m.

Augustana Lutheran Church
2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009

We welcome all friends and visitors this morning to Augustana Lutheran Church,
a congregation "Reconciled in Christ" that has been racially diverse since 1954.

We invite you to be an active participant in the worship of God as you are comfortable.
Note that the peoples' responses in the liturgy are indicated by **bold type**.

Servants at God's Altar

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Doris Lewis
Deacon II	Patricia Richter
Lectors	Jerry Brown Barbara Solt
Remembrances	Don Werner
Organist and Choirmaster	J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Cantors	Betsy Miller Don Werner
Soloist	Tommie Robinson, Jr.
Thurifer	John Shutt
Ushers	Robert Anderson Salome Burton Pearl Cox
Altar Guild	Judi Bucci
Repast Host	Barbara Solt



Memorials in honor of Bill Reid may be made to Augustana Lutheran Church
and will be divided between the Sunday School, Choir, and Garden.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Anthem

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

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

Opening

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Bill, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Thanks be to God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

In his baptism, Bill was clothed with Christ.

In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven, and earth,
who formed us from the dust of the earth,
who by your breath gave us life:

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life,
who suffered death for all humanity,
who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life:

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life,
the comforter of all who sorrow,
our sure confidence and everlasting hope:

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen

Entrance Hymn, No. 631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Salutation and Prayer

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

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Bill. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

The Congregation is seated.

Remembrances

Hymn, No. 732

Borning Cry

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Psalm 23

The Congregation sings the Antiphon at the beginning of the psalm and when indicated ().*

*The Lord is my shep - herd, no - thing shall I want:
He leads me by safe paths, no - thing shall I fear.*

The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my spirit. *

He guides me along the right path; He is true to his word.
Though I walk through the valley of darkness, ne evil would I fear.
Your rod and your staff they comfort me, for You are with me. *

You spread a table before me, in the presence of my foes.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup is overflowing. *

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me, all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house I shall dwell, for ever and ever. *

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Congregation stands.

Gradual Hymn, No. 504

Stanzas 1-2.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:3-9



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chap-ter. Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

“Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.” And he said, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”



The Gos - pel of the Lord. Praise — to you, O Christ.

Hymn, No. 504

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Stanzas 3-4.

Homily

The Congregation stands.

Hymn of the Day, No. 779

Amazing Grace

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

Each petition concludes with the following:



The musical notation consists of two systems. The first system is a single treble clef staff with a melody line. The notes are: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, and a half note E5. Below the staff, the text "... let us pray to the Lord." is written. The second system is a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a harmonic accompaniment. The treble clef part has four chords: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass clef part has four chords: a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a quarter note C3. Below the staff, the text "Lord, have mer - cy." is written.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Anthem

Beautiful Savior

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

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!

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

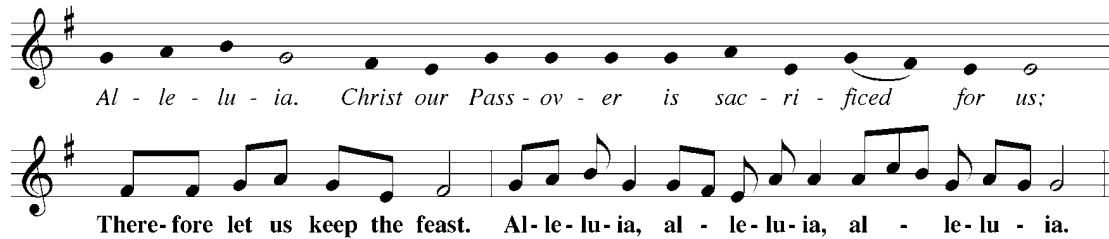
Preface and Sanctus, Eucharistic Prayer - No. 192

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.

At the Fraction – Christ Our Passover



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.

Solo

Balm in Gilead

Spiritual

Hymn, No. 793

Be Thou My Vision

The Congregation stands.

THE POST-COMMUNION

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis



Lord, let your ser - vant go in peace: ac - cord-ing to your word.
To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it be;



Mine eyes have seen sal - va - tion's light you shined on all the world:
all bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, wis - dom, might and ma - jes - ty;



to show your good - ness, stead-fast love - the joy of Is - ra - el.
as from the first, un - to the last, for ev - er-more shall be.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Commendation

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Bill.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen

Hymn, No. 543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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

Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen

Voluntary

Jerusalem

C. Hubert Parry

The congregation is invited to the Repast in the Parish Hall.



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WILLIAM ELLSWORTH REID

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October 25, 2007 marked the 100th birthday of William Ellsworth (Bill) Reid who had been a member of Augustana Lutheran Church since 1963. Bill died on Friday, May 2, 2008.

Born in Norfolk, Virginia, Bill moved to Washington, D.C. when he was 5 years old. With his parents he settled in the house on V Street, N.W. where he lived until his death. His father had a dry cleaning business on Florida Avenue where his mother, a seamstress, did alterations as well.

A product of District of Columbia public schools, Bill graduated in 1934 with a bachelor's degree in education from Miner Teachers' College. He later earned a master's degree in education from New York University, with a specialty in counseling and guidance. From 1929 to 1936 he served as a night school teacher.

Bill then took a teaching job in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he stayed for 4 years. He returned to Washington where he was appointed a teacher at the Industrial Home and School for Delinquent Children in Blue Plains, part of the D.C. Department of Public Welfare. In November 1942, he was promoted to supervisor of boys and later to assistant superintendent. In 1954 he became superintendent of the integrated School, which later was reconstituted as the District of Columbia Children's Center, a position he held until he retired.

After retiring from the Children's Center, Bill worked for 15 years as an interior decorator at House and Herrman, a well-known furniture store in downtown Washington. Louise Anderson remembers working with him on decorating the Augustana library after the new addition was finished.

Bill's son, Billy, attended John Carroll High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from Catholic University of America, here in Washington.

When his mother died in 1963, Bill moved back to his family home on V Street and lived there until his death

Bill joined Augustana in 1963, after he moved back to his old neighborhood, when the Rev. Obed Lundeen was the pastor. Before deciding on Augustana, he had visited other churches in the neighborhood. He says that it was the convenience to his home and the welcoming atmosphere that led him to make Augustana his church home.

Once a member, he took an active role in the life of the church, serving on a number of committees, on the Church Council numerous times, and even singing in the Augustana choir. He also served on at least two Call Committees. He took lead the in designing the wayside pulpit that served the church until the recent renovation.

Because he lived close to the church, he had the church key and would open up the church on Sundays. Long time Augustana members also remember Bill as the “key” man (literally) for the Tellers. Until several years ago, he would open up the Teller Room every Sunday and make sure that all was shipshape when the Tellers came to count the offering.

Bill also used to enjoy cooking and was accomplished in the kitchen. His bourbon beans and pickled brussels sprouts were frequently enjoyed by fellow Augustanans at church suppers and other events.

Over the years Bill was a pillar of Augustana, serving selflessly and tirelessly wherever he could be of service. His discipleship can serve as model to us all.

Bill is survived by his companion and caregiver Marvin Safrit and his son William Reid, Jr., and a host of special Augustana friends, especially Douglas Anderson, Fred Bowell, Eddie Van Aken and Don Werner.

