

Salutation and 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 is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. **Amen**

The Congregation is seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Sung by all to ELW Tone 5, page 337.

Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

The Congregation stands.

Gradual

Sung by the Choir.

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

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.

Hymn at the Returning Procession, No. 372

Christ Is Arisen

Sermon

The Congregation stands.

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 truly human.**

**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 one of the following responses.

God of our salvation, **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.

Anthem, at the Offering

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Don Muro

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 382

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

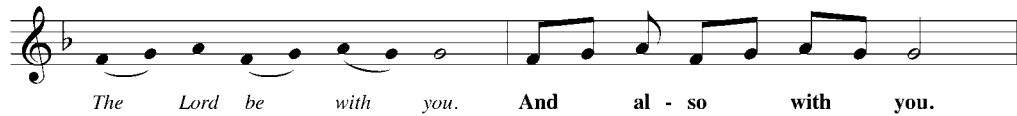
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Offertory Verse and Prayer

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

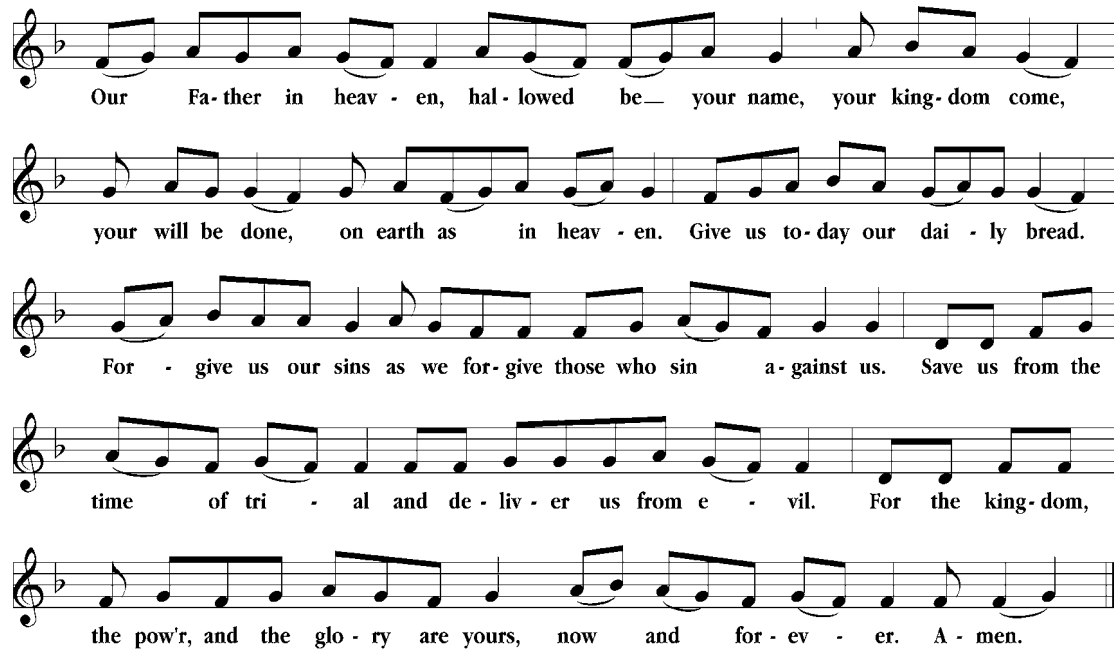
Living God, **in Christ's resurrection you raised up new life for the world. Receive what we offer, that others might know that life through the gifts you give us to use and to share. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving



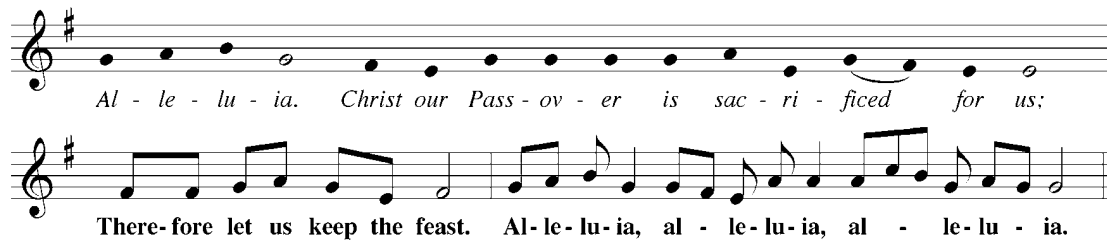
Preface and Sanctus, Eucharistic Prayer – No. 192

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

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Hymn, No. 758

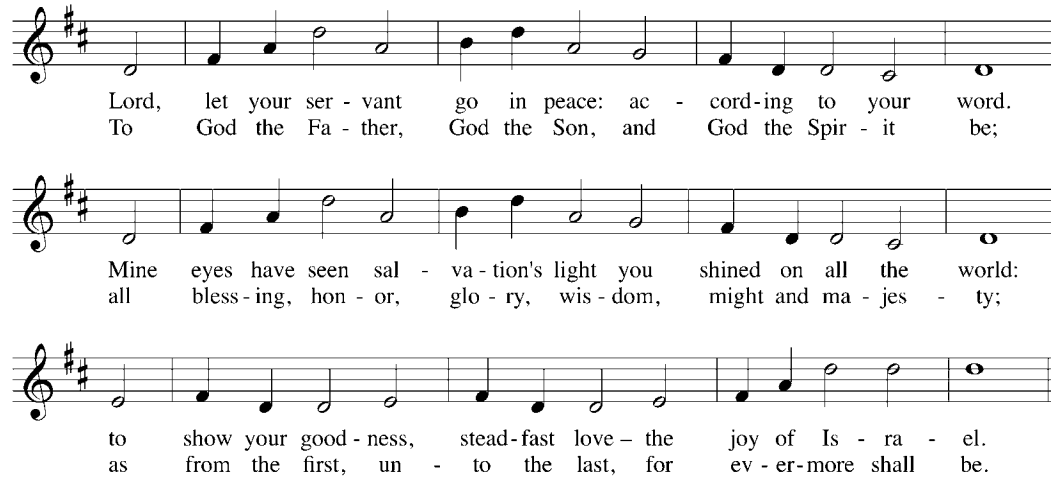
You Are the Way

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

O God of love, you bind us to yourself in this sacrament, and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world. Guide us by your Spirit that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of life. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 373

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go and tell the news that Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Voluntary



Servants at God's Altar

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Jon Quam
Deacon II	Douglas Anderson
Lector	Sam Luebke
Crucifer	Paul Beddoe
Thurifer	John Shutt
Torch Bearers	Douglas Anderson, Patricia Richter
Book Bearer	
Organist and Choirmaster	J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Cantor / Soloist	Betsy Miller
Tellers	Kevin Horsted, Eileen Crawford, Betsy Knauff
Ushers	Josephine Allen, Craig Shireman
Altar Guild	Salome Burton, Carol Vezzetti
Hospitality Hosts	Jim and Doris Lewis, Greg Roemer, Enid Chung
Sunday School Teachers	Amy Yergey, LeeAnn Hart, Brian Danaher

Concerns of the People

In our prayers, let us include the following:

+ **Members:** Louise Anderson; Celia Davenport; Herman Davis, Sr.; Dorothy Gladney; George Krafthofer; Bill Reid; Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Julio Azpuru-Bernhard (Azpuru); Jeffrey Berry (Bob & Alice Anderson); Connie Boorer (Hunter); Ruby Brooks (Anthony); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Melissa & Kevin Brown (Larisch); Judy Cashner (Cashner); Sean Castilla (Laughlin); (Teresa Cross (Knauff); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Beverly Anderson Fauser (Louise Anderson; Patricia Franks (Knauff); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Betty Grady (Werner); Leona Harper (Knauff); Dorothy Holderbein (Heinemeier); Irma Holderbein (Heinemeier; Guy Jacobs (Berube); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); Jennifer Kileo (Hart); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Samantha Lopez (Kahler-Larson); Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Adelaide Lusambilli (Markle-Elder); Ken Merritt (Hunter); William Moon (Wassum); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Fernando Otero (Pizza); Marion Papacosta (Roth-Renne); Josephine Pizza (Pizza); Carrie Reynolds (Knauff); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Marvin Safrit (Anderson/Bowell); The Sharp family (Hart); Val Smith (Pizza); Janet Spleen (Jaeger); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Diana Tate (Richter); Jim Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

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 to the Glory of God by Bob and Alice Anderson in loving memory of Alice's mother Esther Olson.

Mortgage Madness Update: From the beginning of Advent in December through March 30th we received \$66,042 in Accessibility contributions –we're half way to our "necessary" goal of \$120,000 to cover a year's mortgage payments! Anything we raise above that amount between now and Advent 2008 can be used to pay off principal. During the past year we were able to pay off \$50,000 in principal. Any amount – small or large – can be contributed, designated for Accessibility. Some benchmarks: \$10,000 = one month's mortgage payment; \$7,500 = three weeks; \$5,000 = two weeks; \$2500 = one week; \$333 = one day. Received last Sunday -- \$ 858.00

Thank You to Salome Burton for assisting with mailings in the office this week.

Thank You to Mary Andoh., Josephine Allen, Deidra Agbro, Novella Bradley, Salome Burton, Pearl Cox, Norman Forness, George Krafthofer, Chuck Leath and Carol Vezzetti for helping to get the April issue of *The Augustanan* into the mail on Friday.

– Today, April 20, 2008 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter –

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Living the Good News: Guide and Guardian

Sunday School: After receiving Communion, children ages 5 and up exit via the Truman Door for their Classrooms - Rooms 303a and 303b. Elementary class for ages 5-10, Middle school class for ages 11-14. Preschool class for ages 2-4 meets in the nursery during worship service, 10:45 - 11:15. Sunday School teachers: Amy Yergey, LeeAnn Hart, Brian Danaher

Nursery Program: Nursery available for children up to age 5 during worship service

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Bonhoeffer Book Study: Led by Kathy Garrison this new book study group will use the book *Life Together* by Bonhoeffer. The group will meet monthly on the third Sundays of the month in the Library at 12:00 noon. Contact Kathy Garrison at 703/472-0941 or at srkatel1@aol.com

– This Coming Week –

Thursday, April 24th: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 pm – Choir Room

– Next Sunday, April 20th 2008– The Sixth Sunday of Easter –

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – Living the Good News: The Way, Truth, Life

Sunday School: After receiving Communion, children ages 5 and up exit via the Truman Door for their Classrooms - Rooms 303a and 303b. Elementary class for ages 5-10, Middle school class for

ages 11-14. Preschool class for ages 2-4 meets in the nursery during worship service, 10:45 - 11:15.

Sunday School teachers: Sarita Chapman; Sonja Kahler; Brian Danaher

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon – Nursery

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14:15-21

Hospitality Hosts: Betsy Knauff, Joy Stancil

– Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements –

Sunday, May 11th: Will be Pastor Theiss' last Sunday with us. A special pot-luck luncheon is planned to celebrate his ministry with us. If you would like to assist with that celebration, please see or contact Rebecca Roth. A letter outlining the plans for the celebration went out to all members and friends of the congregation earlier this week. If for some reason you did not receive the letter, please call the office, so we can mail you the letter.

Sunday, May 11th: The Augustana Choir will present a special Pentecost Vespers Service and Concert at 5:00 p.m. Plan now to attend this special service and hear the wonderful music performed by members of the choir.

Saturday, May 17th: Augustana Youth will once again be preparing and serving dinner to the women of the shelter ran by N Street Village. If you could like to assist in preparing food for this meal, please contact Grace Morgan at 301/718-4388 or at gpm202@aol.com

Augustana needs a Teller: Would you like to contribute your time and talent to the fiscal well being of our church. The Teller Corps needs one new member. The time requirement is only 1-2 hours after the Sunday service once every six weeks. Talent requirement – the ability to count. Please contact Mary Schooley at 202/230-1164 or at mschooley@att.com.

Update on Bill Reid: Many of you have asked about the condition and location of Bill Reid, our dear member, now 100 years old. He was taken to Sibley Hospital when he was found unable to straighten up after six hours in a kneeling position, when he tried to pick something up from the floor. He has been transferred to Manor Care Health Services, 8700 Jones Mill Rd., Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815-4729. He is stable and alert and would enjoy receiving cards.

Susan Pizza reports that her mother **Josephine Pizza** has returned home after her recent hospitalization, and they are both very much appreciative of the cards and phone calls they received.

Hold the Date: On Sunday, June 1st will celebrate the end of our Sunday School year with a picnic as our hospitality hour. Co-chaired by Esther Rege and Sonvy Waidler the event will feature fun, refreshments, and games. Plan now to join in the celebration. Contact Sonvy Waidler if you would like to assist with the events planned for the day.



April 20, 2008
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

INTRODUCTION

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55–60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2–10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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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