

Augustana Lutheran Church

Washington, DC



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

TRANSFERRED

September 10, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Augustana!

Embodying a ministry of radical and gracious welcome, we are an intercultural congregation that welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Augustana has been racially integrated since 1954 and Reconciling in Christ (LGBTQ open and affirming) since 1989. We are glad you have joined us for worship today.

The order of worship is found in this bulletin and the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* red hymnal:

- The peoples' responses in the liturgy are indicated by **bold type**.
- Portions of the liturgy indicated by *page* numbers are found in the front of the ELW using the small numbers on the lower right corner of each page.
- All other hymns and service music not inserted in the bulletin are indicated by *No.* and are found using the large numbers in the upper right corner of the ELW.
- There are ribbons in the ELWs to help you mark the items of today's liturgy.

Newcomers are encouraged to fill in and return a Welcome Card, found in the pew racks and in the narthex. All people are encouraged to fill out the attendance registry found in each pew.

Please note: we live stream our worship services on Facebook so you might be on camera.

If you need a hearing-assisted device, please ask one of the ushers.

Introducing the Day's Texts and Liturgical Focus

This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the triumph of the cross. Paul reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as the sign of our health and salvation. Each time we make the sign of the cross we remember our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.

GATHERING

Voluntary

As the bells are rung, the Congregation stands to face the Baptismal font.

Confession and Forgiveness – page 94

Entrance Hymn

All Praise to Thee

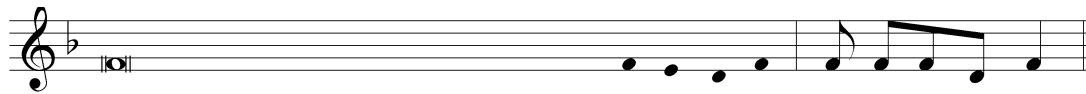


1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, didst yield the
2. Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; by thee the
3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee, who wast a
4. Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou art high ex -
5. Let ev - 'ry tongue con - fess with one 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 and Canticle of Praise – Setting Four, page 147

Salutation and Collect



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

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Congregation is seated.

The Congregation stands for the hymn.

Hymn of the Day, No. 803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Apostles' Creed

Cantor *Congregation*

I be-lieve in God, the Fa-ther Al-might y, cre-a-tor of heav'n and earth,
I be-lieve in Je-sus Christ, God's on-ly Son, our Lord, who was con-ceived by the Ho-ly Spir-it,
born of the Vir-gin Ma-ry, suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, was cru-ci-fied, died, and was
bur-ied, he des-cend-ed in-to hell. On the third day he rose a-gain; he as-cend-ed in-to heav'n,
he is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, and he will come to judge the liv-ing and the dead.
I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spir-it, the ho-ly catho-lic church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of
sins, the re-sur-rec-tion of the bo-dy, the life ev-er-last-ing. A-men, a-men.

Prayers

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MEAL

Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The Congregation is seated after sharing the peace.

Anthem, at the Offering

Cantate Domino (Psalm 149:1-2)

G. A. O. Pitoni

Sing to the Lord a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 356

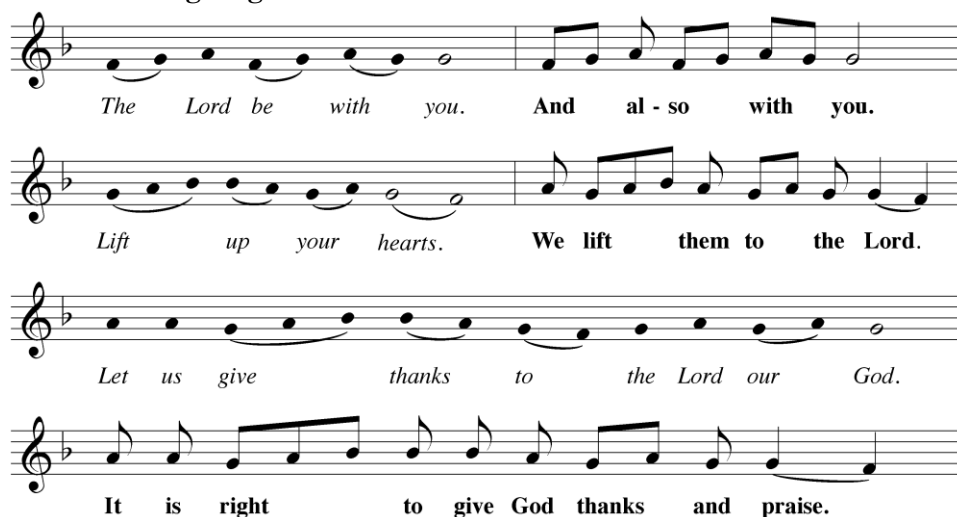
Sing, My Tongue

Stanzas 1, 6, 7

Offertory Prayer

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 Savior and Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

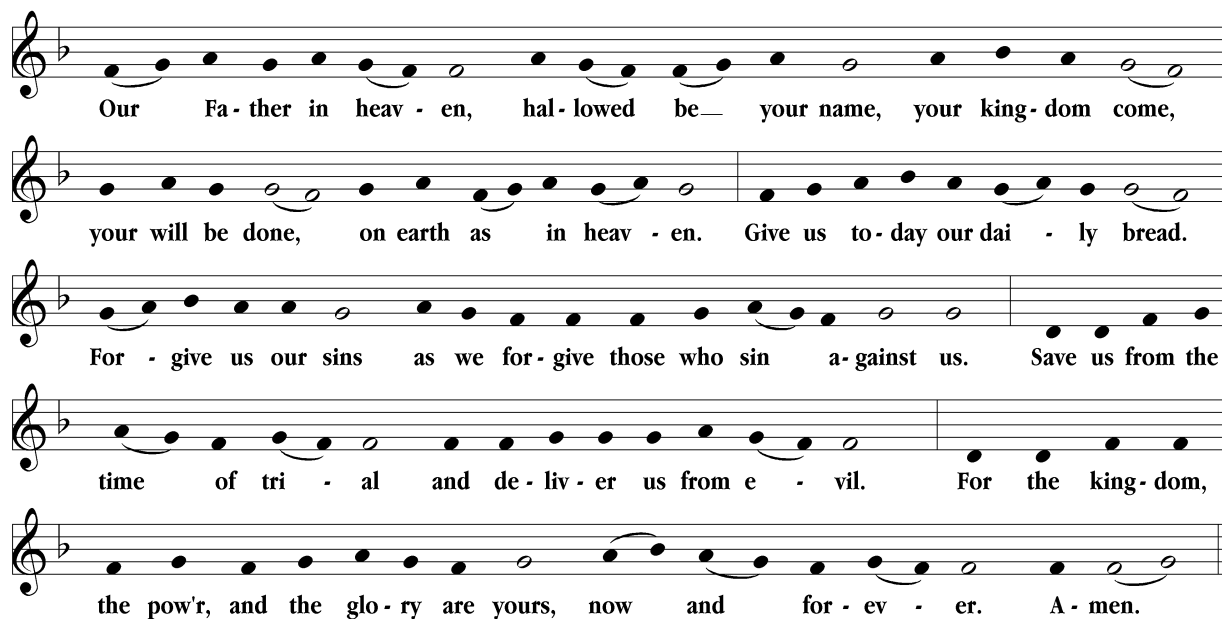


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we join in their unending hymn:

Sanctus – No. 192

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.

The Presider breaks the consecrated host.

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 baptized Christians who believe Christ is truly present are welcome to receive the Sacrament. Non-communicants are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Those who need to receive gluten-free bread should indicate this to the Pastor.

Anthem	In the Cross of Christ I Glory	Bruce Neswick
Hymn, No. 544		Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen you and keep you in grace. A - men

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and compassionate God, **in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen**

SENDING

The Congregation is seated.

Blessing and Installation of Augustana’s New Staff

The Congregation stands.

Benediction

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
 Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
 Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
 Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
 bless you now and forever.

Hymn, No. 660	Lift High the Cross
<i>The congregation turns to face the entrance of the church as the procession passes.</i>	

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Scripture Readings

First Lesson

Numbers 21:4b-9

^{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 Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

¹⁸For 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 3:13-17

¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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