

Augustana Lutheran Church

Washington, DC



CONFESSIO AUGUSTANA

June 21, 2009

10:30 a.m.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

The Order of Confession and Forgiveness

In the words of Martin Luther, "When I urge you to go to Confession, I am doing nothing else than urging you to be a Christian. ... those who really desire to be true Christians, to be rid of their sins, and to have a cheerful conscience already possess the true hunger and thirst. They reach for the bread, just as Psalm 42:1 says of a hunted deer, burning in the heat with thirst, "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for You, O God." In other words, as a deer with anxious and trembling eagerness strains toward a fresh, flowing stream, so I yearn anxiously and tremblingly for God's Word, Absolution, the Sacrament, and so forth."

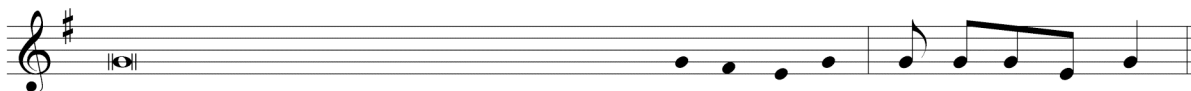
Yearning for absolution, **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. **Amen**

Entrance Hymn, No. 652

Built on a Rock

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 Gloria, Nos. 409 – 410

Salutation and Prayer of the Day



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

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us against all our enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46



A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic - to - rious.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea.
Through its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away. *Refrain*

Come, and regard the works of the Lord;
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
behold the One who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in all the earth.” *Refrain*

Second Lesson

Romans 3:19-28

The Congregation stands


Gradual Hymn, No. 594 – Stanzas 1 and 4

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Holy Gospel


John 8:31-36

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, No. 594 – Stanza 8

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Sermon

The Congregation stands.

Hymn of the Day, No. 645

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

The 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sharing of Peace

The Congregation is seated.

Solo, at the Offering If God Be For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?

G. F. Handel

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 876

Let the Whole Creation Cry


Offertory Verse and Prayer

I appeal to you, therefore, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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 and 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.

Agnus Dei



1-3. O— Christ, thou Lamb of God That tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
1-2. Have mer - cy up - on us! 3. Grant us thy peace!— A - - men.

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. 517

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

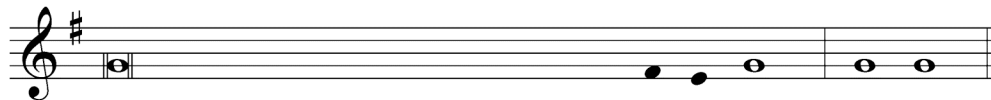
Hymn, No. 654

The Church's One Foundation

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Congregation stands.

Eucharistic Blessing



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

Nunc dimittis, No. 201

Now, Lord

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God, in this meal you have rained down the true bread from heaven, the body and blood of your beloved Son. So by his promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Congregational Meeting

Benediction

Hymn, No. 840

Now Thank We All Our God

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Today's Icon:

Martin Luther's Seal

The Luther Rose

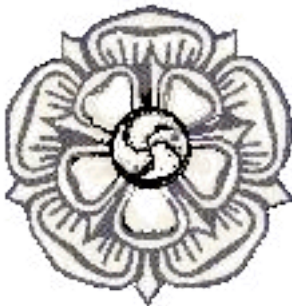
As it became more and more plain to Dr. Martin Luther that the cross of Christ and the pride of the world were at odds with each other, he chose for his family a new crest, which has become the "family crest" of Lutherans worldwide. The best person to explain the meaning of the now famous "Luther Seal" is Dr. Martin Luther, himself.



First, there should be a black cross set in a heart, which should keep its natural colour. This will remind me that faith in the Crucified saves us. Because: *"If you believe in your heart, you will be justified."* Even though it is a black cross, which kills us and causes pain, yet it allows the heart to remain its natural colour; it does not destroy the heart's nature, that is, it does not kill the heart, but keeps it alive. Because *"The just will live by faith"* - but faith in the Crucified.



Now, although the cross is black, mortified, and intended to cause pain, yet it does not tend to change the colour of the heart, does not destroy nature, i.e., does not kill, but keeps alive. *"For the just shall live by faith,"* - by faith in the saviour.



But this heart is fixed upon the center of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy, consolation and peace. The rose is white, not red, because white is the ideal colour of all angels and blessed spirits.



The rose, moreover, is fixed on a sky-coloured ground, to denote that such joy of faith in the spirit is but an earnest yearning and beginning of heavenly joy to come, as anticipated and held by hope, though not yet revealed.



And around this groundbase is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and treasures, since gold is the best and most treasured metal. Christ, our dear Lord, He will give us grace unto eternal life.



Put them all together, the complete seal.

Artistic work by Peter McLeod

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America holds to the basic principles of Luther's theological teachings, such as **Grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone**. These comprise the very essence of Lutheranism: We are saved by the **grace of God alone** -- not by anything we do; Our salvation is through **faith alone** -- we only need to trust God made known in Christ who promises us forgiveness, life and salvation; and The **Bible is the norm** for faith and life -- the true standard by which teachings and doctrines are to be judged.

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

Please sign the guest register in the narthex and fill out the attendance registration booklet located in the pews. Join us for hospitality in the Parish Hall following the service.

We invite you to be as active a participant in the worship of God as you are able. Note that the peoples’ responses in the liturgy are indicated by bold type.

Portions of the liturgy on pages 1-388 are found in the front of the hymnal, followed by Psalms, Nos. 1-150; Service Music, Nos. 151-238; and Hymns, Nos. 239-893. We suggest that you mark the items of today’s liturgy with the hymnal ribbons.

Servants at God’s Altar

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. John S. Kidd
Deacon I	David Juilfs
Deacon II	LeeAnn Hart
Lector	Bruce Miller
Organist	Dr. J. Thomas Mitts
Soloist	Betsy Miller
Crucifer	Paul Beddoe
Bookbearer	Olivia Brown
Torchbearers	Alex Brown, Joyce Waguti
Altar Guild	Judith Bucci
Tellers	Tim Himes, Ruth Hunter, Brian Shannon
Hospitality Hosts	Betsy Knauff, Bruce & Betsy Miller