

Welcome to worship at **Augustana** Lutheran Church



March 11, 2018, 8:30 & 9:45 am

Liturgical Season: Lent

What does this mean?

Lent gives us forty days of preparation for Easter. In repentance, sacrifice, and devotion, we ready our hearts and minds for the story of Christ’s death and resurrection. Purple, found on paraments and decorations throughout the church, reminds us of the penitence and sacrifice to which God calls us in this season. Christ invites us to prepare our hearts and lives in holiness and humility.

We’re glad you’re worshipping with us today! As you enter worship please honor the holiness and prayerfulness of the Sanctuary.

We love having children in worship! If your child needs a break, our nursery is staffed during the 9:45 am service. Large print bulletins and listening assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Today’s Theme: Truth.

Jesus is standing before us and he testifies to the truth about himself even as he prepares to die for us.

During Lent the Hymn of Praise (“Glory to God in the highest” or “This Is the Feast”) which typically follows the Kyrie near the beginning of the service isn’t in the liturgy.

This liturgical season is a somber and penitential time of the church year, so praise is omitted during these six weeks. The Hymn of Praise will return on Easter Sunday, when we celebrate with exuberance the resurrection of Jesus. The sacred expression of praise and joy, “Alleluia,” also returns at Easter.

Prelude *Partita on “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”* J.G. Walther

Announcements

Temple Talk Befriender’s Ministry
Jim McClosky

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ELW pg. 94

Opening Hymn *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* ELW #520

Greeting
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie ELW pg. 138

The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

Anthem (8:30)

God So Loved the World
Senior Choir

John Stainer

(9:45)

Do You Hear the Shepherd
Choristers

Kimberly Ingram

Children's Sermon

Lesson

John 18:28-40

The Narrative Lectionary readings from the Gospel of John during the month of March cover a short amount of chronological time. From the time of Jesus' arrest and betrayal by Peter to his crucifixion it will be a little over 24 hours. It will feel like we are going through Holy Week during these Sundays in March. By the end of the night when Jesus washes the feet of his disciples he is arrested and betrayed by Peter. Then he will stand trial before Pilate, he will be handed over for death and in the last act of darkness he will be crucified. The texts in March will tell us much about ourselves. But they will tell us even more about God's love and the way of suffering Jesus chose for our sake.

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

They shouted in reply, "**Not this man, but Barabbas!**" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Questions for Reflection:

When Jesus says "everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice," what 'truth' is he referring to?

How is the truth of Jesus connected to listening to his voice and are you listening to His voice in your life?

Have you ever experienced a time in your life when the truth about you was difficult to hear?

Is it harder for you to accept the truth when it involves sacrifice or change on your part?

Hymn of the Day*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

ELW #655

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (9:45)**Apostles' Creed**

FIRST ARTICLE: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

SECOND ARTICLE: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

THIRD ARTICLE: 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.

Baptismal Welcome (9:45)

Through baptism, God has made.....with the same love God has for us all.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you with great joy to live with us in the body of Christ, to share with us in God's new creation, to work with us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

 RESPONSE

A time to respond to God with our gifts and prayers

Offering

Shepherd Me, O God.
Rejoice Ringers

Marty Haugen
arr. P. Roberts

Offertory Response*Create in Me*

ELW #186

The structure of the Apostle's Creed is divided into three articles: Creation, Redemption, and Sanctification. It is intentionally Triune, to reflect the nature of God. During Lent we focus our attention on the Second Article, or the Saving work of Christ. Consider how Luther's explanation of the Second Article might add to your Lenten reflection: "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person. He has purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may be His own and live under Him in his kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true."

The Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Benediction literally means "to speak well", and in Lutheran worship, it serves as a prayer asking for God's blessing as we leave worship. A benediction could come anywhere in a worship service, but as a dismissal, the benediction makes our last statement on the Spirit's work in our lives for the rest of the week.

Benediction

The blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you steadfast and strengthen you now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Testify to the truth.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW #324

Postlude

Toccata on "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

David Cherwien

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Mark Aune

Pastor Megan Torgerson

Intern Kiara Jorgenson

Kristine Langlois, Organist

Byron Schwab, Senior Choir Director

Anne Storlie, Chorister Director

Janet Metcalfe, Bell Choir Director

Acolytes: 9:45 Amanda Beaumont

Maddy Beaumont

Lay Readers: 8:30 Kristine Deyo

9:45 Karen Ollie

Baptized today into the Christian Faith and into the Augustana Family:

9:45~Rosalind Cassidy Koziol, daughter of Patrick and Caroline Koziol. Sponsors for Rosalind are Kristin Koziol, Nate Bond and Davon Williams.

Following worship we invite you to stop at the Information Center. It is staffed with individuals eager to answer your questions.

You are welcome to pick up our monthly newsletter, Augustana Life, at the Information Kiosk in the Narthex. It is also available online at augustana.com, click on RESOURCES.

Augustana uses the Narrative Lectionary as a basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read John 19: 1-16a.

The logo for Augustana Lutheran Church features the word "Augustana" in a large, white, serif font, with a white cross symbol above the letter "t". Below "Augustana" is the phrase "Lutheran Church" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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