

Augustana College
Chapel of Reconciliation

Senior Sermon

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Pray: Dear Jesus,

Let the word spoken here today be what you call them to be. May this be to the glory of you. In this I pray!

Amen

“Shotgun!” I yell as I sprint from the house toward our old GMC Safari midsize van. “Shotgun!” It really doesn’t matter how loud I yell it, Martha, my older sister, neither cares nor is listening to me. She yelled shotgun the minute her foot hit the cement running out of the house. 12 years I would spend in the backseat of a car glaring up at my older sisters who always got to sit in the front... Well that was till Martha got her license, then I gladly got in the backseat.

“Shotgun!” James and John seem to be yelling for all to hear. This question of sitting at Jesus’ right and left in his glory is what I would associate with biblical front seat calling. When first reading the gospel for today, my thoughts probably matched those of the other ten disciples, “Who do these disciple think they are? Why would Jesus want to sit next to these arrogant guys anyway and how did they get to be a part of the disciple group?” After a few more times reading, other words began to pop out. “Glory,” James and John are looking to sit next to Jesus in his “glory.” They are still thinking that Jesus is going to become the ultimate ruler, the guy who will restore the earthly kingdom, a king.

Jesus is much more kind then I would be at this moment. Don’t you guys get it yet, we are really running out of time for me to kept explaining this to you... I get the feeling this is how many of my professor feel as they explain the premise for an assignment one more time or give directions for a paper to the hundredth student. Yes, it has to be three pages double-spaced. Yes, I am going to be killed and betrayed. Jesus even keeps the other disciples from laying into these brothers. He says, ok you talk a good talk, but are you willing to walk my walk? Can you take what I am about to do. He

tries to give them one more chance to understand that what he is about is not what they are thinking, but just like me in philosophy, Jesus has lost the disciples understanding.

Like the whole son of man, Son of God thing wasn't hard enough, Jesus throws another fastball at all the disciples. "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." In a world that is constantly telling us to "win at all cost", that if you're not first your last, this Jesus tells us the last shall be first and the first shall be last. Wait a second. This makes no sense. First shall be last, don't they know I have called shotgun on the front? Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant? But being great means I get my own servants. God is calling his people to open their eyes. No the world does not revolve around you and faith is not your entrance card into a swanky country club. We are called to forget ourselves, to serve as Jesus came to serve.

What are we doing here then? Here at Augustana College learning how to be the best at what we are called to do in the world. We are being educated to go out into the world to serve. Here at Augie it is apart of our core values. Service. We are called to go out into the world to serve in all that we do, we accept the call to servant hood along with our diplomas. This year the class of 2010 will be released on the world. Scary, I know! But maybe not so scary because we know that we are being sent out, commissioned to serve as God calls, it may not be what we thought, it may not leads where we envisioned, but Jesus is driving and we just got shotgun.

CAMPUS MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLEAN WATER PROJECT - *For All Who Are Thirsty:* Let's work together to eliminate dirty water! USF, Sioux Falls Seminary, and Augustana are partnering to bring clean water to people who need it - here and abroad. If you're interested in helping, **sign up in the narthex or email** Hannah Miller at hmmiller08@ole.augie.edu or Kayla Rockwell at kerockwell07@ole.augie.edu Project will culminate in a silent auction and concert on Monday, Nov. 23rd.

MARTIN AND KATARINA LUTHER LOOK-ALIKE CONTEST - In an effort to raise funds for the "For All Who Are Thirsty" project, various campus figures have agreed to 'compete' in a contest to see who looks the most like Martin Luther and his wife, Katarina. You may vote with your \$\$'s by placing your contribution in the box of your choice on the Narthex table. The 'winners' will be announced in chapel on Reformation Day worship, and will receive several 'indulgences' for their selection. Vote early and often!!

PRISON WORSHIP - Every semester a campus ministry group attends a worship service at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. The date of our visit this semester is, **Thursday, November 12th**. There are various clearance forms that need to be filled out and **returned to the chapel office by NOON TODAY.**

Chapel Schedule:

FALL BREAK - 24th - 27th

Wednesday (28 th)	Holy Communion, 10 am - Laurie Jungling
Friday (30 th)	Worship, 10 am - Ashley Brewers, Sr. Spkr.
Sunday (1 st)	Worship, 11 am - Ann Pederson