

# Augustana Lutheran Church

102 Jonathan Blvd. N., Chaska, Minnesota 55318  
Worship: 9:30 AM with Bible Class following the service

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**Advent 3**

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## Hymns:

- 19 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*  
298 *Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy*  
69 *Arise, sons of the Kingsom*  
48 *How Blest Are Thy Who Hear God's Word*

## Scripture Lessons

- Old Testament Isaiah 40:1-8  
*God Comforts His People*
- Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
*Appeal to the Judgment of God*
- Gospel Matthew 11:2-10  
*John's Message to Jesus*
- Sermon Isaiah 56:1-7  
*Every Member of God's House an Honored Son*
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**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS** in the name of Jesus Christ! Augustana Lutheran Church confesses and practices the full truth of God's Word, a heritage passed down to us by Luther, and confirmed in the public confessions of our church. We believe that the Bible in all its parts is inspired by the Holy Spirit, error-free, and the only source of divine revelation and absolute truth. If you have any questions about such Bible doctrine, or about our congregation, please direct them to Pastor Diers.

## Announcements

Josiah Adrian Bly was born to David and Sarah Bly last Wednesday afternoon. The baptism will be this evening at Faithful Word Lutheran Church, in Hovland at 7:00PM.

Wednesday is our last midweek Advent service, at 7:30PM. Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:30PM as well. Christmas Day service will be a communion service, and will be held at 9:30AM.

The altar project has now begun and has made good progress. The framework is complete, and all the panels are cut. We hope to stain them this week sometime. We hope to have the altar ready before New Year's.

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## General Prayer

O God, thou Shepherd of Israel, who didst lead Israel like a flock, nourishing and sustaining thy people in the hope of deliverance by the word of thy prophets, and who in the fullness of time didst raise up a Horn of Salvation in the house of David, even thy Son Jesus Christ, grant unto us such a vivid faith in thy promises that we may rejoice and give thanks evermore.

Now, O Father, we bring thee our prayers and supplications with thanksgiving. As we have need, send deliverance to renew us in body and soul. Forgive our sins and blot out all our iniquities. Open the eyes of the spiritually blind; if any walk uncertainly, guide him in the pathways of righteousness; if any be impure in thought, word, or deed, cleanse him by thy Spirit; if any be deaf to thy Spirit, open his ears to thy truth, that hearing he may believe and be saved; and if he be dead to thee in his spirit, quicken him by thy mighty power. Let thy Holy Spirit descend upon us, that our faith may persevere until our Lord will come again to judge all mankind.

We pray for thy church everywhere throughout the world. Grant thy blessing to all thy servants who proclaim thy Word to the multitudes. Give aid and strength to all missionaries and accompany thy Word with power, that all may know thee to be the only true God and Savior of men. Rule over the hearts of all men, guide the decisions of those in authority, and sit in the secret councils of nations, to the end that peace and justice may prevail. Help all men to know and believe the doctrine of Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent, that they may learn to please thee in true faith.

Bless all who are gathered this day in the fellowship of the Spirit, especially those here in this place. Be with those of our number who are sick or under any affliction of body, mind, or spirit. Comfort them that they may, through their trials, learn of thy gracious power and readiness to help in every time of need. Endow us all with grace, that we may daily show forth the light of thy Name, and the glorious Gospel of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All these things, and whatever else we need, we beseech of thee in his Name. Amen.

# Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Martin Diers

*Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets  
Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone*

## The Third Sunday in Advent

December 16, 2007



*The Baptism of Jesus*

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#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

#### EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:2-10

Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

SERMON TEXT Isaiah 65:1-7

I am sought of *them that* asked not *for me*; I am found of *them that* sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation *that* was not called by my name. I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts; A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable *things is in* their vessels; Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These *are* a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day. Behold, *it is* written before me: I will not keep silence,

but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom, Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.