

# Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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**Sexagesima**

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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.

## General Prayer

O Lord God, who art gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy; who art good to all and whose tender mercies are over all thy works, fulfill now the desire of them that call upon thee, and hear our prayer.

In thankfulness and humility we bow in spirit before thee, O God, for commending thy love to us in the death of thine only-begotten Son, who was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. We acknowledge our transgressions; our sin is ever before us. As thou hast revealed our sin to us by thy holy Law, show us also the atoning sacrifice of Christ, by whom also thou hast revealed that if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Continue to sow the seed of thy Word, and grant that the ground of our hearts, having been prepared by thy Spirit who is ever present and active in thy Word, might continue to receive this seed with gladness, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Save and defend thy church from evil, and grant unto all faithful pastors, at home and abroad, diligence in labors, patience in sufferings, and the blessed hope of eternal life. Guard them by thy power from all perils of body or soul.

For our nation we pray. Give us unselfish governors and trustworthy judges, honorable legislators, and a law-abiding citizenry. Grant us success in all just wars, and repentance for all our sins.

Bless our homes and make them dwellings of thy Spirit where Christ is honored in the teaching and love of the parents and in the obedience of their children.

We beseech thy mercy upon our sick. Help them to know the power of Christ, that they may glory in their infirmities. Comfort the sorrowing; be with the lonely; strengthen the aged; give faith in thy power and mercy to all who suffer temptation, and lead them to see that the grace of Christ is sufficient for any adversity.

Let the word of Christ, then, dwell in us richly in all wisdom, that we might receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls. In the Name and for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

## Announcements

### Calendar:

Jan 30 & 31 Confessional Free Conference hosted by the ACLC.  
For more information, visit <http://reformationchurch.org/ACLC.htm>

Feb 6 Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:30 PM

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Pastor Martin Diers

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

**Sexagesima Sunday**  
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*The Sower*

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## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Amos 8:11-12

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it."

## EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 11:19 - 12:9

For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise. For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands. It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and

revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities. For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

#### GOSPEL LESSON Luke 8:4-15

And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the

way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

#### SERMON TEXT Deuteronomy 11:18-25

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth. For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves. Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be. There shall no man be able to stand before you: *for* the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.