

# Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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**Judica**

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## Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Numbers 21:4-9  
*Moses and the Fiery Serpents*

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*Christ, the Mediator of a New Covenant*

Gospel John 8:46-59  
*Before Abraham Was, I Am*

Sermon Isaiah 1:10-18  
*Christ Jesus, the Only Sacrifice Which is Not Vain*

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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 almighty, who art the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee for the revelation of thy grace in thy Son, for the wisdom which ordained his crucifixion, for the high priestly sacrifice of his own body on the tree, for the gift of eternal redemption through his Passion, for the promise of eternal life through his death, we thank thee, O God.

Grant that, under the new testament, sealed by his agony and death, he may mediate to us thy richest blessings, the forgiveness of all our sins, deliverance from death and the devil, and the assurance of everlasting life.

We praise thee for the wondrous love of Christ our Savior. We thank thee that thou hast spoken through him the words of life. We beseech thee to help us at all times to be faithful to his Word, that we may never taste the bitterness of death. Help us faithfully to honor him by faith and life, by word and deed. Grant that we may find Him to be the great "I Am" of heaven, uncreated, eternal, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Inspire us to love and worship him in spirit and in truth.

Out of thine infinite goodness lift up thy church, that it may be saved from all weakness and failure and empowered for holy service. Govern the nations of the earth, that man may live everywhere without fear of his neighbor. Give thy grace to our homes and schools, that youth may be trained for usefulness in this life and for entrance into the life hereafter. Bless all who labor and give them the understanding that in all human toil we are accountable to thee. Help us to use our gifts as thy stewards. Forgive us all our transgressions. Be thou the Comforter of the suffering and afflicted, the Sun of the aged, the Supply of the needy, the Protector of the fatherless, and the Savior of all men. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

## Announcements

Offerings: 3-2 \$260.05

Through the end of March, Pastor Diers will be one off from the Sundays he normally goes to Hovland. He will be there March 9th and 23rd, and April 6th.

## Calendar

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Service - 7:30 pm

# Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Martin Diers

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

## Judica, The Fifth Sunday in Lent

(Passion Sunday)

March 9, 2008



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but I honor my Father, and ye do dishonor me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honor myself, my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honoreth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

SERMON TEXT Isaiah 1:10-18

Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 21:4-9

And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 9:11-15

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

GOSPEL LESSON John 8:46-59

Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil;