

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Mesericordias Domini

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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 our God, how good are the things which thou hast prepared for them that love thee. Thou hast given freely to us all through thy Son, Jesus Christ. May we, by faith in his name, obtain those unspeakable glories which he has prepared for us in thy kingdom.

We thank thee for the grace which sent Christ the Good Shepherd into the world to lay down his life for the sheep, to ransom us by his blood from the power of evil, to redeem us by his Passion from the punishment of our sins, and by his resurrection to liberate us from the fear and bondage of death. Grant that we may ever abide in the green pastures and still waters of His Word and Sacraments.

Grant unto thy church all that it needs, that it may enter in the labors of the kingdom, and seek the lost sheep, raise the fallen, rescue the weary, comfort the faint, restore the erring, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, and thus show forth the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Turn the hearts of the erring away from every false shepherd, and draw them with thy pure word and doctrine, that they may be united in the one fold of Thy Holy Church, with the only true Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ.

Let the Word of the Good Shepherd be heard throughout the world, that in every government, in all commercial endeavors, in every college and university, in all civic life, thy Son may be magnified, as men either adhere to His Word, or are overthrown by it.

Direct our path through the sin, strife, and chaos of these times, O Lord. Grant us true faith and a godly heart.

Strengthen the sick, support the weak, supply the needy,
and show thyself a very present help in every necessity.

And when our last hour shall come let our heart be fixed
on thy promises, and because our eyes have seen thy
salvation let us depart in peace according to thy Word,
and be received into everlasting glory, through Jesus
Christ, thy Son and our Redeemer. Amen.

Announcements

Offerings: 3/30 \$245.10
from California \$103.00

Pastor Diers travels to Hovland after today's service.

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

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The Second Sunday After Easter

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GOSPEL LESSON John 10:11-16

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

SERMON TEXT Micah 7:14-20

Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily *in* the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed *in* Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous *things*. The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay *their* hand upon *their* mouth, their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee. Who *is* a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth *in* mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16

For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 2:21-25

Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.