

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Rogate

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Hymns:

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Scripture Lessons

- Old Testament Isaiah 55:6-11
My Word Shall not Return Void
- Epistle James 1:22-27
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- Sermon Hosea 14:5-9
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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, whose thoughts and ways are as far removed from ours as the heavens from the earth, who in thy mercy dost receive with pardon thy penitent children, we praise and glorify thee for thy great goodness.

We give thee our heartfelt thanks for the precious gift of thy Son Jesus, whom thou didst send that we might have abundant life, and who, to accomplish his task, innocently and humbly suffered the afflictions of this life, took our sins and infirmities in his own body, and bore them unto death upon the cross. We sing forth and honor thy Name, O Lord God, for this great salvation.

And now, trusting in the promise of thy Son that whatsoever we shall ask of thee in his Name thou wilt grant, we beseech thee to grant us hearts that gladly hear the Word of thy Son, and willingly obey his doctrine.

Send forth thy Word into all the world, that it may accomplish that which thou hast sent it to do, bringing salvation where it is believed and condemnation where it is rejected.

Bless thy church and let it be a loving union of the faithful, a holy communion in sacred things, a people of faith and prayer, exercising a true religion in the performance of every merciful work.

As thou dost govern the nations on this earth, look in mercy upon them and turn them into the ways of justice, righteousness, and peace. Especially do we beseech thy gracious favor upon our land. Bestow upon our president, legislators, and all our magistrates minds and hearts to perform their duties with diligence, equity, and honor. Defend us from all enemies within and without. Overthrow all workers of unrighteousness, and grant us a love of holiness and purity.

Bless all our loved ones. Especially do we remember before thee the sick and those who mourn. Let them seek thee and receive thy gracious help and be mercifully delivered from all their distresses.

Now, O Lord, keep us steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in thy work, forasmuch as we know that in thee our labor is not in vain. In the Name of Jesus we pray always. Amen.

Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Martin Diers

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

Rogate The Fifth Sunday After Easter April 27, 2008

Announcements

Offerings: 4/6 \$193.30
4/13 \$275.38
CA \$140.00

Calendar

May 1 Ascension Worship – 7:30 pm

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Jesus Appears on the Shore

GOSPEL LESSON John 16:23-30

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

SERMON TEXT Hosea 14:5-9

I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive *as* the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon. Ephraim *shall say*, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard *him*, and observed him: I *am* like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found. Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these *things*? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

EPISTLE LESSON James 1:22-27

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.