

# Augustana Lutheran Church

102 Jonathan Blvd. N., Chaska, Minnesota 55318

Worship: 9:30 AM with Bible Class following the service

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First Sunday After Trinity

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Hymns:

40      *The God of Abraham Praise*

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Scripture Lessons

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                                 *Love To God Enjoined*

Epistle      1 John 4:16–21  
                                 *Perfect Love Casteth out Fear*

Gospel      Luke 16:19–31  
                                 *The Rich Man and Lazarus*

Sermon      2 Chronicles 6:17–20, 24–42  
                                 *The Glory of the Lord's House is not Gold and Silver, but mercy  
                                 and forgiveness through the Lord's Anointed, Jesus Christ.*

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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.

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## General Prayer

O Lord God, King eternal, of whom, through whom, and in whom are all things, both in heaven and earth, and who in the trinity of thy Godhead art one God:

We give thee our most heartfelt thanks for the multitude of thy mercies which thou hast so graciously showered upon us. Most of all, we thank thee for thy great love and for the priceless gifts which thou hast given in Jesus Christ, thine only-begotten Son, whom thou didst send for our salvation. We thank thee for the forgiveness of our sins which He has won for us, that thereby we may be delivered from death and the devil's power, and granted everlasting life.

O Lord who first loved us, grant that we may love thee with all our heart and with all our soul, and with all our might. Teach us to walk as obedient children in thy commandments. And as we wrestle against the powers of spiritual darkness in all our temptations, give us the strength to overcome them by the constant remembrance that in thy Son we are redeemed from the devil's power.

And as thou didst anoint thy church with the Holy Ghost and with power, help her everywhere throughout the world, amongst all peoples and tongues, to declare thy wonderful works, to the end that multitudes may come to thy light.

Look in mercy upon the nations of the world and grant them thy peace. Especially do we beseech thee that thou wouldst bless our own land. Give the spirit of wisdom and understanding to all who rule over us. Banish all vain ambition and love of power and luxury.

Upon all our homes let the sunshine of thy love descend, and grant that our children may be reared in thankful

devotion to thee, and all their days walk in thy praise.

We entreat thee, O loving Father, for thy mercy and grace upon all who face adversity or trial. Be thou the Health of the sick, the Joy of the sorrowing, the Staff of the aged, the Companion of the lonely, and the Strength of the weak. Grant us all these petitions, O Lord, for the sake of him who died that we might ever live unto thee. Amen.

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Pastor Martin Diers

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

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**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

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and have dealt wickedly; <sup>38</sup> If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: <sup>39</sup> Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee. <sup>40</sup> Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. <sup>41</sup> Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. <sup>42</sup> O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant.

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4–13

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

#### EPISTLE LESSON 1 John 4:16–21

God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

#### GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:19–31

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed

with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

#### SERMON TEXT 2 Chronicles 6:17–20, 24–42

Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David. <sup>18</sup> But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! <sup>19</sup> Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee: <sup>20</sup> That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place. . . . <sup>24</sup> And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; <sup>25</sup> Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the

sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers. <sup>26</sup> When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them; <sup>27</sup> Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance. <sup>28</sup> If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillers; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness there be: <sup>29</sup> Then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house: <sup>30</sup> Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men:) <sup>31</sup> That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. <sup>32</sup> Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house; <sup>33</sup> Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name. <sup>34</sup> If thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; <sup>35</sup> Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. <sup>36</sup> If they sin against thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near; <sup>37</sup> Yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss,