Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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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 God, King eternal, who didst make the seven stars and Orion and turnest the shadow of earth into the morning of life; who art our light and salvation, and our portion forever: We, thy children seek thee now in prayer, and beseech thee to rest thy hand in benediction upon us.

Bless us, O Lord, with such faith in thy Son Jesus Christ that we may believe in him with all our hearts, and, trusting in his merits, may have the assurance of everlasting life. Bless us, from the fountain of thy love, with the gracious water of life and the washing of regeneration in the Holy Spirit.

Keep us ever within thy care. And as thy glorious creation has been marred by man's sinfulness and lies in travail under the shadow of thy judgment, defend us in all times of danger and save us in every peril. From earthquake and storm, from hatred and war, from tyranny and persecution, from famine and plague, and from corruption and rebellion, deliver us.

Keep us securely within thy grace, O Lord, that, by reason of our sins and frailty, we may never depart from thee. Help us to grow in grace now in the time of our vigor, and in the hour of our death preserve us in the true faith of thy holy Name. Grant that we may have inheritance with all thy children and know the joys of thy adoption in the redemption of our bodies and the resurrection into life eternal.

Make thy face to shine upon thy church that, through her labor, the light of thy truth may shine in all the world, that thy way may be known upon earth and thy saving health among all nations. Let her watchmen bear thy Name in all godliness and purity, and give her people gladness in thy true service.

Stretch forth thy arm over our land, that thy power and glory may be seen from shore to shore, in the stately halls of government, in the busy precincts of commerce, in the classroom and on the farm, and in the minds and hearts of men of whatever dignity or position in life, that our people may repent and that our land may know that thou art Lord over all and that thou givest thy glory to no other.

Be gracious to all our families, that our children may grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. To this end give thy Spirit to our parents, that they may be endowed with Christian ideals and live in obedience to Christ's commandments.

Lift up thy countenance, O Lord, upon all who suffer sickness or sorrow, the infirmities of age or the weariness of tail, separation from loved ones or uncertainty in decision, misunderstanding or bitterness, or any other adversity, and grant them thy peace. Show thyself to them as a very present help in time of need, giving them wisdom and understanding, wholeness of mind and body, courage and hope.

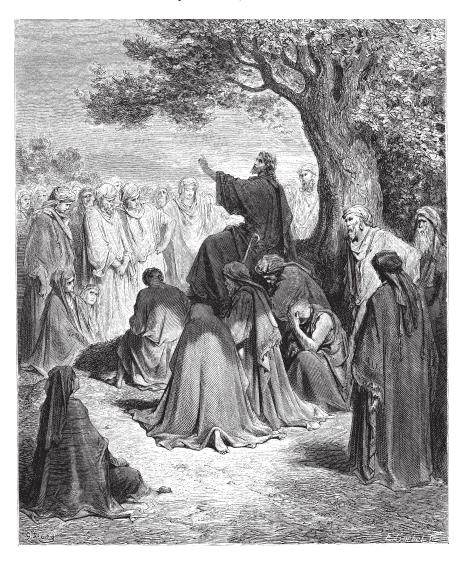
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forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

SERMON TEXT Isaiah 43:8-13

Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, *It is* truth. Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, *even* I, *am* the LORD; and beside me *there is* no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when *there was* no strange *god* among you: therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God. Yea, before the day *was* I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 65:17-19, 24-25

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:18-23

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:36-42

Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be