

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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True Humility Is to Confess that God

Exalts Men through Christ Alone

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 paths are mercy and truth unto such as keep thy covenant and testimonies, and whose secret is with them that fear thee, incline thine ear to us and hear our prayer, which we bring to thee, not in our own name or righteousness, but in the Name and by the merits of Jesus Christ.

We praise thee for the glorious Gospel of thy grace, whereby, according to thy faithful promises, thou didst send, in the fullness of time, thy Son, who died for our sins and rose again on the third day, that we through him might be saved.

We thank thee for making known unto us through the witness of the Apostles the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though we have not seen him with the eyes of our flesh, yet we may rejoice with unspeakable and glorious joy and receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.

Grant that we may ever stand steadfastly therein, earnestly repent of our sinfulness, turn to thee for forgiveness, and be purged of all iniquity. Give us true humility. Enable us by thy grace to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. And that we may be fruitful in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ, fill our hearts and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

Bestow the Holy Spirit upon thy church, O Lord, that it may go forth into all the world bearing thy precious Gospel and preaching Jesus Christ among all nations for the remission of sins and the hope of eternal life. Save thy church from all its enemies, evil workers, and perverters of the truth, that it may know no other Gospel than that which was once delivered to it.

We pray for our country and beseech thee, by thy mercy, to give us executive, legislative, and judicial leaders who shall give heed to thy commandments, uphold and foster all good, oppose and punish all that is evil, that all our people may live in peace, safety, and honor.

Pour out thy blessings upon our homes. Give mind and will to all parents to train up their children to know, love, and fear thee, to the end that all may live together in peace, kindness, and understanding.

Hear the prayers of all the afflicted, the sorrowful and those who mourn, the needy and the homeless, the wounded and all in pain, the anxious and the despairing, and lead them by thy mercy to a happy issue out of all their adversities

Deliver us, O God, from every evil, of body or soul, property or character, and at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a happy end and take us from this world of sorrow to thyself in heaven.

These and all other things necessary for us, grant unto us, by thine infinite mercy and grace in Jesus Christ, the Bright and Morning Star of our salvation. 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 Pharisee and the Publican

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thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

SERMON TEXT Daniel 4:28-37

All *this* came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?" While the word *was still* in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses." That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' *feathers* and his nails like birds' *claws*. And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom *is* from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?" At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and splendor returned to me. My counselors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works *are* truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down. (NKJV)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Daniel 9:15-18

And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:1-10

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 18:9-14

And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank