Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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Rejoice in the Salvation Which is in Christ Jesus, Yes, Even as You Await Its Completion in Your Body

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, the Light of thy people, and the saving Strength of thine Anointed, we thank thee for the gift of thy Word, in which thou hast given us the glorious revelation of thyself and of thy grace in thy Son Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, in whom we are made righteous before thee, thoroughly furnished for all good works.

Send forth thy Word into the world. Implant it in hearts of people everywhere, that they may be made wise unto salvation, so that they, being delivered from ungodliness, the power of Satan, and the fear of death, may live to serve and praise thee in righteousness and purity forever.

And as thy Word is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart, let it probe like a sharp sword, showing us the evil and the good, that thus examined, we may repent of our sins, seek thy mercy in Jesus Christ, and thereby escape thy judgment of condemnation.

Let thy Word everywhere consume thine enemies like fire, and, like the hammer that breaks the rock in pieces, let it destroy all oppression, tyranny, and every abominable thing.

Pour out thy Word upon every nation, that their eyes may be opened and their hearts turned from falsehood and error, idolatry and evil works. Open their ears to hear the words of thy truth, that the day may dawn in their souls as light in a dark place, and that the day star of Christ, implanted by thy Spirit, may arise in their hearts.

Let thy Word shine within our homes, that parents and children may dwell together in love, serve one another in kindness, and find increase in joy in this life and that which is to come.

Give the Spirit of Christ richly to all who are sick or are suffering from any adversity of body or spirit, and grant that they may discover that he does all things well, turning our afflictions into divine blessings.

This we pray in the Name of him who gave himself for us that we might ever live through him, even Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Our annual church picnic follows the worship service today. The location is Meadow Green Park, 921 Pontiac Lane in Chanhassen.

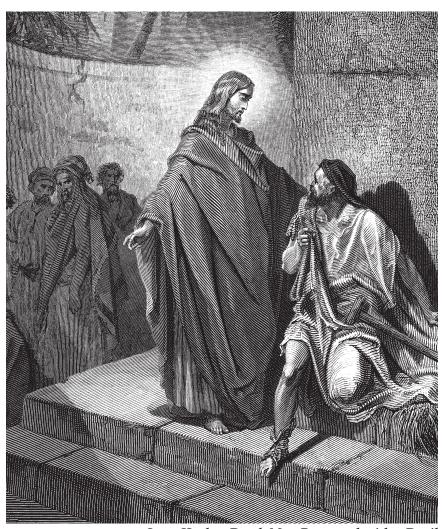
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Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone

The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity August 10, 2008



Jesus Heals a Dumb Man Possessed with a Devil

beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

SERMON TEXT Psalm 70:1-5

To the Chief Musician. *A Psalm* of David. To bring to remembrance. *Make haste*, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD! Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused Who desire my hurt. Let them be turned back because of their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!" Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!" But I *am* poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You *are* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay. (NKJV)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 29:18-21

And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to naught, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off: That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of naught.

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7:31-37

And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they