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

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Take Not the Wisdom of God by Half

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

Heavenly Father, eternal and almighty God, who through the blood of the everlasting covenant didst bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ: Perfect us in every good work to do thy will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in thy sight.

By thy Holy Spirit work in us a true and living faith in thee and in thy Son whom thou didst send, that in thy manifold goodness and mercy we may be found in him, not having our own righteousness, which is of thy law, but that which is through the righteousness of Christ.

O thou who art the Author of all good counsels and all holy desires, work in us such love toward thee that we, loving thee with all our hearts, may love our neighbor also. Help us to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thee. Grant that we may ever show compassion to the needy, bear the infirmities of the weak, and having fervent charity toward all.

Work in us obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ that we may refrain our tongues that they speak no guile, that we may do good and shun evil, that we may pursue peace, and that we may commit ourselves to thy tender care.

Move thy church with gratitude for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. And that the uttermost parts of the earth may hear of thy salvation, grant unto thy called servants of the Word a heart for the lost, and a right understanding of thy doctrine, that in all their labors thy name may be glorified.

Bless our nation, that mercy and truth, honor and peace, may everywhere prevail. Give success to all that labor for righteousness, and overthrow all who work iniquity, that we come not under thy reproach and judgment.

Let the Spirit of Jesus Christ come into our homes to strengthen all parents, that they may, by excellent example, encourage their children and youth in the practice of virtue, and lead them to usefulness in thy service and in the service of their fellow men.

Bless all who are engaged in honest labor, and grant them contentment and due reward for all their endeavors. Help all men to see that whatsoever they do in word or deed, they are accountable to thee.

Pour out thy mercy upon all who are in trial or adversity, especially those who are suffering for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, and save them by thy mighty power, that they may know that thou art the true and only Sovereign, and thy Son the true and only Savior.

Now, dear Father, for his sake forgive us our sins and cleanse us by his Word, giving us the hope and promise through him of life everlasting. In his Name. Amen.

Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Martin Diers

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

The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity August 17, 2008



The Good Samaritan

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Zechariah 7:4-10

Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying, Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me? And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves? Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain? And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother: And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 3:15-22

Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against

the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 10:23-37

And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out

two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

SERMON TEXT Proverbs 2:1-8

My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, *And* apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *And* lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as *for* hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. (NKJV)