

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Trinity 16

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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

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom thy whole family in heaven and earth is named, we worship thee for thy manifold wisdom, thy mighty works, and thy perfect holiness; but especially do we praise thee for our reconciliation to thee through the sufferings and death of thy dear Son, which thou didst purpose in eternity, that we through faith in him might confidently bring to thee our prayers and petitions.

Out of thy surpassing goodness grant thy Spirit unto us, who ever need thy help and mercy. Give to us the right knowledge of thy majesty and power and the holy fear which is the beginning of wisdom. Reveal unto us thy grace by providing for the wants and needs of this present life. Let thy mercy descend upon us as the morning dew and grant us life, health, and contentment. Deliver us from every danger to body or soul.

Above all we entreat thee to look upon our spiritual frailty, which we are powerless to remedy, and strengthen us by thy Holy Spirit with sure faith in Jesus Christ. Grant unto us the conviction of thy pardon and peace, that our wills might be made subject to thine, and all our actions might be motivated by faith and love.

Let the exceeding love of Christ pervade thy Church, that it may flourish in love for the brethren, and in every good work. May it show forth the exceeding greatness of thy love, which is as broad as all mankind, as long as eternity, and as deep as any human need.

Bestow upon the nations of the earth such knowledge of thy glory, that they may turn to thee, the only God, and thy Son Jesus Christ, and find salvation. Grant also thy favor upon this land, that multitudes within her borders may turn from evil and come to faith and be filled with all thy fullness.

And as thou art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that works in

us, enlarge our trust so that we will unfailingly come to thee in prayer with believing hearts beseeching thee for all our wants and needs. Give a special measure of thy power to those who are in sorrow or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive thy blessed aid. And although we have deserved thy chastening and correction, help us to receive them with faith, knowing that thereby thou art in love preparing us for that joyful communion with thee which is to be for all eternity.

These things we beseech of thee, O God, through our Redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity
September 7, 2008

Announcements

Offerings: 08/10 \$222.25
08/17 \$350.18
08/24 \$194.62
08/31 \$258.00

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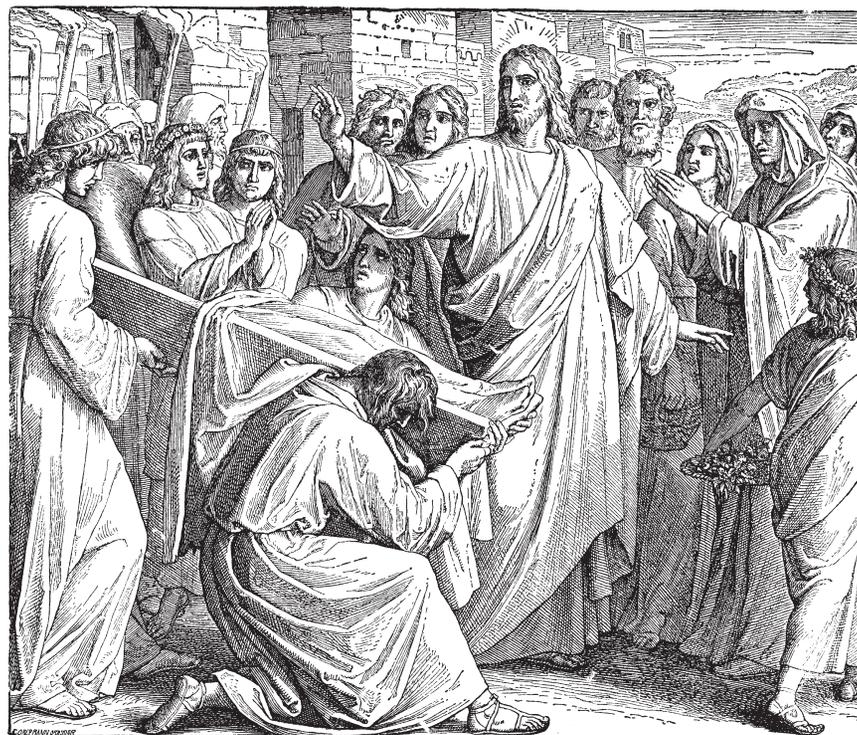
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The Raising of the Widow's Son

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Job 5:17-26

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword. Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh. At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth. For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee. And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin. Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth. Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 3:13-21

Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the

church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 7:11-17

And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumor of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.

SERMON TEXT Ezekiel 24:15-27

Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke; yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down. "Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban on your head, and put your sandals on your feet; do not cover *your* lips, and do not eat man's bread *of sorrow*." So I spoke to the people in the morning, and at evening my wife died; and the next morning I did as I was commanded. And the people said to me, "Will you not tell us what these *things signify* to us, that you behave so?" Then I answered them, "The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, your arrogant boast, the desire of

your eyes, the delight of your soul; and your sons and daughters whom you left behind shall fall by the sword. 'And you shall do as I have done; you shall not cover *your* lips nor eat man's bread *of sorrow*. 'Your turbans shall be on your heads and your sandals on your feet; you shall neither mourn nor weep, but you shall pine away in your iniquities and mourn with one another. 'Thus Ezekiel is a sign to you; according to all that he has done you shall do; and when this comes, you shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.'" 'And you, son of man—*will it not be* in the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters: '*that* on that day one who escapes will come to you to let *you* hear *it* with *your* ears?' On that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped; you shall speak and no longer be mute. Thus you will be a sign to them, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.'" (NKJV)