

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Trinity 17

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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 and Father, loving Creator of all things in heaven and earth, who rules and sustains them all, and who grantest death or life according to thy holy judgments: We bow in prayer before thee and offer unto thee our common supplication.

Give us, for the sake of thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, pardon for all our sins and deliverance from the just reward of our transgressions. Rescue us in every temptation, whether it proceed from the world, the flesh, or the devil.

And since we cannot by our own reason or strength walk worthily of our calling, nor bear the Name of Christ in honor, nor obey thy commandments faithfully, pour out thy Holy Spirit upon us, that we may more and more be conformed to Thy will. Grant unto us a spirit of meekness, humility, and patience. Help us by thy grace to bear in love with each other's faults and infirmities, to serve one another in charity and kindness, and to bless those who may seek to harm us.

Look in mercy upon thy church, O God, and grant that it may keep the unity of faith and doctrine which thou dost give and for which our Lord prayed. To this end grant that thy church in every place may yield to Thy Word in repentance for sin, in the hope of the Gospel, and in knowledge of every doctrine. May thy church faithfully show forth this one true faith throughout all the world, that men in every place may come to the knowledge and faith of our only Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Bless our nation, that throughout the length and breadth of the land its people may worship and serve thee in spirit and in truth, and grant it thy counsel and aid, that it may be preserved in peace.

Guard and protect our families, and enable all parents to give wise reproof, spiritual admonition, and a wholesome example to their children, that in obedience to words fitly spoken they may be edified and strengthened for usefulness and service to thee and to all their fellow men.

Work thy healing power upon the sick and all the afflicted. Hear their cry and remember them in thy mercy, upholding them by the comforting power of thy Spirit. Show thyself to them a very present help and Savior, and increase their trust in thee, through the love of thy Son Jesus Christ, in whose glorious Name we offer these and all other worthy petitions which thou seest in our hearts. 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 Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity
September 14, 2008

Announcements

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

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an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day? And they could not answer him again to these things. And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him; And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

SERMON TEXT Hosea 6:1-6

Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth. "O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And your judgments are like light that goes forth. For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. (NKJV)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 25:6-13

Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men: For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen. Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbor hath put thee to shame. Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself; and discover not a secret to another: Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprovor upon an obedient ear. As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:1-11

And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go; And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or

