Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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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 Lord God, who art ever faithful, and who hast kept every one of thy precious promises, we thank thee for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ thy Son, and for all the promised graces we have received through him: that in the brightness of his glory we may perceive thine own glory; that in His mercy, truth, and holy life we have learned thy will; that in his obedience unto the death of the cross we have been granted the forgiveness of sins; that in his resurrection we have the certain hope of eternal life; and that in his ascension to thy right hand we are assured of his intercession before thee for our sakes.

Help us that we may heartily believe and trust in him, love and serve him in thought, word, and deed, and thereby manifest his Spirit. And, that we may remain partakers of thy promise in him and be found at his coming worthy to bear the crown of life, preserve our faith through which we are justified, and confirm us in his testimony unto our end.

Preserve thy church, dear God, from false or faithless teachers, and keep her obedient and steadfast in thy holy Word. Grant unto her thy Spirit, that she may proclaim thy truth with living power, preach thy Gospel in all the world, and minister in love to the needs of men everywhere.

Spread the peace and tranquility of thy Gospel to every nation on the earth. Enlighten them with the knowledge of thy saving power, and preserve them from oppression, wrong, and cruelty.

Support our own land in righteousness and overthrow all wickedness. Preserve us from materialism and moral corruption, and raise up citizens who will speak and defend the truth openly and boldly. Protect us against every peril from within and without, and give us thy blessing.

Dwell in our homes, O Lord, our families put their trust in thee, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity shall be able to defeat them, or take from them the conviction that thou art their Helper in time of need, even as thou hast redeemed them from eternal death by Jesus Christ.

O thou, who wilt ever strengthen the bruised reed, turn the afflictions of the weary and sick into their teachers, and the tears of the troubled and sorrowful into their instructors, that they might learn to find their help in thee, the only unfailing Spring of all healing, both of body and soul.

All these things, and whatsoever else we should have asked, we pray in the Name of him who is thine only-begotten Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Announcements

Offerings: 09/07 \$220.00

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

The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity September 21, 2008



The Coronation of King Solomon

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SERMON TEXT Nahum 1:2-7

"God is jealous, and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and is furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies; The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. The LORD has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet. He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, And dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither, And the flower of Lebanon wilts. The mountains quake before Him, The hills melt, And the earth heaves at His presence, Yes, the world and all who dwell in it. Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him. The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him. (NKJV)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Chronicles 1:7-12

In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast showed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king: Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:34-46

But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

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