

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Trinity 25

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*Be of Good Cheer,
for Jesus Shall Dispel the Darkness of These Latter Days*

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 almighty God and heavenly Father, holy and righteous art thou; thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and thy truth endures throughout all generations. Hear the voice of our supplication, O Lord.

We thank thee for all thy mercies, which thou has given in Jesus Christ, thy Son, who took upon himself the form of a servant and humbled himself unto the death of the cross, that we might receive the remission of our sins, the assurance of everlasting life, and the certainty of the resurrection of our bodies on the last day.

In this faith, O Lord, take from us the sting of sorrow and the victory of the grave. In this blessed hope in the risen Christ, help us to conquer all fear of death and to live in the confidence that because he lives, we shall also live, and bear the image of the heavenly. Comfort by this grace and truth all who are bereaved, and wipe all tears from their eyes.

Deliver us from the tribulations of this world, its false Christs and false prophets, its heresies and divisions, its wars and oppressions, its bloodshed and pain, and grant that as the days which thou hast appointed us are few and troubled, we may apply our hearts unto thy wisdom, and ever abide under the shadow of thy love and power. Prosper thy church, dear God, and help her to work diligently while it is day before the night comes. Keep thy church pure from sin and all false doctrine, that she may be spotless when her Lord shall return.

Stretch forth thy hand over the nations of the earth, rebuke the vain and proud, comfort the oppressed, and bless the obedient, that all may know that thou only art God. Preserve our nation from corruption, that we come not

under thy judgment. Breathe thy Spirit upon our land, that civil righteousness and peace may prevail, and all may attend to their duties in every fruitful occupation.

We entreat thee to look in mercy upon all the sick and any who are stricken in body, mind, or spirit. Manifest thy presence unto them, and heal them according to thy love and their need.

Forgive us our sins for Christ's sake, and give us that peace which passes all understanding, that joy which no man can take from us, and that hope which fades not away.

In the Name which is above every name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Pastor Martin Diers

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

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Trinity

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false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

SERMON TEXT Joel 3:9-21

Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I *am* strong.'" Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow—For their wickedness *is* great." Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness. The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel. "So you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again." And it will come to pass in that day *That* the mountains shall drip with new wine, The hills shall flow with milk, And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD And water the Valley of Acacias. "Egypt shall be a desolation, And Edom a desolate wilderness, Because of violence *against* the people of Judah, For they have shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah shall abide forever, And Jerusalem from generation to generation. "For I will acquit them of the guilt of bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted; For the LORD dwells in Zion." (NKJV)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Job 14:1-5

Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one. Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 24:15-28

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and