

# Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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## Hymns:

16      *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

67      *The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us*

608      *Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road*

261      *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*

## Scripture Lessons

Old Testament      Isaiah 35:3-10  
                                 *The Return of the Ransomed of the Lord*

Epistle      1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
                                 *God Hath Appointed Us to Salvation*

Gospel      Matthew 25:1-13  
                                 *The Wise and Foolish Virgins*

Sermon      Joel 2:28-32  
                                 *Call Upon the Name of the Lord Today,  
                                 For Tomorrow May Be Too Late*

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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, who hast saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to thine own purpose and grace given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began, we thank thee for the abundance of thy mercies, but especially for the gift of thy Son, in whom, through his sufferings and cross, thou hast abolished death and, through his resurrection, brought life and immortality to light.

Grant that by thy grace we may ever continue in the things we have learned through thy Word, and of which we have been assured by thy Holy Spirit, so that, being wise unto salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus, we may receive on the day of his coming the crown of righteousness which he has laid up for us and for all who love his appearing. To this end save us from following after perversions and denials of his truth, and from giving heed to lies, deceptions, and vain philosophies.

And as he shall come to judge all the living and the dead, help us to endure in meekness for thy Name's sake such pain and adversity as we are called upon to bear, to behold the signs of the times, and to look for the new heavens and earth which the redeemed of the Lord shall inherit in everlasting joy and gladness.

Give strength to thy church, that with fervent spirit it may fight the good fight of faith. Give thy blessing to the church's institutions of mercy, and grant thine aid to all who labor therein. Bestow heavenly grace upon our parents, that they may teach their children the way of life in Christ Jesus; and keep the young ever faithful in word and deed.

Govern the nations upon earth, and plead thine own cause amongst the multitudes, that they may be turned sin to righteousness. Look upon our land in mercy, and make us

repentant for our wickedness, immorality, and materialism. Subdue all evil in our midst, and let thy Word flourish, so that truth and holiness may prevail.

Hear the cry of the afflicted and give them thy compassionate aid. Make straight paths for them, strengthening the weak, upholding the feeble, and healing the sick. Enlighten them so that they despise not their chastenings but, receiving them in trust and confidence, bring forth the healthful fruits of righteousness and joy.

Preserve us all in steadfast faith, looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his coming will manifest himself as the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.

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## Announcements

Offerings: 11/16 \$155.00

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## Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Martin Diers

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

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or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

#### GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

#### SERMON TEXT Joel 2:28-32

“And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on *My* menservants and on *My* maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls. (NKJV)

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 35:3-10

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

#### EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake