

# Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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**First Sunday in Advent**

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## Hymns:

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## Scripture Lessons

Old Testament      Jeremiah 31:31–34  
                                 *The New Covenant*

Epistle      Romans 13:11–14  
                                 *The New Day Calls for a New Life*

Gospel      Matthew 21:1–9  
                                 *Christ's Entry into Jerusalem*

Sermon      Matthew 21:1–9  
                                 *Lowly He comes, Lowly, let us Adore Him!*

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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 most merciful Father! We are not worthy of the least of the mercies and truths which You show unto us. Nevertheless, You have showered us with your grace, while we were yet sinners, and has given us Your greatest Treasure, Jesus Christ, Your only begotten Son. How can we thank You for a gift of greater worth than heaven and earth? And this, O Lord, when we are poor and miserable sinners, who, if left to ourselves, would destroy everything good thing that You have given us, and be forever damned to spend eternity in hell. No, instead, You have given your Son to become the lowliest of men. He did not come in great might, but in deep humility. He asked not a great war steed and an entourage of mighty men, but a donkey's colt, and a handful of disciples who had forsaken everything to follow Him.

Oh Lord, as we are sinners, but He is holy, let us not be proud and conceited, but lead us to daily repentance, that we might not think ourselves greater than the Lord who has become lowly, that through His lowliness, we might be the Redeemed of the Lord. And as He has won our salvation through humility and sacrifice, may we likewise be moved to love one another, as He has loved us, and serve one another in sincerity and humility.

And as the devil is constantly seeking to lure us away from your Son by the delicacies of the world and our flesh, and by the subtle lies which infect the soul and rob from us the faith by which we are made righteous, give to us Your Word of your Son Jesus Christ, writing it into our hearts, that we might wear it like an armor of light, putting on Christ every day, that we might make no provision for our flesh, to satisfy its wicked desires. The night is far spent, and our Salvation is nearer to us now, than when we first believed. Therefore guard us from strife and envy, carousing and drunkenness, lewdness and lust, that nothing might draw us from the grace wherein we live, into shame, unbelief and death.

Protect our homes, spread the Gospel abroad into the hearts of our parents. Cause the Advent of Your Son to be a constant source of comfort and joy among them, that they might continue to bring their little children to You, that by Your Word and Baptism, Jesus might come into their hearts also. Let our children then be filled with your Holy Spirit, that they might sing unto Christ their Hosannas of praise, and declare the blessings due to the One who comes in Your Name, the Son of David, Jesus Christ.

Bless our nation, and bring it to repentance, that it might escape the judgement which is due her because of her unrighteousness, arrogance, and pride. Cause our governors, legislators, and magistrates to rule not for personal gain, but that righteousness, civility, peace, and liberty, might be protected and preserved among us.

Comfort the sick and grieving with the assurance of your compassion, and the depressed and downtrodden with the knowledge of your presence. Bring to their remembrance the lowliness of Your Son, that they might remember that in all things, He experienced their griefs and sorrows, and overcame them with His love.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

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

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## GOSPEL LESSON

SERMON TEXT Matthew 21:1–9

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ” So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Hosanna in the highest!”

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31–34

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

## EPISTLE LESSON Romans 13:11–14

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.