

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Advent 3

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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, thou Shepherd of Israel, who didst lead Israel like a flock, nourishing and sustaining thy people in the hope of deliverance by the word of thy prophets, and who in the fullness of time didst raise up a Horn of Salvation in the house of David, even thy Son Jesus Christ, grant unto us such a vivid faith in thy promises that we may rejoice and give thanks evermore.

Now, O Father, we bring thee our prayers and supplications with thanksgiving. As we have need, send deliverance to renew us in body and soul. Forgive our sins and blot out all our iniquities. Open the eyes of the spiritually blind; if any walk uncertainly, guide him in the pathways of righteousness; if any be impure in thought, word, or deed, cleanse him by thy Spirit; if any be deaf to thy Spirit, open his ears to thy truth, that hearing he may believe and be saved; and if he be dead to thee in his spirit, quicken him by thy mighty power. Let thy Holy Spirit descend upon us, that our faith may persevere until our Lord will come again to judge all mankind.

We pray for thy church everywhere throughout the world. Grant thy blessing to all thy servants who proclaim thy Word to the multitudes. Give aid and strength to all missionaries and accompany thy Word with power, that all may know thee to be the only true God and Savior of men. Rule over the hearts of all men, guide the decisions of those in authority, and sit in the secret councils of nations, to the end that peace and justice may prevail. Help all men to know and believe the doctrine of Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent, that they may learn to please thee in true faith.

Bless all who are gathered this day in the fellowship of the Spirit, especially those here in this place. Be with those of our number who are sick or under any affliction of body, mind, or spirit. Comfort them that they may, through their trials, learn of thy gracious power and readiness to help in every time of need. Endow us all with grace, that we may daily show forth the light of thy Name, and the glorious Gospel of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All these things, and whatever else we need, we beseech of thee in his Name. Amen.

Announcements

Wednesday is our last midweek Advent service, at 7:30PM. Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:30PM as well. Christmas Day service will be a communion service, and will be held at 9:30AM.

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

The Third Sunday in Advent

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GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT

Matthew 11:2-10

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: "The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. "For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.' (NKJV™)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40:1-8

"Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD'S hand Double for all her sins." The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." (NKJV™)

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God. (NKJV™)