

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

First Sunday after Epiphany

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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

We bless thee, O God, for the revelation of thy will and wisdom in the life of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, even in the days of his youth.

By thy Holy Spirit implant in us more and more of the mind of Christ. Make us glad to go into thy house. Open our ears that we may gratefully hear and attend to the teaching and preaching of thy Word. In all things, instill in our hearts, O Lord, a continuing desire to be about thy business, to increase in wisdom, and to grow in favor with thee and our fellow men.

By thy mercy, O God, lead our children and young people as thou didst direct and lead thy holy Son Jesus. Give us grace as parents and elders to show thy will and way to the young by faithful worship and love for thy Word and gracious Gospel.

In all our doings, heavenly Father, enable us as young and old alike to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto thee. Deliver us from conformity to this world, and transform us by the renewing of our minds, that we may show forth thy good and acceptable and perfect will in our every thought, word, and deed.

Hear our prayer, O God, for the fellowship of thy church. Bless our worship and prosper our witness of Christ and his power to save. Grant thy strength and blessing to all pastors and missionaries, that they may preach thy Word with diligence and bring the light of the Gospel to every land and nation.

Send thy Holy Spirit into thy church to dispel our weariness, cast out our fear of men, remove our indifference, and forsake the love of this world. Fill us zeal for the lost, that we may be obedient to our Lord's commandment to proclaim the Gospel to every creature.

Lord, thou art the mighty God who spake and it was done, and who orderest still the course of this world. Help us to find strength in the greatness of thy might by which thou hast redeemed through thy Son, Jesus Christ. But grant also that we may look upon thy Son as true Man also, and find in Him our Friend and constant Companion, the human face of Thine eternal majesty and grace.

In thy mercy, Lord, show thy strength and goodness to the sick and the afflicted. Give them grace to cast their cares upon thee in the knowledge and assurance of thy care for them. Help, heal, establish, and strengthen them, and in all things enable them and all of us to rejoice in thy holy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, whom we worship and adore with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. 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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function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. (NKJV)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:41-52S

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. (NKJV)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,
Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near
when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": While the sun
and the light, The moon and the stars, Are not darkened,
And the clouds do not return after the rain; In the day
when the keepers of the house tremble, And the strong
men bow down; When the grinders cease because they
are few, And those that look through the windows grow
dim; When the doors are shut in the streets, And the sound
of grinding is low; When one rises up at the sound of a
bird, And all the daughters of music are brought low; Also
they are afraid of height, And of terrors in the way; When
the almond tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a burden,
And desire fails. For man goes to his eternal home, And
the mourners go about the streets. Remember your Creator
before the silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl is
broken, Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the
wheel broken at the well. Then the dust will return to the
earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave
it. (NKJV)

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:1-5

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And
do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by
the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is
that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. For I
say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is
among you, not to think of himself more highly than he
ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to
each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members
in one body, but all the members do not have the same