

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Transfiguration

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Hymns:

546 *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

With Trembling Awe the Chosen Three (sung to hymn 293)

135 *'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here*

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Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Exodus 3:1-6
Moses and the Burning Bush

Epistle 2 Peter 1:16-21
The Light of the Prophetic Word

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9
The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sermon Matthew 17:1-9
*Witness the Glory of God in Jesus Christ,
and Be Not Afraid, but Believe the Word which He Declares.*

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

Almighty God, whose eyes are upon the righteous and whose ears are open to their prayers, hear now the prayer of thy people and grant unto us all that we need for the health of our souls and bodies.

We praise thee, O God, for the revelation of thy will in the glorious transfiguration of thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Through the revelation of this mighty sign in thy holy Word, give to us the faith to behold his eternal deity, and to worship and adore him in sincerity and truth. Grant that we may know him as the Light of the World, our Sun of Righteousness, the manifest image of thine own divine Being.

By the sign of thy voice and command, Lord God, give us a lively faith in the doctrine of thy Son, and a willingness to heed his commandments. In the sign of Moses and Elijah show us that they are blessed who die in the faith of Jesus Christ, for they shall know the power of his resurrection and shall be changed from glory into glory.

As thou didst in anoint thy Son with thy Holy Spirit without measure, let thy Holy Spirit dwell in our bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives with the adornment of righteous works, pleasing to thee, that in word and deed, mind and thought, we might more and more be conformed to the image of thy Son.

Look upon thy church in all places, and grant that we and all who bear the Name of Christ may daily offer up to thee the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, faith, and thanksgiving.

Behold our nation, O God. Deliver it from all workers of iniquity and purge it from all unrighteousness. Have mercy upon us, and by thy great power save and defend us.

For our whole world we pray. Grant that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving help among all nations.

Thou who art nigh unto all them that call upon thee in truth, hear our prayer and by thy mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake. Amen.

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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Announcements

Offerings: 1-18 \$210.21
 1-25 \$193.94

February 25: Ash Wednesday. Lent begins with midweek worship at 7:30 pm.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 3:1-6

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. (NKJV)

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (NKJV)

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT

Matthew 17:1-9

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead." (NKJV)

With Trembling Awe the Chosen Three

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The holy mount ascended,
Where, wrapped in blissful ecstasy,
They saw the vision splendid —
Their Lord arrayed in living light,
And on His left hand and His right,
By glorious saints attended.

O vision bright, too bright to tell,
The joys of heav'n unveiling!
How precious on those hearts it fell,
When earthly hopes were failing;
When, saints no more on either side,
Between the thieves the Savior died
'Mid hate, and scorn, and railing!

Grant us, dear Lord, some vision brief
Of future triumph telling,
Gilding with hope our night of grief,
Our clouds of fear dispelling.
If the dim foretaste was so bright,
O what shall be the dazzling light
Of Thine eternal dwelling.