

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Sexagesima

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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 Lord God, who art gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy; who art good to all and whose tender mercies are over all thy works, fulfill now the desire of them that call upon thee, and hear our prayer.

In thankfulness and humility we bow in spirit before thee, O God, for commending thy love to us in the death of thine only-begotten Son, who was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. We acknowledge our transgressions; our sin is ever before us. As thou hast revealed our sin to us by thy holy Law, show us also the atoning sacrifice of Christ, by whom also thou hast revealed that if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Continue to sow the seed of thy Word, and grant that the ground of our hearts, having been prepared by thy Spirit who is ever present and active in thy Word, might continue to receive this seed with gladness, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Save and defend thy church from evil, and grant unto all faithful pastors, at home and abroad, diligence in labors, patience in sufferings, and the blessed hope of eternal life. Guard them by thy power from all perils of body or soul.

For our nation we pray. Give us unselfish governors and trustworthy judges, honorable legislators, and a law-abiding citizenry. Grant us success in all just wars, and repentance for all our sins.

Bless our homes and make them dwellings of thy Spirit where Christ is honored in the teaching and love of the parents and in the obedience of their children.

We beseech thy mercy upon our sick. Help them to know the power of Christ, that they may glory in their infirmities. Comfort the sorrowing; be with the lonely; strengthen the aged; give faith in thy power and mercy to all who suffer temptation, and lead them to see that the grace of Christ is sufficient for any adversity.

Let the word of Christ, then, dwell in us richly in all wisdom, that we might receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls. In the Name and for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

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

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Pastor Martin Diers

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

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The Sower

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Amos 8:11-12

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 11:19 — 12:9

For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. To our shame, I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold — I speak foolishly — I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? — I speak as a fool — I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness — besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is

blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Luke 8:4-15

And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. "Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked

moisture. "And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. "But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. "Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. "But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. "Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. "But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.