# Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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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, heavenly Father, whose ways are mercy and truth to such as keep thy covenant and thy testimonies, let the gentle dew of thy peace fall upon all who have come this day into thy house to offer unto thee the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. In the Name of Thy Son, sake pardon our iniquity. Remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions, but in thy great mercy forgive us. Restore our souls; lead us into thy truth; teach us thy ways; be gracious unto us; and bring us out of all our distresses.

O Lord Jesus Christ, thou Son of David, who didst prophesy thy Passion and death, have mercy upon us. Open our sin-darkened eyes to behold thy glory and to rejoice in thy salvation. Give us faith that we may believe in thy power, and in thy love; that thou art able to grant our petitions, and art willing to save all that come unto the Father by thee.

O Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, who alone leadeth men from the darkness of error into the light of the kingdom of Christ, enlighten our understanding. Teach us of the great love wherewith Christ hath redeemed us, and with this knowledge, establish in our hearts the hope of everlasting life, and an enduring love for God and our neighbor.

O holy Triune God, in whom we live and move and have our being, bless this house, that it may be continually a place where thine honor dwells, thy Name is praised, and thy truth is proclaimed. Bless our homes, that they may be rooted and grounded in love and every good work. Help all those among us who may be enduring any affliction, trial, or adversity, and reveal the exceeding greatness of thy power to all who believe. Look in mercy upon the nations of the earth, and cause all peoples and rulers to yield to thy authority, that in every place thy name might be hallowed, thy kingdom prospered, and thy will be done, even as it is done in heaven. To this end, cause thy church to go forth to the nations preaching thy Gospel with courage and boldness, and manifesting thy grace and glory with works of love and compassion.

Now unto him whose name we bear, whose doctrine we confess, and whom, though we now see but darkly, we shall one day see face to face, even Jesus Christ, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

#### Announcements

Daniel Nathan was born to Matt and Crissy Houk on February 17.

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

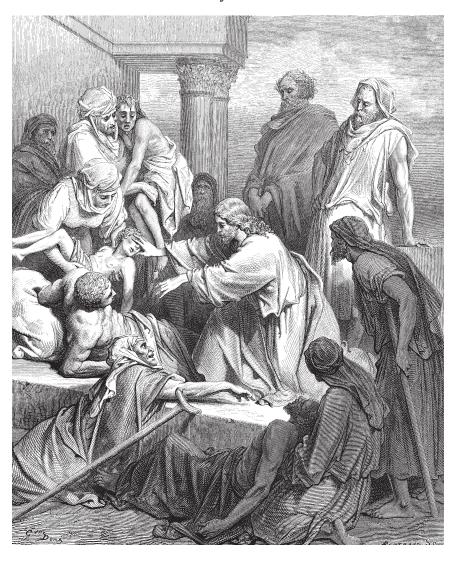
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# Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Martin Diers

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

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we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

### GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Luke 18:31-43

Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. "For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. "They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken. Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 8:4-9**

"Moreover you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: "Will they fall and not rise? Will one turn away and not return? Why has this people slidden back, Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast to deceit, They refuse to return. I listened and heard, But they do not speak aright. No man repented of his wickedness, Saying, 'What have I done?' Everyone turned to his own course, As the horse rushes into the battle. "Even the stork in the heavens Knows her appointed times; And the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow Observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of the LORD. "How can you say, 'We are wise, And the law of the LORD is with us'? Look, the false pen of the scribe certainly works falsehood. The wise men are ashamed, They are dismayed and taken. Behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD; So what wisdom do they have?

#### EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and