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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.

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We give thee our heartfelt thanks for the precious gift of thy Son Jesus, whom thou didst send that we might have abundant life, and who, to accomplish his task, innocently and humbly suffered the afflictions of this life, took our sins and infirmities in his own body, and bore them unto death upon the cross. We sing forth and honor thy Name, O Lord God, for this great salvation.

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As thou dost govern the nations on this earth, look in mercy upon them and turn them into the ways of justice, righteousness, and peace. Especially do we beseech thy gracious favor upon our land. Bestow upon our president, legislators, and all our magistrates minds and hearts to perform their duties with diligence, equity, and honor. Defend us from all enemies within and without.

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Overthrow all workers of unrighteousness, and grant us a love of holiness and purity.

Bless all our loved ones. Especially do we remember before thee the sick and those who mourn. Let them seek thee and receive thy gracious help and be mercifully delivered from all their distresses.

Now, O Lord, keep us steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in thy work, forasmuch as we know that in thee our labor is not in vain. In the Name of Jesus we pray always. Amen.

## Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Martin Diers

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

### **Rogate** **The Fifth Sunday After Easter** May 17, 2009

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#### Announcements

#### Calendar

Thursday: Ascension Worship at 7:30 pm



#### Augustana Lutheran Church

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Treasurer	Mr. Matt Houck		

#### GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT John 16:23-30

"Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. "In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; "for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father." His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! "Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

#### EPISTLE LESSON James 1:22-27

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.