

Augustana Lutheran Church

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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 heavenly Father, who by thy Son didst create all things that are in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, giving him authority over all: We thank thee that through him we have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we may truly know thee as our Father, call upon thee in prayer, and be assured that we will be heard as thy children.

Grant unto thy Church ministers and teachers who are counseled and led by thy Spirit, and who earnestly hold forth the Word of life, diligently gather thy children, and teach them all things whatsoever our Lord has commanded. From all false prophets save them, that they, being knit together in love, may stand fast in one spirit, and with one mind strive together for the faith of the Gospel.

Declare thy glory, O Father, among all nations, and send forth thy messengers to open the eyes of the unbelieving, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto Christ, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance with the children of God.

Look with favor upon our own land, that true liberty, perfect justice, and pure morals may prevail in every estate of our society, and that all ungodliness and wicked works may be destroyed.

Father, let thy Spirit descend upon our homes. Let the Word of Christ in all wisdom dwell richly in the children, and grant that all parents may be worthy examples of true Christian virtues. Shelter them in every storm, and preserve them from all evil.

And as thou, dear Father, didst send thy Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life, preserve us blameless in the midst of a

perverse world, so that we may attain the crown of life. To this end grant that we may be filled with the knowledge of thy will, be fruitful in every good work, and be strengthened in the patience of faith. Help us to mortify the deeds of the flesh and to walk in the Spirit, ever setting our affection on the things above.

O Father, from whom all good counsels and just works do proceed, give unto thy children who may be enduring pain, sickness, disease, anguish, or any other adversity of body or soul, a firm assurance of thy love and mercy that they may commit themselves wholly into thy care and receive from thee all things needful for their salvation.

Now, heavenly Father, as thou hast bidden us by thy Word to let our requests be made known with thanksgiving in prayer and supplication unto thee, we come to thee in loving gratitude and trust, offering these petitions in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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

The Eighth Sunday After Trinity

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The Prophet Jeremiah

shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. "Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship."

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Matthew 7:15-23

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "Therefore by their fruits you will know them. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 23:16-29

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD. They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace"'"; And *to* everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'" For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard *it*? Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury—A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings. "*Am* I a God near at hand," says the LORD, "And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD. "I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' "How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, "who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. "The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat?" says the LORD. "*Is* not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?"

EPISTLE LESSON Acts 20:27-38

"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to