

# Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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Trinity 12

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**Hymns:**

26      *Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him*

34      *My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker*

38      *The Lord, My God, be Praised*

47      *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

## Scripture Lessons

Old Testament      Isaiah 29:18-21  
   *The Promise of Good Things to Come*

Epistle      2 Corinthians 3:4-11  
   *Able Ministers of the New Testament*

Gospel      Mark 7:31-37  
   *Jesus Heals a Deaf Mute*

Sermon      Mark 7:31-37

**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, the Light of thy people, and the saving Strength of thine Anointed, we thank thee for the gift of thy Word, in which thou hast given us the glorious revelation of thyself and of thy grace in thy Son Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, in whom we are made righteous before thee, thoroughly furnished for all good works.

Send forth thy Word into the world. Implant it in hearts of people everywhere, that they may be made wise unto salvation, so that they, being delivered from ungodliness, the power of Satan, and the fear of death, may live to serve and praise thee in righteousness and purity forever.

And as thy Word is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart, let it probe like a sharp sword, showing us the evil and the good, that thus examined, we may repent of our sins, seek thy mercy in Jesus Christ, and thereby escape thy judgment of condemnation.

Let thy Word everywhere consume thine enemies like fire, and, like the hammer that breaks the rock in pieces, let it destroy all oppression, tyranny, and every abominable thing.

Pour out thy Word upon every nation, that their eyes may be opened and their hearts turned from falsehood and error, idolatry and evil works. Open their ears to hear the words of thy truth, that the day may dawn in their souls as light in a dark place, and that the day star of Christ, implanted by thy Spirit, may arise in their hearts.

Let thy Word shine within our homes, that parents and children may dwell together in love, serve one another in kindness, and find increase in joy in this life and that which is to come.

Give the Spirit of Christ richly to all who are sick or are suffering from any adversity of body or spirit, and grant that they may discover that he does all things well, turning our afflictions into divine blessings.

This we pray in the Name of him who gave himself for us that we might ever live through him, even Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Martin Diers

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

### The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

August 30, 2009

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#### Announcements

Pastor Timothy Daene of Redeemer Lutheran Church and Resurrection Lutheran Church (both LCR), died suddenly Wednesday night, of heart failure, leaving behind a wife, and five children, one a newborn. Let us remember the tower of Siloam, which killed 18 men: "Do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:4-5).

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##### The Ministry of the Word

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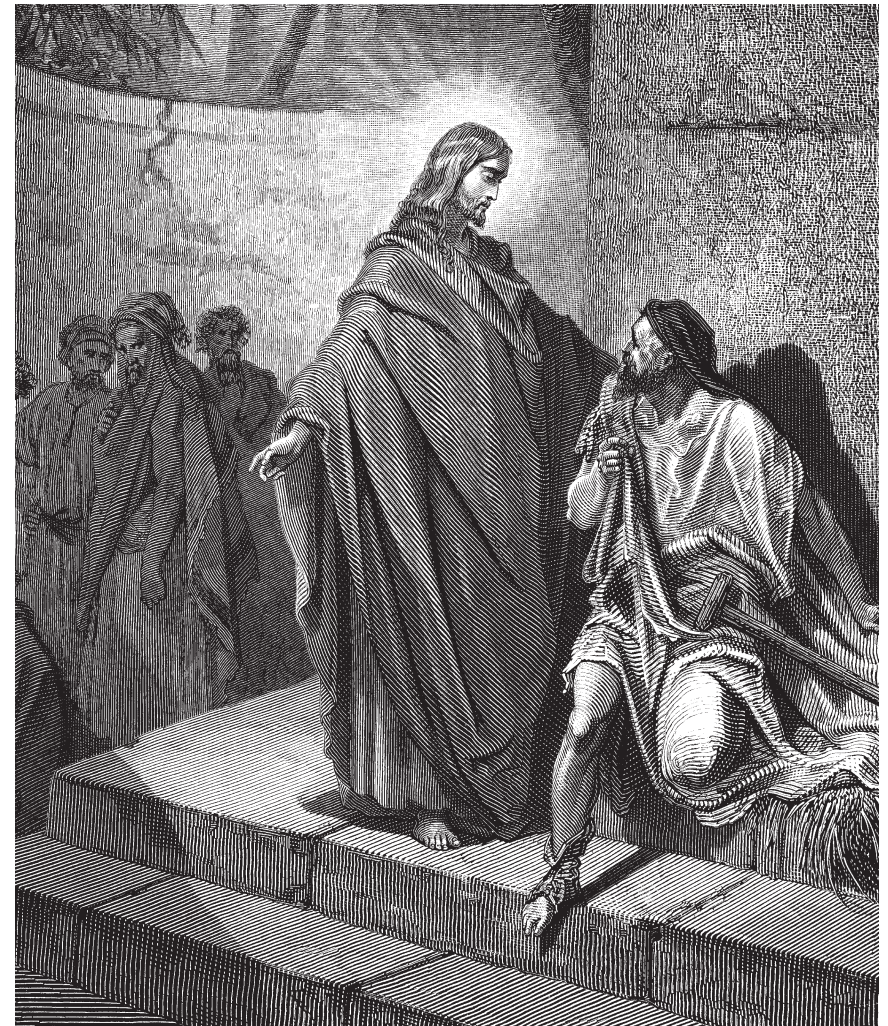
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*Jesus Heals a Dumb Man Possessed with a Devil*

deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed *it*. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 29:18-21

In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. The humble also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel. For the terrible one is brought to nothing, The scornful one is consumed, And all who watch for iniquity are cut off— Who make a man an offender by a word, And lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, And turn aside the just by empty words.

#### EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. But if the ministry of death, written *and* engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which *glory* was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation *had* glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away *was* glorious, what remains *is* much more glorious.

#### GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Mark 7:31-37

Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. Then they brought to Him one who was