

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 God and Father, loving Creator of all things in heaven and earth, who rules and sustains them all, and who grantest death or life according to thy holy judgments: We bow in prayer before thee and offer unto thee our common supplication.

Give us, for the sake of thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, pardon for all our sins and deliverance from the just reward of our transgressions. Rescue us in every temptation, whether it proceed from the world, the flesh, or the devil.

And since we cannot by our own reason or strength walk worthily of our calling, nor bear the Name of Christ in honor, nor obey thy commandments faithfully, pour out thy Holy Spirit upon us, that we may more and more be conformed to Thy will. Grant unto us a spirit of meekness, humility, and patience. Help us by thy grace to bear in love with each other's faults and infirmities, to serve one another in charity and kindness, and to bless those who may seek to harm us.

Look in mercy upon thy church, O God, and grant that it may keep the unity of faith and doctrine which thou dost give and for which our Lord prayed. To this end grant that thy church in every place may yield to Thy Word in repentance for sin, in the hope of the Gospel, and in knowledge of every doctrine. May thy church faithfully show forth this one true faith throughout all the world, that men in every place may come to the knowledge and faith of our only Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Bless our nation, that throughout the length and breadth of the land its people may worship and serve thee in spirit and in truth, and grant it thy counsel and aid, that it may be preserved in peace.

Guard and protect our families, and enable all parents to give wise reproof, spiritual admonition, and a wholesome example to their children, that in obedience to words fitly spoken they may be edified and strengthened for usefulness and service to thee and to all their fellow men.

Work thy healing power upon the sick and all the afflicted. Hear their cry and remember them in thy mercy, upholding them by the comforting power of thy Spirit. Show thyself to them a very present help and Savior, and increase their trust in thee, through the love of thy Son Jesus Christ, in whose glorious Name we offer these and all other worthy petitions which thou seest in our hearts. 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 Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 25:6–13

Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of the great; For it is better that he say to you, “Come up here,” Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen. Do not go hastily to court; For what will you do in the end, When your neighbor has put you to shame? Debate your case with your neighbor, And do not disclose the secret to another; Lest he who hears it expose your shame, And your reputation be ruined. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver. Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold Is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear. Like the cold of snow in time of harvest Is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters.

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 4:1–6

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:1–11

Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?” But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. Then He answered them, saying, “Which of you, having a donkey or an ox

that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" And they could not answer Him regarding these things. So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; "and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. "But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

SERMON TEXT Matthew 18:1-14

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. "Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. "Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! "If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and

cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. "For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? "And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. "Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."