

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 almighty God and heavenly Father, holy and righteous art thou; thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and thy truth endures throughout all generations. Hear the voice of our supplication, O Lord.

We thank thee for all thy mercies, which thou has given in Jesus Christ, thy Son, who took upon himself the form of a servant and humbled himself unto the death of the cross, that we might receive the remission of our sins, the assurance of everlasting life, and the certainty of the resurrection of our bodies on the last day.

In this faith, O Lord, take from us the sting of sorrow and the victory of the grave. In this blessed hope in the risen Christ, help us to conquer all fear of death and to live in the confidence that because he lives, we shall also live, and bear the image of the heavenly. Comfort by this grace and truth all who are bereaved, and wipe all tears from their eyes.

Deliver us from the tribulations of this world, its false Christs and false prophets, its heresies and divisions, its wars and oppressions, its bloodshed and pain, and grant that as the days which thou hast appointed us are few and troubled, we may apply our hearts unto thy wisdom, and ever abide under the shadow of thy love and power. Prosper thy church, dear God, and help her to work diligently while it is day before the night comes. Keep thy church pure from sin and all false doctrine, that she may be spotless when her Lord shall return.

Stretch forth thy hand over the nations of the earth, rebuke the vain and proud, comfort the oppressed, and bless the obedient, that all may know that thou only art God. Preserve our nation from corruption, that we come not

under thy judgment. Breathe thy Spirit upon our land, that civil righteousness and peace may prevail, and all may attend to their duties in every fruitful occupation.

We entreat thee to look in mercy upon all the sick and any who are stricken in body, mind, or spirit. Manifest thy presence unto them, and heal them according to thy love and their need.

Forgive us our sins for Christ's sake, and give us that peace which passes all understanding, that joy which no man can take from us, and that hope which fades not away.

In the Name which is above every name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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### Announcements

Today we rejoice to witness the second birth of Stefan Dieter Friedrich Bury into the kingdom of God by Baptism.

### Calendar:

November 26: Thanksgiving Service - 9:30 AM

November 29: Advent Begins

December 2: First midweek Advent Service

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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*

### The Twenty-Third Sunday After Trinity

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*The Seven Angels Sound Their Trumpets at the End of the World*

disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, *you* hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription *is* this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they had heard *these words*, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Kings 23:1-3

Now the king sent them to gather all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him. The king went up to the house of the LORD with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem — the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD. Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant.

#### EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 3:17-21

Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame — who set their mind on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

#### GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in *His* talk. And they sent to Him their