

# Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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**Christmas Day** December 27, 2009  
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## Hymns:

- 84 *Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn*  
90 *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*  
107 *We Christians May Rejoice Today*  
87 *Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!*

## Scripture Lessons

Old Testament	Isaiah 9:2-7 <i>Unto Us a Child Is Born</i>
Epistle	Titus 2:11-14 <i>God Gives Life to the World</i>
Gospel	Luke 2:1-14 <i>The Savior is Born</i>
Sermon	1 John 3:1-5

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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, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in eternity thou didst appoint a time for the sending of thy holy Child Jesus. By thy Spirit thou didst overshadow the Virgin, and thus didst send our Savior, as true God begotten of thee from eternity, and true man, born of a woman. Accept the thanks of thy grateful people for this immeasurable gift of thy love. We glorify thee for the appearing of thy Son and for the blessed promise that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. We give thanks for the revelation of thyself in him, that to hear him is to hear thee.

Grant, O Father, that the whole earth may come to the know the Manger Child as Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, that men everywhere may acknowledge Mary's Child as Lord and Savior, the incarnate God. Let the light of this truth reach the hardest of hearts and the most stubborn of wills; let it shatter the wretched idolatries and the brittle ideologies of men; and let it pierce the darkness of all who dwell in the shadow and fear of death.

Grant that the glad tidings of the true Christmas may be borne into each home this day, and that all children and parents may know the greatest gift of all, the Child of Bethlehem.

Look with compassion on all who are in any want or need this day. We lift up for thy compassion the lonely and the forsaken, the sick and the troubled, the sorrowing and the dying. Bring to their remembrance with renewed power the comfort of Christmas, the Child who is Immanuel, God with us. Grant them faith that thou art the Deliverer of thy

people, their Helper in every necessity, the Health of the sick, and the Hope of the dying. Give them the assurance that in Christ thou art near to all who call upon thee.

All this we pray in the Name of Jesus, in whom alone is hope of salvation. Amen.

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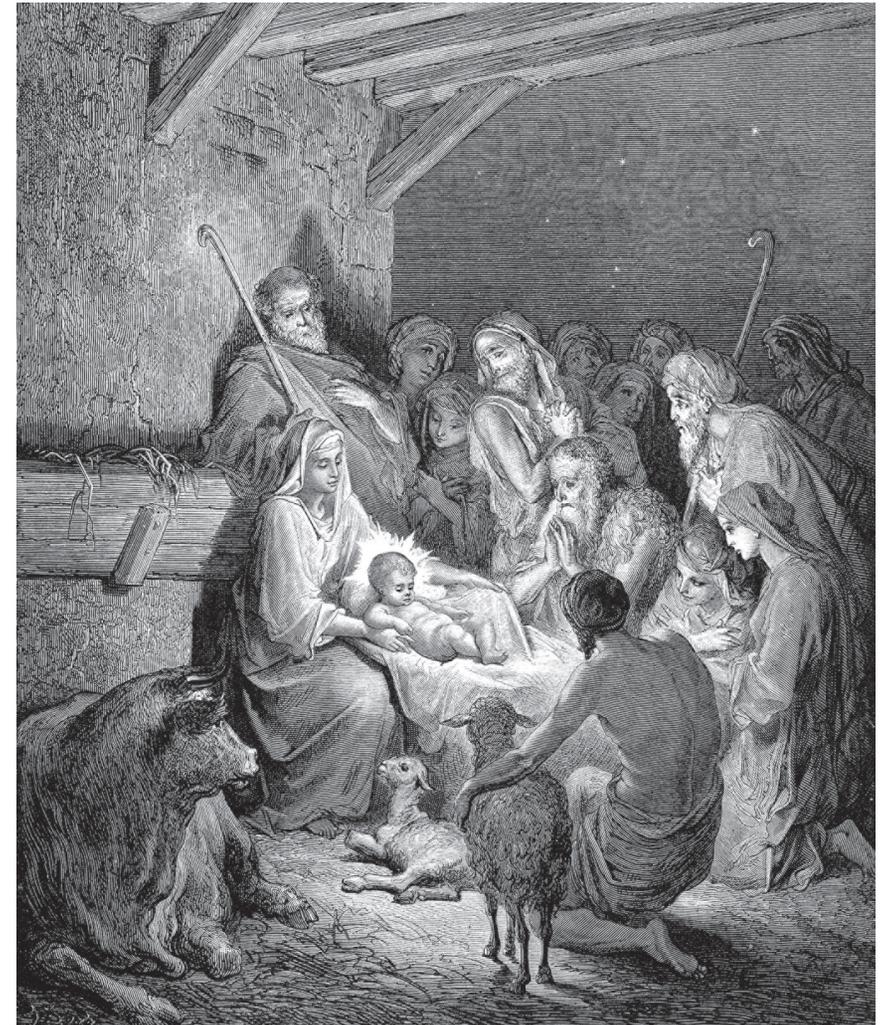
Pastor Martin Diers

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

## Christmas Day The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord December 27, 2009

### Announcements

The Christmas Program follows worship today.



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because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

SERMON TEXT 1 John 3:1-5

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

EPISTLE LESSON Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:1-14

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,