

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Sunday After New Year

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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 everlasting, who didst manifest thyself in the flesh in the person of thy Son Jesus, whom thou didst send to a wicked and perverse world, we give thanks to thee for the great love wherewith thou hast loved us and for the redemption thou hast worked for us in thy holy Child Jesus. As thine unworthy servants, we acknowledge our transgressions and we perceive the great wickedness of the world, whose evil is so deep as to take the lives of those children whom we remember before thee this day. Help us to see how great is the evil of this world and to seek after righteousness and all those things which pertain to our salvation.

Heavenly Father, we pray that thou wouldst defend and save thy people everywhere. Most especially do we pray this day for all who are persecuted for thy Name and for thy truth's sake. Bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose which would hinder the hallowing of thy Name and prevent the coming of thy kingdom. By thine almighty wisdom and power overthrow all who hate thy Word and hurt thy people. Break down all who would exalt themselves above thy glory, and who are wise in their own conceit. Let no flesh glory in thy presence. Cast down vain imaginings of human power and grandeur, and pull down the strongholds of that false wisdom which denies honor to thee.

Then, Father of all mercy, grant strength and faith, wisdom and courage, grace and every blessing to those who are oppressed for Christ's sake. Reveal unto them the deep things of the Spirit to support and sustain them. Give them a full measure of the fullness of Christ. Show them that

the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men; and the weakness of God stronger than the strength of men. Give them the victory which overcomes the world, and the faith that transcends all adversity.

Hear our prayer for all children and grant that in Christ their holy angels may keep them from all harm. Protect them from neglect and from overindulgence, from false teachers and all who would destroy their faith, and bring them all in thine own time into thy everlasting kingdom. All these things we beseech thee in the Name of him, even thy Son Jesus, who in his nativity sanctified all childhood. Amen.

Announcements

A Voters' Meeting follows Worship today. No Bible Class

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

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Hannah's Prayer

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 2:1-10

And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. "No one is holy like the Lord, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God. "Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the Lord is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed. "The bows of the mighty men are broken, And those who stumbled are girded with strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, And the hungry have ceased to hunger. Even the barren has borne seven, And she who has many children has become feeble. "The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To set them among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory. "For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, And He has set the world upon them. He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be silent in darkness. "For by strength no man shall prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed."

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 4:12-19

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the

name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:13-23

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no

more." But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

SERMON TEXT James 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you *ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.