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

Almighty, eternal, heavenly Father, who hast poured out thy Holy Spirit upon thy church, that he may abide with it forever, preserving it in the true faith of thy Holy Word, and enlightening it with the knowledge of Jesus Christ, establish our faith, that our salvation may be firmly grounded in Thy Son.

We thank thee, that by thy Spirit we have been called to faith in Jesus Christ, given belief in thy Word, and gathered into the fellowship of thy holy church. Sanctify us that we may be meet for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work.

To this end, direct us to the witness of thy Spirit, the Holy Scriptures, that we may become increasingly wise unto salvation. Enable us to resist the devil, and to follow Christ, and so perform works of righteousness, faith, charity, and peace. To that end, shed thy Spirit upon us, that we may remember again the love of Jesus Christ which He demonstrated on His cross, that we might find in each day the comfort of the forgiveness of sins, love our Savior with all our hearts and minds, and keep his words.

Let the Comforter continue to descend upon thy church through the divine gifts of the Word and Sacraments, that she may be strong in faith. Stir up thy church, O Lord, and imbue her with zeal to seek the lost, to bind up the broken-hearted, to bring comfort to the imprisoned, to heal the afflicted, and to cheer all that mourn.

Give thy Spirit room in our homes, that he may also instruct our children in the paths of righteousness, and endow every parent with wisdom and prudence, so that together the family may adorn the name of Christ with godliness and honor.

Govern the nations upon the earth, and help them to acknowledge thy power, dominion, and righteous judgment, so that they may turn from their evil ways and live.

Give unto our land and all in authority firmness in the right and steadfastness in integrity, and be thou our Shield and Buckler.

To all in trial or tribulation, the sick, the weary, the oppressed, the fearful, the needy, and the lonely, give the peace of Christ. Let their cry come unto thee, and grant them all things needful. These things we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

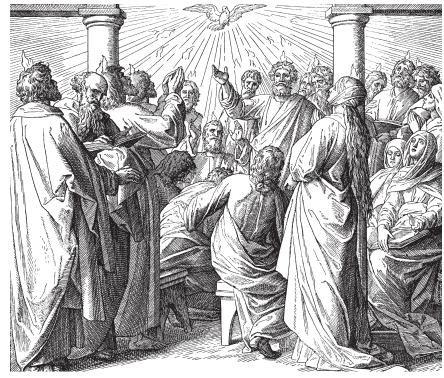
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Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone

The Feast of Pentecost May 23, 2010



The Descent of the Holy Ghost

own tongues the wonderful works of God." So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:23-31

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do."

SERMON TEXT Ephesians 2:19-22

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 36:22-28

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God: "I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord," says the Lord God, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God."

EPISTLE LESSON Acts 2:1-13

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? "And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, "Cretans and Arabs — we hear them speaking in our