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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 Lord God, who art ever faithful, and who hast kept every one of thy precious promises, we thank thee for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ thy Son, and for all the promised graces we have received through him: that in the brightness of his glory we may perceive thine own glory; that in His mercy, truth, and holy life we have learned thy will; that in his obedience unto the death of the cross we have been granted the forgiveness of sins; that in his resurrection we have the certain hope of eternal life; and that in his ascension to thy right hand we are assured of his intercession before thee for our sakes.

Help us that we may heartily believe and trust in him, love and serve him in thought, word, and deed, and thereby manifest his Spirit. And, that we may remain partakers of thy promise in him and be found at his coming worthy to bear the crown of life, preserve our faith through which we are justified, and confirm us in his testimony unto our end.

Preserve thy church, dear God, from false or faithless teachers, and keep her obedient and steadfast in thy holy Word. Grant unto her thy Spirit, that she may proclaim thy truth with living power, preach thy Gospel in all the world, and minister in love to the needs of men everywhere.

Spread the peace and tranquility of thy Gospel to every nation on the earth. Enlighten them with the knowledge of thy saving power, and preserve them from oppression, wrong, and cruelty.

Support our own land in righteousness and overthrow all wickedness. Preserve us from materialism and moral corruption, and raise up citizens who will speak and defend the truth openly and boldly. Protect us against every peril from within and without, and give us thy blessing.

Dwell in our homes, O Lord, our families put their trust in thee, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity shall be able to defeat them, or take from them the conviction that thou art their Helper in time of need, even as thou hast redeemed them from eternal death by Jesus Christ. O thou, who wilt ever strengthen the bruised reed, turn the afflictions of the weary and sick into their teachers, and the tears of the troubled and sorrowful into their instructors, that they might learn to find their help in thee, the only unfailing Spring of all healing, both of body and soul.

All these things, and whatsoever else we should have asked, we pray in the Name of him who is thine only-begotten Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Pastor Martin Diers

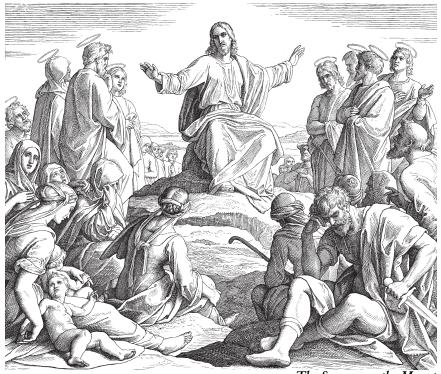
Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone

The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity October 3, 2010

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The Sermon on the Mount

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Chronicles 1:7-12

On that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask! What shall I give you?" And Solomon said to God: "You have shown great mercy to David my father, and have made me king in his place. Now, O LORD God, let Your promise to David my father be established, for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?" And God said to Solomon: "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or honor or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life — but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge My people over whom I have made you king — "wisdom and knowledge *are* granted to you; and I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had who *were* before you, nor shall any after you have the like."

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:34-46

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." "This is *the* first and great commandment. "And *the* second *is* like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "*The Son* of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? "If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

SERMON TEXT James 2:10-17

For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all. For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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