# Augustana Lutheran Church

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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, heavenly Father, who art ever in our midst, and who dost never leave or forsake us, we praise and glorify thee for the infinite mercy which thou didst manifest in the unsurpassed gift to us sinners of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to put away our sins by the sacrifice of himself upon the cross. We thank thee, O Father, for thus commending thy love to us, delivering us from the power of sin and death, and opening to us the gate of heaven.

We confess that we are most unworthy sinners, and that we have transgressed thy will more than we can know. We repent of our evil and pray that thou wilt give us such faith that we may trust firmly in the righteousness of Christ Jesus for our forgiveness. Grant that, by thy truth, our minds may be renewed in righteousness and true holiness, that every thought, word, and deed may be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Endow us with grace so that we walk according to thy Word, be constant in faith, patient in tribulation, and instant in prayer.

Fill thy church with thy Spirit that she may flourish in every useful spiritual gift. Give her the courage to defend goodness and truth, and grant unto her pastors the faithfulness and zeal of true prophets, that thy people may be built up in faith and works, rejoice in thy love, endure in patience every trial, and finally enter thy kingdom by way of him who is the heavenly Ladder, even Jesus Christ.

Let the knowledge of thy truth and love stream forth upon the nations, and let them receive thy revelation in repentance and faith, so that they may be delivered from the all error and godlessness, and enter into the house of God in worship and praise.

We pray for our own beloved country. Give us citizens who perceive that the only standard of right is not personal advancement, public opinion or party platform, but thy holy will. Give us honorable civil servants, unselfish businessmen and industrious laborers, that righteousness and peace may be advanced, and greed and avarice may be suppressed.

Lavish thy grace upon our families, that each home may, by the Christian love and character of their parents, be for the children a foretaste of the joy and blessedness of their heavenly home.

We pray for all who are in sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering. Teach them to wait upon thee for thy mercy; grant unto them hope and a joyous deliverance out of all their trials, and let them walk in the light of thy truth all their days.

These things we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Refuge and Hope. Amen.

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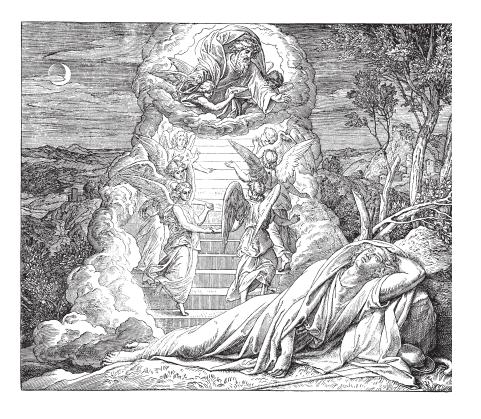
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Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone

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#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 28:10-17

Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. "Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

## EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 4:22-28

That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

### GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 9:1-8

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are

forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" — then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

## SERMON TEXT James 5:13-20

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

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