

Augustana Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 AM with Bible Class following the service

Trinity 21

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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 and everlasting God, who showest mercy with thy servants that walk before thee in true faith, open thine eyes toward this house where thy Name dwelleth, and hear the prayer of thy people.

Enlighten our minds by thy Holy Spirit, that we may hear thy Word in reverence and gratitude. As it instructs us in thy glorious work of creation, thy merciful providence in governing this world, and in thine infinite mercy in the gift of thy dear Son Jesus Christ for our salvation, grant that we may believe it with all our hearts and give it free course in our lives.

To that end, may we see in the mirror of Thy Law our true nature, confess our sinfulness, and repent of our iniquity, and may thy Gospel confirm us in the promise of everlasting life in Jesus Christ. Clothe us with thy armor, that we may resist the treacherous ways and temptations of Satan, of the world, and the stubborn weakness of our own flesh. Deliver us from such evil, and preserve us for the eternal kingdom of Christ our Lord.

Grant us hearts which continually seek they mercy and help in all our needs, and in the needs of our fellow man, making our requests known unto thee in prayer.

Protect us from all peril by storm or fire, from plague and famine, from war and rebellion, from luxury and ease, from ignorance and superstition, from painful and sudden death, and from an evil end. And although we have broken thy commandments and deserve thy correction, grant us thy grace and peace that we might yet praise thee, and glorify thy name for the great salvation which thou hast granted unto us.

Prosper thy church, that she may be ever confess the truths of thy Word, and that she may serve her fellow men in love by declaring unto them the Word which is able to grant new life to their souls. Raise up ministers and missionaries who will honor their calling by a godly life, seek the lost with uncommon zeal, and feed thy flock with the Bread of Heaven.

Grant patience and comfort to thy church militant, especially to those who's blood is shed because they confess the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Give to them the comfort of thine eternal peace, that they may know that even in the midst of their persecutions, they are kept by thy power. Sanctify their sufferings, by reminding them of the greater suffering of thy Son, who shed

his blood that they might have life, and by the witness of the martyrs, turn the hearts of their persecutors unto thee.

Bless, we pray thee, our own land. Endow our governors and legislators with understanding and integrity, that they may serve according to thy good pleasure. Give thy favor to industry and agriculture, that they may provide for our use the wholesome fruits of their crafts. Grant that in every occupation, we might remember that when we labor, we are laboring unto thee.

All these things we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, thine only-begotten Son, who by his most bitter sufferings and death, and by his most glorious resurrection, has given to us the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. Amen.

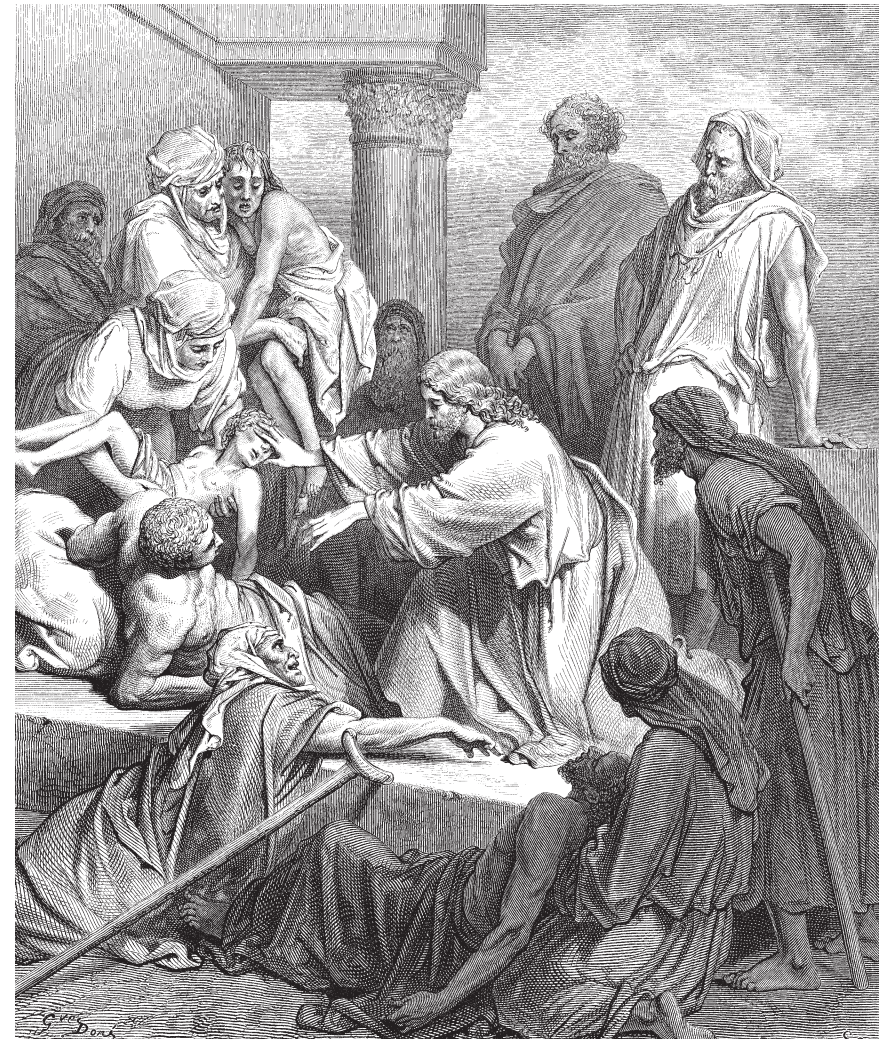
Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Martin Diers

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

The Twenty-first Sunday After Trinity

October 24, 2010



Announcements

Next Sunday, October 31, Reformation and Augustana 5th Anniversary Potluck Dinner follows worship.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Samuel 7:17-29

According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: “Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord GOD; and You have also spoken of Your servant’s house for a great while to come. *Is* this the manner of man, O Lord GOD? Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord GOD, know Your servant. For Your word’s sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know *them*. Therefore You are great, O LORD GOD. For *there is* none like You, nor *is there any* God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. “And who *is* like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name — and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land — before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods? For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God. Now, O LORD God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish *it* forever and do as You have said. So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, ‘The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel.’ And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. For You, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed *this* to Your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house.’ Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You. And now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant. Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue forever before You; for You, O Lord GOD, have spoken *it*, and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever.”

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-17

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on

the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

GOSPEL LESSON John 4:46-54

So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.” The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!” Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, “Your son lives!” Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household. This again *is* the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

SERMON TEXT Ephesians 6:1-9

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free. And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

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