

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

O almighty God and heavenly Father, holy and righteous art thou; thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and thy truth endures throughout all generations. Hear the voice of our supplication, O Lord.

We thank thee for all thy mercies, which thou has given in Jesus Christ, thy Son, who took upon himself the form of a servant and humbled himself unto the death of the cross, that we might receive the remission of our sins, the assurance of everlasting life, and the certainty of the resurrection of our bodies on the last day.

In this faith, O Lord, take from us the sting of sorrow and the victory of the grave. In this blessed hope in the risen Christ, help us to conquer all fear of death and to live in the confidence that because he lives, we shall also live, and bear the image of the heavenly. Comfort by this grace and truth all who are bereaved, and wipe all tears from their eyes.

Deliver us from the tribulations of this world, its false Christs and false prophets, its heresies and divisions, its wars and oppressions, its bloodshed and pain, and grant that as the days which thou hast appointed us are few and troubled, we may apply our hearts unto thy wisdom, and ever abide under the shadow of thy love and power. Prosper thy church, dear God, and help her to work diligently while it is day before the night comes. Keep thy church pure from sin and all false doctrine, that she may be spotless when her Lord shall return.

Stretch forth thy hand over the nations of the earth, rebuke the vain and proud, comfort the oppressed, and bless the obedient, that all may know that thou only art God. Preserve our nation from corruption, that we come not under thy judgment. Breathe thy Spirit upon our land, that civil righteousness and peace may prevail, and all may attend to their duties in every fruitful occupation.

We entreat thee to look in mercy upon all the sick and any who are stricken in body, mind, or spirit. Manifest thy presence unto them, and heal them according to thy love and their need.

Forgive us our sins for Christ's sake, and give us that peace which passes all understanding, that joy which no man can take from us, and that hope which fades not away.

In the Name which is above every name, Jesus Christ. 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-third Sunday After Trinity
November 7, 2010

Announcements

Offerings: 10-24 \$102.17
10-31 \$193.00

Do you have friends or family who are missing Church because they don't live close to a congregation where God's Word is taught in it's truth and purity?

Suggest to them that they tune in to Augustana's live video or audio stream for each and every service. <http://augustana.us/live-video>

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Job 14:1-5

Man *who is* born of woman Is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue. And do You open Your eyes on such a one, And bring me to judgment with Yourself? Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? No one! Since his days *are* determined, The number of his months *is* with You; You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 24:15-28

“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. “But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will

be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. “And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened. Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it*. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; *or* ‘Look, *He is* in the inner rooms!’ do not believe *it*. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. “For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”

SERMON TEXT Hebrews 10:32-39

But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: “For yet a little while, *And He* who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; But if *anyone* draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.” But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.