

Augustana Lutheran Church

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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 God, who hast saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to thine own purpose and grace given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began, we thank thee for the abundance of thy mercies, but especially for the gift of thy Son, in whom, through his sufferings and cross, thou hast abolished death and, through his resurrection, brought life and immortality to light.

Grant that by thy grace we may ever continue in the things we have learned through thy Word, and of which we have been assured by thy Holy Spirit, so that, being wise unto salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus, we may receive on the day of his coming the crown of righteousness which he has laid up for us and for all who love his appearing. To this end save us from following after perversions and denials of his truth, and from giving heed to lies, deceptions, and vain philosophies.

And as he shall come to judge all the living and the dead, help us to endure in meekness for thy Name's sake such pain and adversity as we are called upon to bear, to behold the signs of the times, and to look for the new heavens and earth which the redeemed of the Lord shall inherit in everlasting joy and gladness.

Give strength to thy church, that with fervent spirit it may fight the good fight of faith. Give thy blessing to the church's institutions of mercy, and grant thine aid to all who labor therein. Bestow heavenly grace upon our parents, that they may teach their children the way of life in Christ Jesus; and keep the young ever faithful in word and deed.

Govern the nations upon earth, and plead thine own cause amongst the multitudes, that they may be turned sin to righteousness. Look upon our land in mercy, and make us repentant for our wickedness, immorality, and materialism. Subdue all evil in our midst, and let thy Word flourish, so that truth and holiness may prevail.

Hear the cry of the afflicted and give them thy compassionate aid. Make straight paths for them, strengthening the weak, upholding the feeble, and healing the sick. Enlighten them so that they despise not their chastenings

but, receiving them in trust and confidence, bring forth the healthful fruits of righteousness and joy.

Preserve us all in steadfast faith, looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his coming will manifest himself as the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; to whom be honor and power everlasting. 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 Last Sunday After Trinity

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 35:3-10

Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come *with vengeance, With* the recompense of God; He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, *There shall be* grass with reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it *shall be* for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, Nor shall *any* ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk *there*, And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise,

and five *were* foolish. Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was *heard*: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

SERMON TEXT Revelation 7:9-17

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen." Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. "They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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