

# Augustana Lutheran Church

102 Jonathan Blvd. N., Chaska, Minnesota 55318  
Worship: 9:30 AM with Bible Class following the service

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Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 2010

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## Hymns:

- 81 *O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is*  
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## Scripture Lessons

Old Testament	<i>The Lovingkindness of the Lord</i>	Isaiah 63:7-16
Epistle	<i>Christ Makes Us Children of God</i>	Galatians 4:1-7
Gospel	<i>The Consolation of Israel</i>	Luke 2:33-40
Sermon		Luke 2:33-40

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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, Father in heaven, who in the fullness of time didst send forth thy Son to be the Light of the world and to gather for thee out of all the kindreds of the earth a redeemed people, we give thee thanksgiving, and hallow thy Name that thou hast so graciously provided for us and for our salvation. We thank thee that through faith in thy Son Jesus Christ we have received the adoption of sons, that we may call thee, in spirit and in truth, Abba, Father.

We beseech thee, dear Father, to show us thy mercy, deliver us from all evil, and rescue us from the due reward of our sins. Grasp us with thy fatherly hand and lead us from this fevered world to the green pastures and still waters of thy word. Bestow on us a true faith and a holy love, that the Child whom thou didst send for the great testing of men may be set for our rising rather than our falling.

Heavenly Father, we implore thee to let thy grace rest upon us that we may grow strong in the Spirit, and be filled with wisdom, that we may do that which finds favor in thy sight. Let the brightness of thy glory shine upon all who need thine almighty aid. Illuminate hearts filled with darkness and homes overshadowed with sorrow or suffering. Give the light of truth to all in authority in our own land and elsewhere, and fill all our schools with thy divine light, that all strife, superstition, and ignorance may be banished.

Establish the reign of Christ over the nations of the earth. Visit every land with thy mercies, that thy saving truth may be proclaimed to all the lost sons of mankind. Bring them to the obedience of that holy Child whom thou didst send for the redemption of the world, even thy Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. Let his word and doctrine; his birth and ministry; his death and resurrection, be that light of divine truth which shall brighten every land.

For our sick, our wounded, our hurt, our troubled, our fallen, and our absent fellow believers we pray. Grant unto them whatsoever they may

need: soundness of body, strength of faith, or security of hope; and grant them all in Christ assurance of salvation.

Hear us, O Father, in these our petitions, and direct and govern our hearts that we may be preserved in the one, holy, Christian faith unto everlasting life. 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*

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### Announcements

Offerings:	11-14	\$156.60
	11-21	52.00
	11-28	248.41
	12-5	214.07

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*Faithful Simeon*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 63:7-16

I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD And the praises of the LORD, According to all that the LORD has bestowed on us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has bestowed on them according to His mercies, According to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses. For He said, “Surely they are My people, Children who will not lie.” So He became their Savior. In all their affliction He was afflicted, And the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old. But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them. Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying: “Where is He who brought them up out of the sea With the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within them, Who led them by the right hand of Moses, With His glorious arm, Dividing the water before them To make for Himself an everlasting name, Who led them through the deep, As a horse in the wilderness, That they might not stumble?” As a beast goes down into the valley, And the Spirit of the LORD causes him to rest, So You lead Your people, To make Yourself a glorious name. Look down from heaven, And see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where are Your zeal and Your strength, The yearning of Your heart and Your mercies toward me? Are they restrained? Doubtless You are our Father, Though Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel does not acknowledge us. You, O LORD, are our Father; Our Redeemer from Everlasting is Your name.

## EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 4:1-7

Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are

sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

## GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Luke 2:33-40

And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against “(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanael, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.