

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

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Scripture Lessons

Old Testament

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Joshua 24:14-18

Epistle

All One in Christ Jesus

Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel

The Name of Jesus

Luke 2:21

Sermon

Luke 2:21-32

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, almighty and ever-living Lord, who didst send thy Son into human flesh and didst make him subject to the Law, that by his perfect obedience and sacrificial suffering he might condemn sin in the flesh, grant unto us the circumcision of the heart so that we may walk, not after the flesh, but after the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank thee, O Father, for the Name which was given thy holy Child, a sign for all ages that thou only art the Source of all redemption and salvation for the multitudes of earth. We praise thee that thou hast set him at thine own right hand in the heavenly places, far above every other name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. Help us ever to hallow the Name of Jesus by our faith and obedience to the will of God.

We thank thee, O God, for the blessings of this past year. Forgive us for all things wherein we have sinned. Heal the wounds we have caused in others. Grant us remission for our failures to do what we should have done. Deliver us from the evil consequences of our transgressions.

And now, O Father in heaven, bless this new year, that we may increasingly discover the exceeding riches of thy grace in Christ Jesus, that in sorrow or joy, prosperity or trial we may know the working of thy mighty power and the hope of our calling. Help us that whatsoever we do in word or deed we may do it to thy glory.

Be thou the Shepherd of our youth and the Guardian of all children, the Health of the sick and the Staff of the aged. Grant that we may see thy loving hand in whatever befalls us, and possess the sure confidence that all things work together for good to them that love thee. Be thou the Defender of thy people everywhere, and the unfailing Watchman of our own land. Prosper us in the things that make for peace and righteousness, and protect us from every evil. All these things we ask in the one Name whereby we must be saved, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

We welcome Pastor Roger Fehr and his family this morning. Thank you to Pastor Fehr for preaching this morning.

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 Joshua 24:14-18

“Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” So the people answered and said: “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God.”

EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 3:23-29

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:21

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

SERMON TEXT Luke 2:21-32

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD”), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon, and this man *was* just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.”