

# Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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Epiphany 5

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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 Father in heaven, whose we are and whom we serve, thy kingdom come.

We thank thee for the manifestation of Jesus as Lord and Christ, and as King forevermore; and we pray that his dominion may be established from sea to sea, and from the rising to the setting of the sun. We thank thee that thou hast given mankind a divine Sovereign whose law is love, whose crown is truth, and whose scepter is righteousness; and we pray that every nation, kindred, and tribe may confess that he is Lord to thy glory. We give thee thanks that though he is King of kings, yet he was tempted in all points as we are, so that he might be a worthy Savior, able to save all that come unto thee by him.

May thy kingdom come unto the multitudes of the earth. Give the heathen for Christ's inheritance. Cause the kings of the earth to bow before him, and let all the earth see that he only is for the healing of the nations. Bare thy holy arm in the eyes of all lands, and let all the earth see the salvation of our God.

And as thy kingdom is within us, a spiritual realm of the heart, may thy kingdom come in new power and strength to us also, O Lord. May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts in thankfulness and praise. By his example teach us to trust in thy Word and to be obedient to thy commandments. For his sake give us grace to be merciful and kind, to be humble in mind and lowly in spirit. In thy Word show us the pathways to true wisdom. In his sufferings, death, and resurrection grant that we, redeemed in body and soul, may be dead unto sin and alive unto righteousness. And by the inspiration of Christian fellowship in worship lead us to rejoice in thy grace and to give thanks for thy mercy. Grant that thus thy kingdom may come to us.

For thy church on earth we pray, O God. Save it from weakness and error, from unfaithful shepherds and false prophets. Deliver us from heresy and schism. Defend us against the seed of Satan and the powers

of hell. Teach thy people to be patient in hope, steadfast in faith, and instant in prayer, until the time when thou shalt send forth thy angels to gather thine own into thine everlasting kingdom, and when the righteous shall shine forth as the sun and be joyful forever and ever.

To this end give comfort to those who mourn, patience to the sick, peace to the anxious, strength to the weak, abundance to the needy, and forgiveness to the repentant. Bestow thy mercy on all of us, and teach us ever to set our affection on the things which are above, where Christ our Lord ever reigns to help us. In his most holy, precious, and glorious Name we pray. Amen.

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### Announcements

A call to the Office of the Holy Ministry has been issued by the congregation to Rev. Bruce King, to serve as Assistant Pastor here at Augustana.

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>

# Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Martin Diers

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

## The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 33:10-16

“Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: ‘Thus you say, “If our transgressions and our sins *lie* upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?”’ “Say to them: ‘*As I live,*’ says the Lord GOD, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’ “Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: ‘The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of *his righteousness* in the day that he sins.’ “When I say to the righteous *that* he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. “Again, when I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful and right, “*if* the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. “None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

## EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

## GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Matthew 13:24-30

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; “but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. “But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. “So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ “He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ “But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ‘Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.’””