

Augustana Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 AM with Bible Class following the service

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Pastor Diers

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who searchest all hearts and knowest all thoughts, grant us now, as we approach the throne of thy grace, true humility and penitence. Remember not the sins of our youth or our manifold transgressions, but according unto thy tender mercies, and for the sake of Jesus Christ, thine only-begotten Son, pardon our iniquity.

By the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit, save us from lusting after evil things, from idolatry, from immorality, from unbelief, or other great and shameful sins; grant us steadfast faith that in every trial we may in no wise test thy patience by murmuring, complaint, or doubt. Lead us not into temptation, but strengthen us by thy power to withstand it in the evil day, and finally be delivered from the reach of the tempter's arm.

Grant unto us true understanding of thy Word, so that we may be guided in all judgment, and be shown the way that leads to everlasting life. Keep before us the warning and admonition of the Law. Enable us to learn from it we ought to do and what thou hast forbidden and wilt punish; and help us to obey thy commandments with joy.

We thank thee for all thy benefits. Help us to use with faithful stewardship all that thou hast bestowed upon us, being heartily grateful for thine unfailing goodness and deeply conscious that thou wilt call us one day to give an account of our stewardship.

O Lord, remember the covenant thou hast made with thy people. Provide for them pastors who shall lead them to the spiritual Rock, Jesus Christ, that they may drink from the living Fountain the pure water of eternal life. Preserve them from all who would beguile them with false words, and keep them from all heresy, schism, or false religion.

Keep our country within thy care, that honor and integrity may be upheld, and that all lawlessness may be put down. Especially do we entreat thy favor upon all our rulers, that they may be endowed with wisdom to govern after thy good pleasure.

Guard and defend our homes, that parents may be kept in the bonds of love and godliness, and may rule their children well, nourishing them in truth and righteousness.

We pray for all who are ill or who are in danger of body or soul, for all who anxious or suffering disappointment, be thou present with them in their affliction, show them the way out of all their troubles, and save them for thy mercy's sake.

Heavenly Father, who didst not spare thy Son but freely delivered him up for us all, mercifully grant these and all other acceptable petitions which thou readest in our hearts, in his Name. Amen.

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

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 16:1-9

The preparations of the heart *belong* to man, But the answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD. All the ways of a man *are* pure in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the spirits. Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established. The LORD has made all for Himself, Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom. Everyone proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD; *Though they join* forces, none will go unpunished. In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD *one* departs from evil. When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. Better *is* a little with righteousness, Than vast revenues without justice. A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:1-9 [Sermon Text Luke 16:1-13]

He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. "So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be

steward.' "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. 'I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' "So he called every one of his master's debtors to *him*, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' "So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. ^[sermon text continues] 10-13 He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? "And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."