

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Trinity 13

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Hymns:

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Scripture Lessons

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Epistle	<i>The Purpose of the Law</i>	Galatians 3:15-22
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Sermon Pastor Diers		Luke 10:23-37

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

Heavenly Father, eternal and almighty God, who through the blood of the everlasting covenant didst bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ: Perfect us in every good work to do thy will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in thy sight.

By thy Holy Spirit work in us a true and living faith in thee and in thy Son whom thou didst send, that in thy manifold goodness and mercy we may be found in him, not having our own righteousness, which is of thy law, but that which is through the righteousness of Christ.

O thou who art the Author of all good counsels and all holy desires, work in us such love toward thee that we, loving thee with all our hearts, may love our neighbor also. Help us to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thee. Grant that we may ever show compassion to the needy, bear the infirmities of the weak, and having fervent charity toward all.

Work in us obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ that we may refrain our tongues that they speak no guile, that we may do good and shun evil, that we may pursue peace, and that we may commit ourselves to thy tender care.

Move thy church with gratitude for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. And that the uttermost parts of the earth may hear of thy salvation, grant unto thy called servants of the Word a heart for the lost, and a right understanding of thy doctrine, that in all their labors thy name may be glorified.

Bless our nation, that mercy and truth, honor and peace, may everywhere prevail. Give success to all that labor for righteousness, and overthrow all who work iniquity, that we come not under thy reproach and judgment.

Let the Spirit of Jesus Christ come into our homes to strengthen all parents, that they may, by excellent example, encourage their children and youth in the practice of virtue, and lead them to usefulness in thy service and in the service of their fellow men.

Bless all who are engaged in honest labor, and grant them contentment and due reward for all their endeavors. Help all men to see that whatsoever they do in word or deed, they are accountable to thee.

Pour out thy mercy upon all who are in trial or adversity, especially those who are suffering for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, and save them by thy mighty power, that they may know that thou art the true and only Sovereign, and thy Son the true and only Savior.

Now, dear Father, for his sake forgive us our sins and cleanse us by his Word, giving us the hope and promise through him of life everlasting. 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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The Good Samaritan

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Zechariah 7:4-10

Then the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying, “Say to all the people of the land, and to the priests: ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months during those seventy years, did you really fast for Me — for Me? ‘When you eat and when you drink, do you not eat and drink for yourselves? ‘Should you not have obeyed the words which the Lord proclaimed through the former prophets when Jerusalem and the cities around it were inhabited and prosperous, and the South and the Lowland were inhabited?’” Then the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, “Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart Against his brother.’”

EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 3:15-22

Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though *it is* only a man’s covenant, yet *if it is* confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ. And this I say, *that* the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise. What purpose then *does* the law *serve*? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator does not *mediate* for one *only*, but God is one. *Is* the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 10:23-37

Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; “for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it.” And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” So he answered and said, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’” And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. “Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. “Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. “But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. “So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. “On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ “So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”