

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

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Matthew 22:1-14

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 showest mercy with thy servants that walk before thee in true faith, open thine eyes toward this house where thy Name dwelleth, and hear the prayer of thy people.

Enlighten our minds by thy Holy Spirit, that we may hear thy Word in reverence and gratitude. As it instructs us in thy glorious work of creation, thy merciful providence in governing this world, and in thine infinite mercy in the gift of thy dear Son Jesus Christ for our salvation, grant that we may believe it with all our hearts and give it free course in our lives.

To that end, may we see in the mirror of Thy Law our true nature, confess our sinfulness, and repent of our iniquity, and may thy Gospel confirm us in the promise of everlasting life in Jesus Christ. Clothe us with thy armor, that we may resist the treacherous ways and temptations of Satan, of the world, and the stubborn weakness of our own flesh. Deliver us from such evil, and preserve us for the eternal kingdom of Christ our Lord.

Grant us hearts which continually seek thy mercy and help in all our needs, and in the needs of our fellow man, making our requests known unto thee in prayer.

Protect us from all peril by storm or fire, from plague and famine, from war and rebellion, from luxury and ease, from ignorance and superstition, from painful and sudden death, and from an evil end. And although we have broken thy commandments and deserve thy correction, grant us thy grace and peace that we might yet praise thee, and glorify thy name for the great salvation which thou hast granted unto us.

Prosper thy church, that she may ever confess the truths of thy Word, and that she may serve her fellow men in love by declaring unto them the Word which is able to grant new life to their souls. Raise up ministers and missionaries who will honor their calling by a godly life, seek the lost with uncommon zeal, and feed thy flock with the Bread of Heaven.

Grant patience and comfort to thy church militant, especially to those who's blood is shed because they confess the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Give to them the comfort of thine eternal peace, that they may know that even in the midst of their persecutions, they are kept by thy power. Sanctify their sufferings, by reminding them of the greater suffering of thy Son, who shed his blood that they might have life, and by the witness of the martyrs, turn the hearts of their persecutors unto thee.

Bless, we pray thee, our own land. Endow our governors and legislators with understanding and integrity, that they may serve according to thy good pleasure. Give thy favor to industry and agriculture, that they may provide for our use the wholesome fruits of their crafts. Grant that in every occupation, we might remember that when we labor, we are laboring unto thee.

All these things we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, thine only-begotten Son, who by his most bitter sufferings and death, and by his most glorious resurrection, has given to us the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. Amen.

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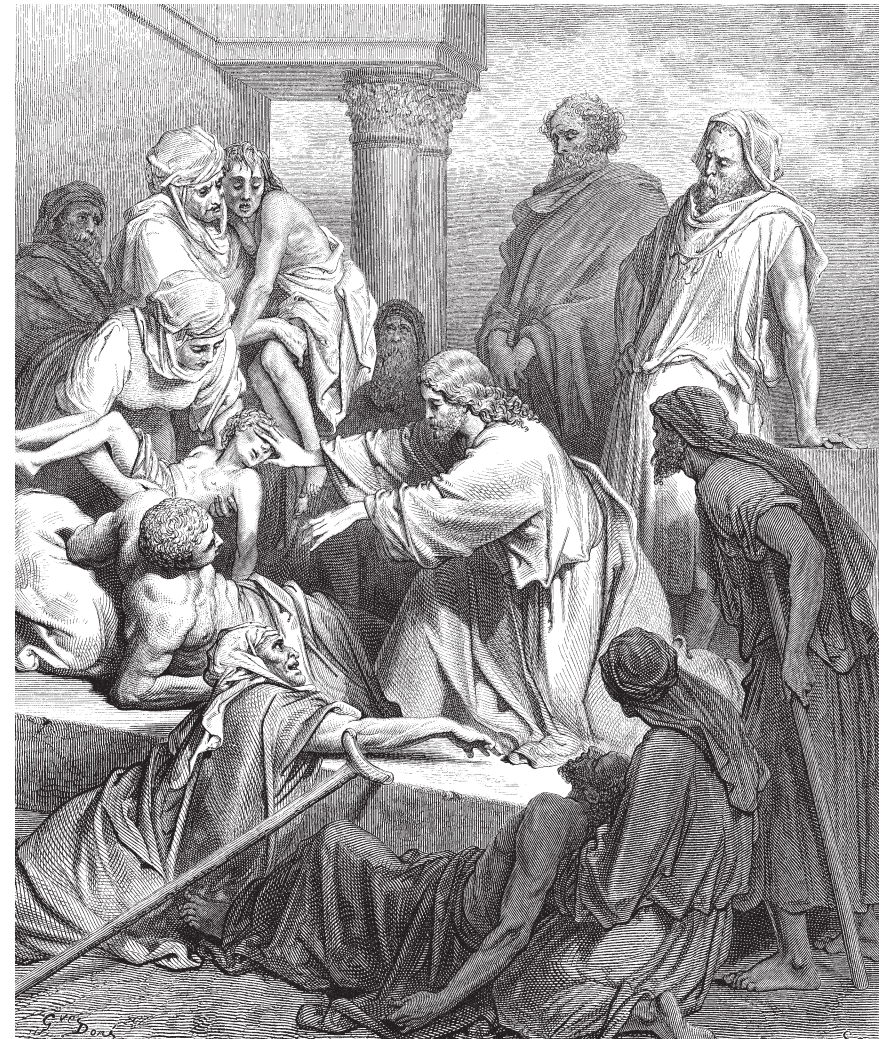
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*Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets
Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone*

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 2:1-8

My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 5:15-21

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Matthew 22:1-14

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, “and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. “Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle *are* killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding.’” “But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. “And the rest seized his servants,

treated *them* spitefully, and killed *them*. “But when the king heard *about it*, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ‘Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ “So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. “So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. “Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ “For many are called, but few *are* chosen.”