

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 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 whose 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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Pastor Martin Diers

Pastor Bruce King

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

The Twenty-first Sunday After Trinity

November 13, 2011

Announcements

Today, by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we welcome Nicole Dezeree Becker, Ella Nicole Becker, Jacob Douglas Wilhelm Becker, and Hope Joanne Leona Bury into the Kingdom of Heaven.

When once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us — baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. 1 Peter 3:20-22 (NKJV)

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God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Lasst mich voll Freuden sprechen
Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756
tr. Robert E. Voelker, © 1991

BACHOFEN
Johann Caspar Bachofen, 1695–1755
Arr. M. W. Diers, © 2011

1. God's own child, I glad-ly say it: I am bap-tized in- to Christ!
2. Sin, dis- turb my soul no long- er: I am bap- tized in- to Christ!
3. Sa- tan, hear this proc- la- ma- tion: I am bap- tized in- to Christ!

5 He, be- cause I Could not pay it, Gave my full re- demp- tion price.
I have com- fort e- ven strong- er: Je- sus' cleans- ing sac- ri- fice.
Drop your ug- ly ac- cu- sa- tion, I am not so soon en- ticed.

9 Do I need earth's trea- sures man- y? I have one worth more than an- y
Should a guilt- y con- science sieze me Since my Bap- tism did re- lease me
Now that to the font I've trav- eled, All your might has come un- ra- veled,

13 That brought me sal- va- tion free Last- ing to e- ter- ni- ty!
In a dear for- giv- ing flood, Sprin- kling me with Je- sus' blood?
And, a- gainst your tyr- an- ny, God, my Lord, u- nites with me!

4. Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.

5. There is nothing worth comparing
To this life-long comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Samuel 7:17-29

According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David. Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: “Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord GOD; and You have also spoken of Your servant’s house for a great while to come. *Is* this the manner of man, O Lord GOD? Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord GOD, know Your servant. For Your word’s sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know *them*. Therefore You are great, O LORD GOD. For *there is* none like You, nor *is there any* God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. “And who *is* like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name — and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land — before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods? For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God. Now, O LORD God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish *it* forever and do as You have said. So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, ‘The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel.’ And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. For You, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed *this* to Your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house.’ Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You. And now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant. Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue forever before You; for You, O Lord GOD, have spoken *it*, and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever.”

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-17

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand

against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

GOSPEL LESSON John 4:46-54

So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe.” The nobleman said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies!” Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your son lives.” So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, “Your son lives!” Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself believed, and his whole household. This again *is* the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

SERMON TEXT Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep

on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.