

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

General Prayer

Advent 2

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Hymns:

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Scripture Lessons

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The Healing Sun of Righteousness

Malachi 4:1-6

Epistle

The Patient Endurance of Hope

Romans 15:4-13

Gospel

Signs of the Coming of the Lord

Luke 21:25-36

Sermon

Pastor Diers

Luke 21:25-36

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.

O Lord God, the Father of all light and wisdom, who art righteous in all thy ways and true in all thy judgments, we give thanks unto thee for thy Word, thy testimonies, thy laws and commandments, thy sure word of prophecy, and most especially for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We confess with thanksgiving that thy truth is pure, enlightening the eyes; perfect, converting the soul; sure, making wise the simple; right, rejoicing the heart; true, guiding the lost; good, strengthening the weak; and light, leading us to Christ. We ask thy blessing on all who preach thy Word, that all men may hear the joyful sound of the Gospel.

O God, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us that we may serve thee with pure hearts, obey thee with willing minds, trust thee with perfect confidence, and love thee above all the world. Thy Word and promise have confirmed in us the gift of thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, may we glorify and praise thee evermore.

To this end preserve us that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us, nor lead us into error, unbelief, and sin. Teach us to watch and pray that, abiding faithful even unto death, we may be counted worthy to escape the judgment of this earth and to stand before Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness who shall arise upon us with healing in His wings. Keep us steadfast in the faith, that we may not fail to receive the inheritance which he has promised to all who believe on him.

We pray for thy church, O God, that all divisions, scandals, and heresies may be put out of the way, that it may serve thee in truth, purity, and devotion.

Give peace and stability to the nations of the earth. Put down all evil rulers, and raise up those who will serve after thy good pleasure. Watch over our men who stand on foreign soil for the defense of this nation, that they may fight a good fight, and serve thee in serving their country.

We pray thy blessing upon our homes and families; may Christ rule in the hearts of parents and children. Give strength and comfort, to the sick and sorrowing; guidance to our youth; and joy and hope to the

aged. Lead us all to look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who in his Second Advent will receive us and all who believe in him unto himself and unto thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit. In his holy Name we pray. Amen.

Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Martin Diers

Pastor Bruce King

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

The Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2011

Announcements

Midweek Advent worship Wednesday at 7:30pm.

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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 4:1-6

For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,” Says the LORD of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch. But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this,” Says the LORD of hosts. “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 15:4-13

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: “For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name.” And again he says: “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!” And again: “Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!” And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope.” Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Luke 21:25-36

And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; “men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. “Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. “When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. “So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. “Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. “For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.