

# Augustana Lutheran Church

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

## General Prayer

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### Epiphany 1

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Luke 2:41-52

Pastor King

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**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.

We bless thee, O God, for the revelation of thy will and wisdom, in the life of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. By thy Holy Spirit implant in us more and more of the mind of Christ. Make us glad to go into thy house where we may see thy face. Open our ears that we may gratefully hear and consider the preaching of thy Word. Instill in our hearts, O Lord, a constant memory that we are baptized into Thy Son Jesus Christ, and that as we are made partakers of His death and Resurrection, we also may conform ourselves to His life, and with the aid of thy Holy Spirit, walk with Him in newness of life.

In all our doings, heavenly Father, enable us to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto thee. Deliver us from conformity to this world, and transform us by the renewing of our minds, that we may show forth thy good and acceptable and perfect will in our every thought, word, and deed.

Hear our prayer, O God, for the fellowship of thy church. Prosper and bless our worship and our witness of Christ and his power to save. Fill us with zeal for the salvation of men and the extension of Christ's kingdom. Grant thy strength and blessing to all pastors, teachers, and missionaries, that they may proclaim thy Word with fervor and diligence and bring the light of the Gospel to people of all lands and nations.

Grant, O Lord, that by thy Holy Spirit, thy Church might confound all human wisdom, all earthly might, and all fleshly nobility with those things which men view as foolish, weak, and despised, namely, thy Word and Sacraments. And since no flesh may glory in thy presence, may thy Church ever glory in Thee, O Lord.

In thy mercy, Lord, show thy strength and goodness to the sick and the afflicted. Give them faith to cast their cares upon thee, being assured of thy care for them. Help, heal, establish, and strengthen them, and in all things enable them and all of us to rejoice in thy holy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, whom we worship and adore with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. 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 First Sunday After Epiphany

January 8, 2012

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### Announcements

There will be a short voters' meeting following the service this morning.



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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars, Are not darkened, And the clouds do not return after the rain; In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, And the strong men bow down; When the grinders cease because they are few, And those that look through the windows grow dim; When the doors are shut in the streets, And the sound of grinding is low; When one rises up at the sound of a bird, And all the daughters of music are brought low; Also they are afraid of height, And of terrors in the way; When the almond tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a burden, And desire fails. For man goes to his eternal home, And the mourners go about the streets. Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl is broken, Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well. Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:1-5

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Luke 2:41-52

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.