

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

General Prayer

Septuagesima

February 5, 2012

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Matthew 20:1-16

Pastor King

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 God, heavenly Father, who art our Rock and our Fortress, our life and our Salvation, and who art plenteous in mercy toward all that call upon thee, we give thee thanks and praise that thou hast called us to faith in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, made us citizens in his eternal kingdom, and clothed us with his righteousness. Preserve us therein. Fill us with the fruits of righteousness. Make us living epistles of thy Son Jesus Christ.

We thank thee that thou hast called us to be laborers in thy vineyard, and hast assured us that our labor for thee is not in vain. Grant that our work may be acceptable in thy sight. Give us a heart to accept every service, wisdom to perform it well, and the mind to do it faithfully. Give us gladness for all who come soon or late to join us in the labors of thy church. Give us grace to welcome them as brothers in Christ and co-heirs of his salvation. Give us patience and strength to bear the burden and heat of the day. Keep us under thy providence and care, and as we pass through this world's sea of trials and tribulations, may we find true refreshment at the Fountain of life and truth which is Jesus Christ.

We pray, O God, that we always remember that Christ is the only head of thy Church. Help us every temptation to be loyal to him, steadfast in faith, and to acquit ourselves as true soldiers of the cross. Grant that by daily contrition and repentance we might drown our old man of sin with the same life giving stream of thy Gospel, whereby our spirits are refreshed. Give us the mind of Christ, that we might not glory, not in in this world, but in the wisdom, power, and riches of the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus.

Be with us, O God, in all that we do. Strengthen and counsel us in our daily toil, shelter us in our homes, guide us in our travels, shield us in our afflictions, comfort us in our sorrows, and hear us in our prayers. May we run the race that is set before us with faith and courage so that we may obtain the crown of life by faith in Jesus Christ.

Accept now the sacrifices of broken spirits and contrite hearts, and grant unto us thy grace and truth in the saving knowledge of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray all these things. 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*

Septuagesima Sunday

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Announcements

Pastor Diers is on a business trip to New York City. We pray for his safe return this week.

Augustana has a good chance of renting a portion of a building occupied by a swimming pool maintenance business in Shakopee. We should have more news on this by next Sunday.

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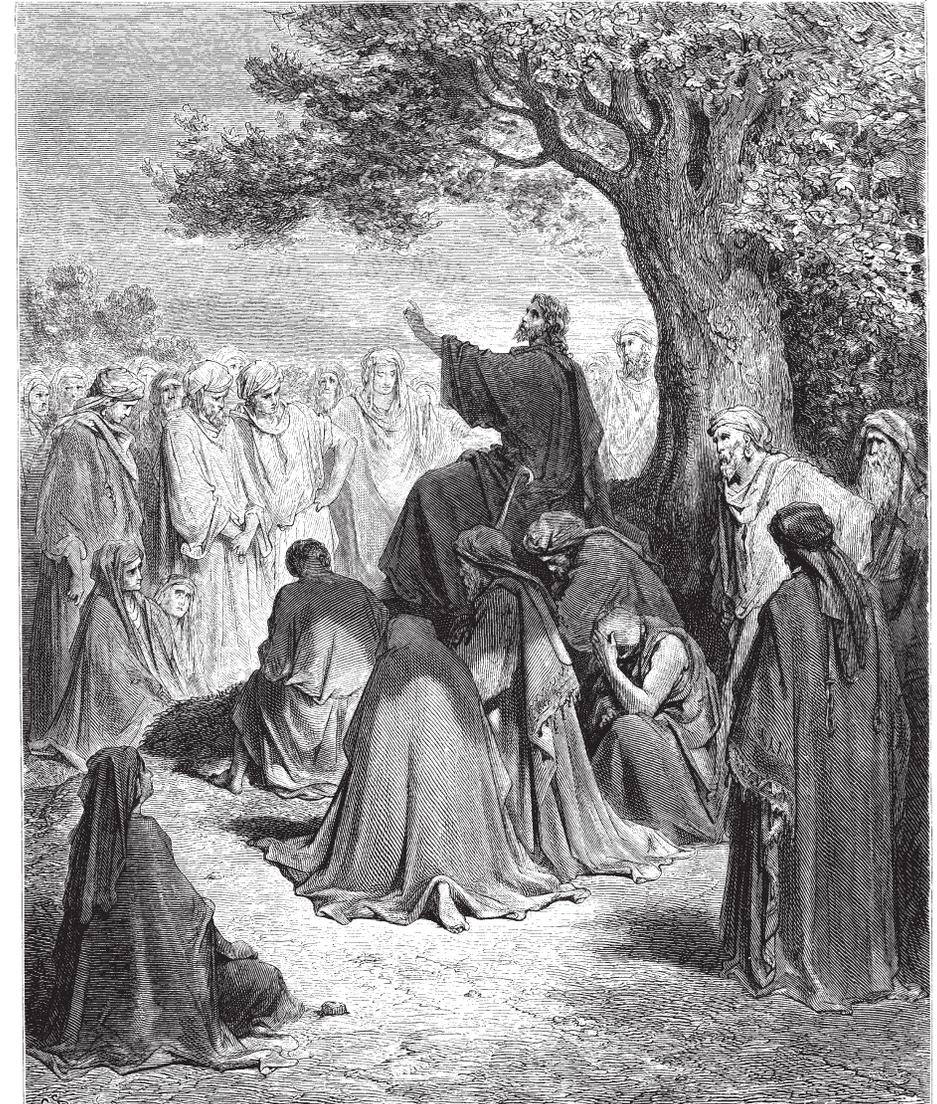
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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 9:24 — 10:5

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.)

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the

vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’ So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. “And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ “But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ‘Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. ‘Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.