

Augustana Lutheran Church

135 Atwood Street, Shakopee, Minnesota 55379
Worship: 9:30 AM with Bible Class following the service

General Prayer

Invocavit

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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 or Pastor King.

O almighty God, heavenly Father, who didst appoint us who confess the Name of thy Son to preach his death until he comes again, we come unto thy throne of grace, humbly trusting in thy mercy.

We thank thee that thou hast given us a high priest, even Jesus Christ, who knows our infirmities, having borne them; who understands our temptations, having endured them; and who was obedient in all the things which he suffered.

O Lamb of God, who as sacrifice wast slain for the sins of the world, becoming the Author of eternal salvation to all who trust in thee, give us such faith that we may hear and submit to thy gracious and life-giving word. Grant us such trust that we, hearkening to thy voice, may find the true joy of conforming our wills to thy holy will. O Holy Spirit, if we are led into the wilderness of temptation, deliver us by thy power and save us from all evil. Do not allow us in our times of testing to fall from thy grace. Overthrow the tempter, Satan, in every assault on our souls. Make us strong in thee and, by the example of the Lord Jesus, show us the victorious power of thy holy Word.

Let thy blessing rest upon our homes. Give all parents the wisdom to be true followers of him who is the Light of the world, so that by their manner of life and conversation they may be worthy lights unto their children.

Bestow thy Spirit upon our country, O Lord, that in every office and calling we may show forth thy praises, thy power, and thy glory.

And forasmuch as thou dost improve us through sufferings, grant that all among who suffer may learn of thy love and receive thy fatherly chastening. Comfort the sorrowful with thy promises. Show thyself the Source of all good to all who are in need.

Now, O Father, give thine angels charge over all thy people, to minister to their salvation, and to bring them safely through this world to that eternal kingdom which thou hast prepared for all them that love thee. In the Name of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. 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*

Invocavit The First Sunday in Lent February 26, 2012

Announcements

Welcome to our new location! It's a little smaller but quite adequate for us presently. We still have a few pieces of furniture to move, namely the altar and pulpit. The alter is being rebuilt to a slightly lower profile.

Two weeks from today is the first anniversary of Pastor King's installation at Augustana.

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The Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 22:1-14

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by

longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him. Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.