

Augustana Lutheran Church

135 Atwood Street, Shakopee, Minnesota 55379
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 or Pastor King.

Lord God most holy, who dwellest in the heavens, without whom there is no help, be thou the Guardian and Defender of all who in their desolation or affliction seek thy mercy.

We thank thee for the love of Jesus and that in his compassion and grace he freely gave himself as payment for our sins, yielding up his perfect life as an offering for our redemption and salvation. With grateful hearts we thank thee for the willing spirit in which he gave himself as thy suffering Servant, fulfilling all the demands of thy holy law, and paying all the penalties which our sins had earned us.

Grant us thy Holy Spirit that we may have inheritance in thy eternal kingdom. Grant that as children of the heavenly light we may earnestly repent of our sins, forsake darkness and error, and follow righteousness and truth. Fill our souls with love of thy Word, and true holiness.

Let thy hand, O Lord, rest upon thy church to prosper and defend it. Give success to the ministers of thy Word, who proclaim the glorious Gospel of salvation, and in Christ's Name minister to the souls and bodies of men.

Stretch forth thy mighty arm to rule and direct our government, and give wisdom and integrity to all who bear the sword, that our nation may know peace, and that righteousness and justice may everywhere prevail. Put down all oppressors, tyrants, and godless governments throughout the world, and turn the hearts of all enemies of thy truth to the acceptance of thy Word.

For all who are in any want of body or soul, for all of our loved ones who are in distant places, for all who have strayed from thy truth, for all who are in temptation, for all who are suffering sickness and pain, for all who mourn, we pray. Pour down thy blessings upon them according to their need. Hear their prayers. Comfort them with thy presence. Keep them and all thy Church faithful unto death. We pray, O Father, for these things in the Name of thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen

Augustana Lutheran Church

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Pastor Bruce King

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

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 26:1-15

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD’s house, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word. ‘Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, that I may relent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.’ “And you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: “If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, “to heed the words of My servants the prophets whom I sent to you, both rising up early and sending them (but you have not heeded), “then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.”’” So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You will surely die! “Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant?’” And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the LORD’s house. And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, “This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.” Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. “Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; then the LORD will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. “As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. “But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 5:1-9

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God

for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Luke 11:14-28

And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. “If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. “And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. “But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. “But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ “And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. “Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.” And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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