

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

General Prayer

Laetare

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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.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, and blessed is thy Name forever and ever, who sendest thy Word like the dew of the morning, especially in this latter day when thou hast sent unto us thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever.

O God, we praise and thank thee that thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. Out of thine unspeakable grace and mercy, thou didst give thine only-begotten Son to be made sin for us, and to suffer for our transgressions, so that we might have everlasting life. We bless and praise thee that through Christ we are delivered from the bondage of the Law into the glorious liberty of thy sons, evermore having access boldly to thy throne of grace, there to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Grant that we who are here gathered for thy worship may repent of our evil, forsake all sinful thoughts and ways, and find that thou wilt abundantly pardon us for Jesus' sake.

And as thou, O Lord, knew the the needs of all men, giving both the righteous and the ungodly their daily bread, make us to know it and to receive thy benefits with thanksgiving. O Lord, keep us in health, to the end that we may serve thee in this life and in the world to come, through him who is the Bread from heaven, even Jesus Christ.

Cause thy gospel to be preached in all lands. Unite the church on earth with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. Bless our schools. Give wisdom and counsel to the government of this land, so that we may worship and serve thee without hindrance, and live in peace and righteousness.

To all who suffer sickness, pain, disease, affliction, or any adversity of body, mind, or spirit, give thou the strength that shall enable them to bear their cross and the spirit of him who taught us to say, "Thy will be done." In his glorious Name and for his kingdom's sake, we pray 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*

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings good news,
Who proclaims peace,
Who brings glad tidings of good things,
Who proclaims salvation,
Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
Your watchmen shall lift up their voices,
With their voices they shall sing together;
For they shall see eye to eye
When the LORD brings back Zion.
Break forth into joy, sing together,
You waste places of Jerusalem!
For the LORD has comforted His people,
He has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has made bare His holy arm
In the eyes of all the nations;
And all the ends of the earth shall see
The salvation of our God.

EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 4:21-31

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar — for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children — but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband." Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT John 6:1-15

After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they

saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.