

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

General Prayer

Judica

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Hymns:

- 40 *The God of Abraham Praise*
415 *Lo, Many Shall Come from the East and the West*
358 *Lamb of God, We Fall before Thee*
510 *Savior, Sprinkle Many Nations*

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament	<i>Moses and the Fiery Serpents</i>	Numbers 21:4-9
Epistle	<i>Christ, the Mediator of a New Covenant</i>	Hebrews 9:11-15
Gospel	<i>Before Abraham Was, I Am</i>	John 8:46-59
Sermon Pastor Diers		John 8:46-59

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 Lord God almighty, who art the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee for the revelation of thy grace in thy Son, for the wisdom which ordained his crucifixion, for the high priestly sacrifice of his own body on the tree, for the gift of eternal redemption through his Passion, for the promise of eternal life through his death, we thank thee, O God.

Grant that, under the new testament, sealed by his agony and death, he may mediate to us thy richest blessings, the forgiveness of all our sins, deliverance from death and the devil, and the assurance of everlasting life.

We praise thee for the wondrous love of Christ our Savior. We thank thee that thou hast spoken through him the words of life. We beseech thee to help us at all times to be faithful to his Word, that we may never taste the bitterness of death. Help us faithfully to honor him by faith and life, by word and deed. Grant that we may find Him to be the great "I Am" of heaven, uncreated, eternal, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Inspire us to love and worship him in spirit and in truth.

Out of thine infinite goodness lift up thy church, that it may be saved from all weakness and failure and empowered for holy service. Govern the nations of the earth, that man may live everywhere without fear of his neighbor. Give thy grace to our homes and schools, that youth may be trained for usefulness in this life and for entrance into the life hereafter. Bless all who labor and give them the understanding that in all human toil we are accountable to thee. Help us to use our gifts as thy stewards. Forgive us all our transgressions. Be thou the Comforter of the suffering and afflicted, the Sun of the aged, the Supply of the needy, the Protector of the fatherless, and the Savior of all men. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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*

Judica The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 25, 2012

Calendar

Wednesday: Lenten Service at 7:30 pm
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday, April 5: Service at 7:30 pm
Good Friday, April 6: Service at 7:30 pm
Easter Sunday, April 8: Easter Potluck Breakfast at 8:30 am
Easter Festival Worship at 10:00 am

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 21:4-9

Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 9:11-15

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT John 8:46-59

Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God." Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. "And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.' "Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. "Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.