

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Easter 2

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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.

General Prayer

O Lord our God, how good are the things which thou hast prepared for them that love thee. Thou hast given freely to us all through thy Son, Jesus Christ. May we, by faith in his name, obtain those unspeakable glories which he has prepared for us in thy kingdom.

We thank thee for the grace which sent Christ the Good Shepherd into the world to lay down his life for the sheep, to ransom us by his blood from the power of evil, to redeem us by his Passion from the punishment of our sins, and by his resurrection to liberate us from the fear and bondage of death. Grant that we may ever abide in the green pastures and still waters of His Word and Sacraments.

Grant unto thy church all that it needs, that it may enter in the labors of the kingdom, and seek the lost sheep, raise the fallen, rescue the weary, comfort the faint, restore the erring, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, and thus show forth the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Turn the hearts of the erring away from every false shepherd, and draw them with thy pure word and doctrine, that they may be united in the one fold of Thy Holy Church, with the only true Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ.

Let the Word of the Good Shepherd be heard throughout the world, that in every government, in all commercial endeavors, in every college and university, in all civic life, thy Son may be magnified, as men either adhere to His Word, or are overthrown by it.

Direct our path through the sin, strife, and chaos of these times, O Lord. Grant us true faith and a godly heart. Strengthen the sick, support the weak, supply the needy, and show thyself a very present help in every necessity.

And when our last hour shall come let our heart be fixed on thy promises, and because our eyes have seen thy salvation let us depart in peace according to thy Word, and be received into everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ, thy Son and 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*

Misericordias Domini
The Second Sunday After Easter
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What Shall We Want?

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1. What shall we want where Christ our Head,
Our Shepherd, ever leads us?
In pastures of His heav'nly bread
He satisfies and feeds us.
He doth our soul's refreshment bring,
Revives us with His flowing spring,
His precious Holy Spirit.
2. On even paths for His great name
He safely keeps and guides us,
Forsaking not His sheep to shame
Whenever need betides us;
Therefore we ever bold shall be,
Though faced with death's dark agony;
For Christ the Lord is with us.
3. Thy rod and staff by which Thou dost
Lead, comfort, and correct us—
It is the cross, that from our lust
And error doth protect us,
It curbs the pois'nous works of sin
Which grieve the Holy Ghost within,
And else would make us wander.
4. Thy table Thou dost rich prepare,
And keep to sight divested:
Thy Holy Word's delicious fare,
Within our heart digested.
Whene'er the foe our soul assails
This stronghold never breaks or fails,
Bound with Thy Spirit's fullness.
5. Thy goodness and Thy mercy, Lord,
Shall follow us forever
And all our days on us be poured,
That we through Thee, our Savior,
May dwell by living faith on earth
And there above in heav'nly mirth,
As Thy dear church and children.
6. This all through Christ our Lord we pray,—
Our Shepherd and our Brother:
By grace through faith our souls convey
To God the heav'nly Father,
With God the Holy Spirit One;
So may Thy gracious will be done!
Amen, we sing together.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16

‘For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. “As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. “And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. “I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. “I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord GOD. “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 2:21-25

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT John 10:11-16

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. “But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. “The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. “I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. “As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. “And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

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