

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

Easter 3

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Pastor King

John 16:16-23

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, who art mighty in power and infinite in majesty, who hast created the heavens, and bringest out by name each star in the celestial host, as we enter into the courts of thy presence with thanksgiving and prayer, incline thine ear unto us, and in thy mercy hear us.

We give thanks unto thee, everlasting God, that thou didst glorify thy Son Jesus in his resurrection from the dead, after he had offered himself as Priest and as Sacrifice for all the world, laid himself upon the altar of the cross, and died to reconcile sinners unto thee. Grant us the blessings of his infinite grace and inexhaustible love.

We praise thee that thou didst transform the "little while" of the crucifixion sadness and defeat into the joy and victory of the resurrection. Help us to lay hold of Christ's promise of eternal life, and receive it in joy. Give us this glorious consolation by a true and living faith. Grant us the hope and assurance that our eyes shall yet behold him, when, according to thy promise, our Redeemer shall at the latter day stand upon the earth, and receive us and all who believe in him into the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world.

And as the empty tomb has been the cradle of the church of Christ, we pray that all believers may be endowed with zeal to perform thy will so that thou mayest be glorified and multitudes turned from their sin to faith in our risen Lord.

Bestow thy favor upon our land. Give us a government that preserves liberty, upholds justice, seeks righteousness, curbs lawlessness, and by thine ordinance bears its sword in courage and integrity. Let all Christian citizens in accordance with thy will accept their lawful obligations cheerfully and dutifully, giving respect to those in authority and honor to all men.

And as our eternal dwelling place is with thee, O Father, grant us, who are but strangers and pilgrims on earth, such a measure of thy power

and grace that we may resist all evil, fight the good fight of faith, and in the end receive the victor's crown of life.

Give the comfort of thy promises to the sick, the sorrowful, the broken-hearted, and the perplexed. Cast out from our hearts all fear of death and the unknown. Instill in us patience in every adversity. And enable us to receive all thy many blessings in love and gratitude.

These things we ask in the glorious hope of an eternal day with thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

Jubilate
The Third Sunday After Easter
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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40:26-31

Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: “My way is hidden from the LORD, And my just claim is passed over by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 2:11-20

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men — as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

GOSPEL LESSON John 16:16-23

“A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.” Then some of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?” They said therefore, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is saying.” Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, “Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’? “Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. “A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. “Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. And in that day you will ask Me nothing.”