

Augustana Lutheran Church

135 Atwood Street, Shakopee, Minnesota 55379
Worship: 4:15 PM with Bible Class following the service

General Prayer

Trinity 19

October 22, 2017

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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 King.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, who art ever in our midst, and who dost never leave or forsake us, we praise and glorify thee for the infinite mercy which thou didst manifest in the unsurpassed gift to us sinners of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to put away our sins by the sacrifice of himself upon the cross. We thank thee, O Father, for thus commending thy love to us, delivering us from the power of sin and death, and opening to us the gate of heaven.

We confess that we are most unworthy sinners, and that we have transgressed thy will more than we can know. We repent of our evil and pray that thou wilt give us such faith that we may trust firmly in the righteousness of Christ Jesus for our forgiveness. Grant that, by thy truth, our minds may be renewed in righteousness and true holiness, that every thought, word, and deed may be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Endow us with grace so that we walk according to thy Word, be constant in faith, patient in tribulation, and instant in prayer.

Fill thy church with thy Spirit that she may flourish in every useful spiritual gift. Give her the courage to defend goodness and truth, and grant unto her pastors the faithfulness and zeal of true prophets, that thy people may be built up in faith and works, rejoice in thy love, endure in patience every trial, and finally enter thy kingdom by way of him who is the heavenly Ladder, even Jesus Christ.

Let the knowledge of thy truth and love stream forth upon the nations, and let them receive thy revelation in repentance and faith, so that they may be delivered from the all error and godlessness, and enter into the house of God in worship and praise.

We pray for our own beloved country. Give us citizens who perceive that the only standard of right is not personal advancement, public opinion or party platform, but thy holy will. Give us honorable civil servants, unselfish businessmen and industrious laborers, that righteousness and peace may be advanced, and greed and avarice may be suppressed.

Lavish thy grace upon our families, that each home may, by the Christian love and character of their parents, be for the children a foretaste of the joy and blessedness of their heavenly home.

We pray for all who are in sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering. Teach them to wait upon thee for thy mercy; grant unto them hope and a joyous deliverance out of all their trials, and let them walk in the light of thy truth all their days.

These things we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Refuge and Hope. Amen.

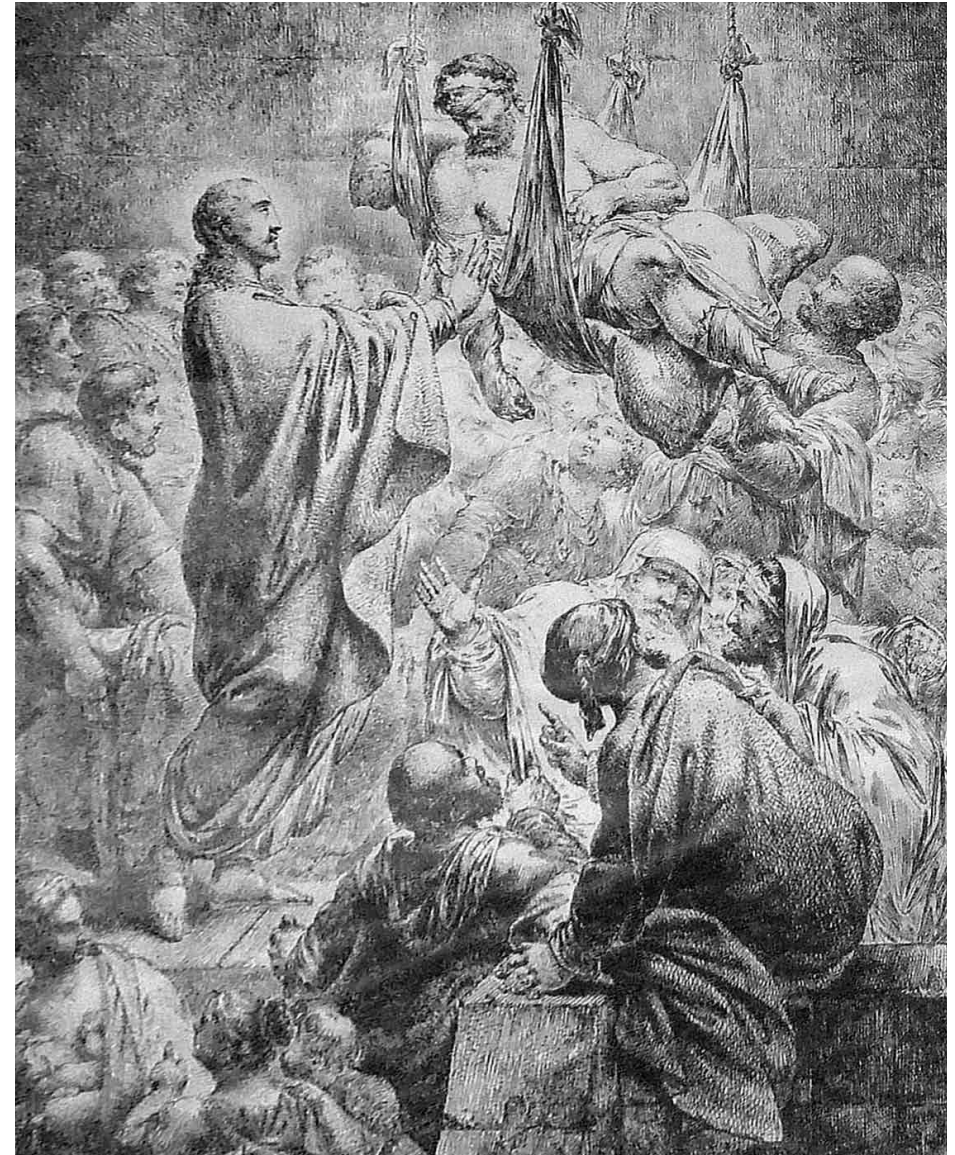
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*Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets
Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone*

The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

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Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all *that* he had he put under his authority. So it was, from the time *that* he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. And it came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what *is* with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. *There is* no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you *are* his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her *or* to be with her. But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house *was* inside, that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. And so it was, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and fled outside, that she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, "See, he has brought in to us a Hebrew to mock us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. And it happened, when he heard that I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me, and fled and went outside." So she kept his garment with her until his master came home. Then she spoke to him with words like these, saying, "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came in to me to mock me; so it happened, as I lifted my voice and cried out, that he left his garment with me and fled outside." So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to me after this manner," that his anger was aroused. Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* confined. And he was there in the prison. But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who *were* in the prison;

whatever they did there, it was his doing. The keeper of the prison did not look into anything *that was* under *Joseph's* authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made *it* prosper.

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 4:22-30

Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying, "*Let each one of you* speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT Mark 2:1-12

And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, '*Your* sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'?" But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" — He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw *anything* like this!"