

Augustana Lutheran Church

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

General Prayer

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365	<i>Jesus I Will Never Leave</i>

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament		Isaiah 43.5-13
	<i>The Redeemer of Israel</i>	
Epistle		2 Corinthians 12.6-10
	<i>The Thorn in the Flesh</i>	
Gospel		Mark 7.31-37
	<i>Jesus Heals a Deaf-Mute</i>	
Sermon		Mark 7.31-37

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, the Light of thy people, and the saving Strength of thine Anointed, we thank thee for the gift of thy Word, in which thou hast given us the glorious revelation of thyself and of thy grace in thy Son Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, in whom we are made righteous before thee, thoroughly furnished for all good works.

Send forth thy Word into the world. Implant it in hearts of people everywhere, that they may be made wise unto salvation, so that they, being delivered from ungodliness, the power of Satan, and the fear of death, may live to serve and praise thee in righteousness and purity forever.

And as thy Word is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart, let it probe like a sharp sword, showing us the evil and the good, that thus examined, we may repent of our sins, seek thy mercy in Jesus Christ, and thereby escape thy judgment of condemnation.

Let thy Word everywhere consume thine enemies like fire, and, like the hammer that breaks the rock in pieces, let it destroy all oppression, tyranny, and every abominable thing.

Pour out thy Word upon every nation, that their eyes may be opened and their hearts turned from falsehood and error, idolatry and evil works. Open their ears to hear the words of thy truth, that the day may dawn in their souls as light in a dark place, and that the day star of Christ, implanted by thy Spirit, may arise in their hearts.

Let thy Word shine within our homes, that parents and children may dwell together in love, serve one another in kindness, and find increase in joy in this life and that which is to come.

Give the Spirit of Christ richly to all who are sick or are suffering from any adversity of body or spirit, and grant that they may discover that he does all things well, turning our afflictions into divine blessings.

This we pray in the Name of him who gave himself for us that we might ever live through him, even Jesus our Lord. Amen.

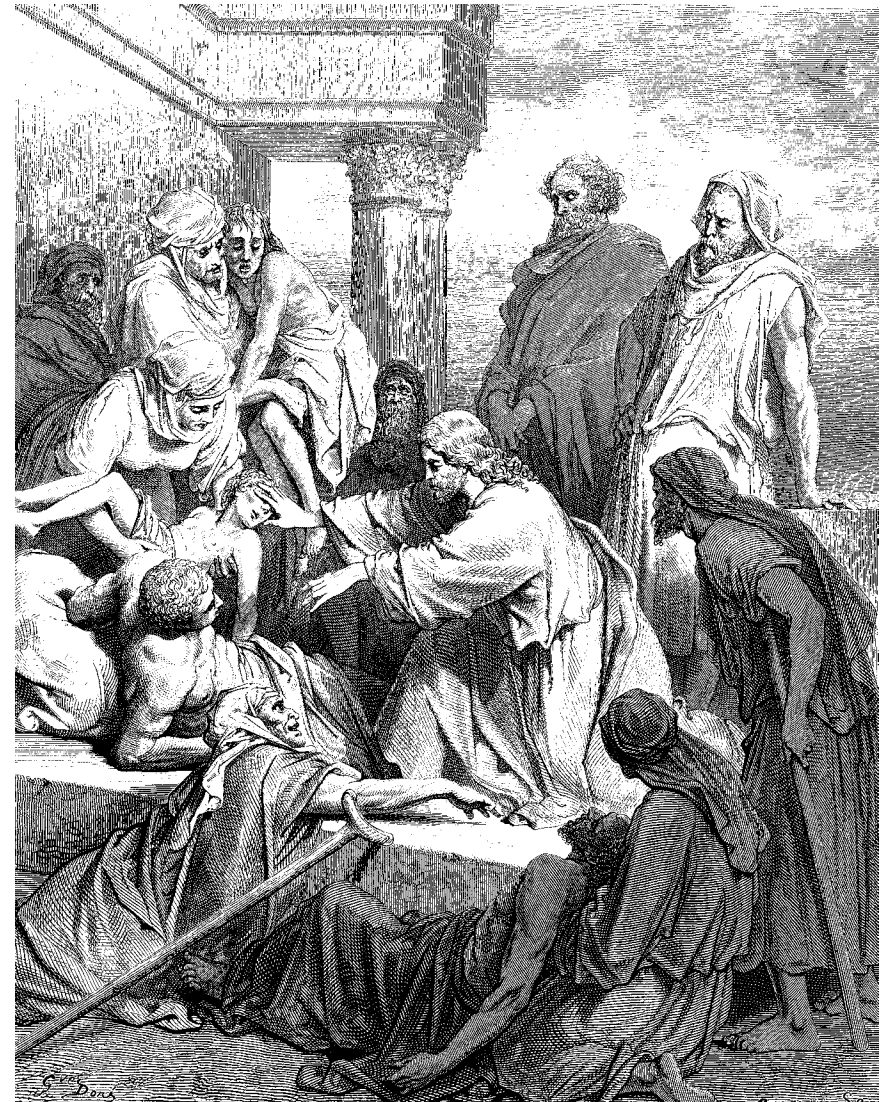
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*Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets
Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone*

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43.5-13

Fear not, for I *am* with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not keep them back!’ Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth — Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him. Bring out the blind people who have eyes, And the deaf who have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, And let the people be assembled. Who among them can declare this, And show us former things? Let them bring out their witnesses, that they may be justified; Or let them hear and say, “*It is truth.*” “You *are* My witnesses,” says the LORD, And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I *am* He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. I, *even* I, *am* the LORD, And besides Me *there is* no savior. I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, And *there was* no foreign god among you; Therefore you *are* My witnesses,” Says the LORD, “that I *am* God. Indeed before the day *was*, I *am* He; And *there is* no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?”

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 12.6-10

For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.)

GOSPEL LESSON and SERMON TEXT

Mark 7.31-37

Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He

commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed *it*. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”