



The Divine Service

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Divine Service, Setting Three

Zion Lutheran Church

Welcome

Before Service Prayer

*Lamb of God, You once came to
rid the world of sin; cleanse me
now from every stain of sin.
Lord, you came to save what was
lost; come once again with Your
salvific power so that those You
redeemed will not be punished. I
have come to know You in faith;
may I have unending joy when
You come again in glory.*

**New Saint Joseph People's Prayer
Book**

Almost always, when salvation by faith alone is seriously preached, we feel that somehow it has all been made too easy. Assuming, falsely, that faith is simply an intellectual assent to a proposition, we then go on to conclude that the general reaction of the human race to salvation by faith will be an equally intellectual reaction of indifference. We are afraid they will say, "Well, if all the real work of salvation has already been done, and the only thing we have to do is believe it, why should we bother trying to be good, kind, or loving? If the world is saved in spite of its sins, what's to stop us from going right on doing rotten things?" [...]

The fallacy in the first is precisely the assumption already noted that faith is assent to a proposition. It is not. It is living out a trust-relationship with a person. [...] Faith, you see, is simply taking his word about what really is and trying our best to get all the unreal nonsense out of our lives. Strictly speaking, faith does not save us; [Jesus] does; but because faith, once given, inexorably leads us to try and stop contradicting what he has done, it becomes the only instrument of salvation that we need to lay a hand to.

Robert Farrar Capon, *Kingdom, Grace, Judgement*, p. 492-493

November 24, 2019 ✠ 10:30 A.M.

We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print**.
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578*. They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *red text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!



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THE PREPARATION

Processional Hymn

Jerusalem the Golden *LSB 672*

Stand

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10

- P** The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.
- C** They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.
- P** O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!
- C** Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing
be- | fore you.*
Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!
- P** And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*
- My hope | is in you.
- C** Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;*
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.
- C** They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

The Old Testament reading for the Last Sunday of the Church Year is from Isaiah, the sixty-fifth chapter.

“Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.
Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent’s food.
They shall not hurt or destroy

in all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 45:14-15

- P** In many-colored robes [the king’s daughter] is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.
- C** **With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Epistle according to First Thessalonians, the fifth chapter.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Triple Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed

their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Sit

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying *LSB 516*

Sermon

Are You Prepared?

Matthew 25:1-13

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Sit

Offering

What people don’t realize is how much religion costs. They think faith is a big electric blanket, when of course it is the cross.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

Flannery O’Connor

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 194



Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, [...]. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus
Lord's Prayer
Words of Our Lord
Pax Domini
Agnus Dei



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Distribution

We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. The gifts of His physical body and blood are given in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine at the altar. Those who are communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation are welcome to commune at this altar with us. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with the Pastor in the weeks before communing for the first time. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

The apostle Paul encourages everyone coming to the Sacrament to examine him/herself (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Ask yourself the following questions: 1) Are you aware that you are a sinner; and, are you sorry for your sins? 2) Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and in His words of promise in the Sacrament: "This is my body," "This is my blood"? 3) Also, do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as a forgiven, redeemed child of God, resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the new life God provides?

Those communing this day are invited to pray the following:

Prayer Before Receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He has done for me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

During the Distribution of the Sacrament

The Lord was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory; glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. Amen.

Prayer After Receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven, and eternal blessings. Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis	<i>LSB 199</i>
Thanksgiving	<i>LSB 200</i>
Post-Communion Collect	<i>LSB 201</i>
Salutation	<i>LSB 201</i>
Benedicamus	<i>LSB 202</i>
Benediction	<i>LSB 202</i>

Sit

Recessional Hymn

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us *LSB 514*

Life Together

Pray as You Go

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

PREACHER

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

ORGANIST

Dennis Steuber

ACOLYTE

Emory Kuretsch

USHERS

Kevin Lemarr, Joe Villalobos,
Keith Lemarr (A)

ALTAR GUILD

Tasha Schlittenhart, Chyral Sims

ELDER

Dennis Ward

TRUSTEE

Don Paul Choate

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS

Angela Waldo, Chyral Sims, Tanya Schroeder, Tony Waldo

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY – 12/01/2019

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Kim Schroeder, Tony Waldo

ALTR GUILD

Susan Colles, Angela Waldo

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Persecuted Christians in:

North Korea
Afghanistan
Somalia
Libya
Pakistan

Partner Church

Lutheran Church in Korea

Comfort, Health, and

Recovery

Gary Daniels
Tom Harms
Rick Shott
Rev. Herb Swanson
Mary Ann Creamer (*Aunt of Tanya Schroeder*)
Ryder Locke (*great grandson of Dave and Joyce Boswell*)
Stephanie Hollinger (*daughter of Gary Daniels*)
Amy Villalobos (*sister-in-law of Katie*)
Ray Roth
Glenda Schrock
Carson Brown (*friend of the Villalobos family*)
Dianne McKissack (*boss of Nikki Dorn*)
Lander Duvall (*friend of Tony Waldo*)
Lance Spence (*friend of Katie Villalobos*)
Marie Heiser
Joyce Mendenhall (*friend of Susan Colles*)
Charlotte Hottinger

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn
Joyce Boswell
Betty Bocksnick
Gwen Hale
Helen Rick
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.
Regina Steuber
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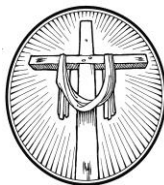
Catechumens

Emory Kuretsch
Emmett Schlittenhart
Isabella Schroeder
Tatum Rion
Gavin Rion
Alison Waldo
Alivia Waldo
Chance Paylor

Serving in the armed forces

Logan Kremers
Matthew Allen
Brian Rutledge
Trent Hale
Josh Imme
Christopher Stocking
Dale Ozment

*When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution,
contact Pastor Ralston any time at 501-454-0581.*



ZION Life Together



LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR
NOVEMBER 24, 2019

THE FRUITS OF OUR FAITH 11/17/2019

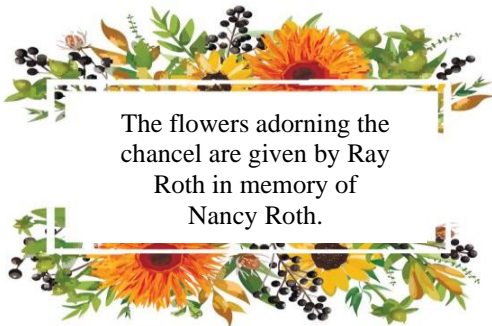
Present in Worship: 70
Children's Sunday School: 5
Adult Sunday School: 12

General Offering: \$11,792
Weekly Budgeted Offering Needed: \$2,480

Food Pantry: \$300
Fall Fest: \$305
Parament Fund: \$3,500

OH, GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!

"FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE."



The flowers adorning the
chancel are given by Ray
Roth in memory of
Nancy Roth.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING AFTER CHURCH

The altar guild will meet in the sanctuary at the end of service with Pastor Ralston to review procedures, answer questions and demonstrate new procedures regarding the chalice. It will be quick – no more than 20 minutes!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Don't forget to carve out some time for worship this Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. Come and receive God's banquet for us in His Holy Supper, feasting on His heavenly food before we feast on the earthly food He has given us!

ADVENT SERVICES

Don't forget about Advent services this year! The Wednesday night services are December 4, 11, and 18 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a soup supper before service at 6:00 p.m. The sermon series, "The Great O' Antiphons" will help explain the new blue Advent paraments and what all the symbols mean! Not only does this help grow in our knowledge of the truth, but it informs our prayer life too! Each Antiphon comes from the hymn, "O come, O come, Emmanuel." So if you love this hymn, you won't want to miss out!

ZION'S CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday † November 24

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
(Fellowship Hall)
Teen Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with
Communion
- 12:15 p.m. Catechumenate

Monday † November 25

Tuesday † November 26

Wednesday † November 27

- 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday † November 28

Thanksgiving Day

Friday † November 29

Saturday † November 30

Sunday † December 1

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BULLETIN INFORMATION?

Please contact Phyllis Campbell by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning to have your "blurb" in the upcoming bulletin.

Call/text: 501-725-1418

Email: officeassistant.zlc@gmail.com

Mailbox: drop a note in the mailbox by the office door.

FOOD PANTRY COAT & TOY DRIVE

Clean coats/jackets and new/slightly used toys are being collected for our Food Pantry families. Please bring your items to the church by December 15th. What a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ to this holiday season!

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Once again, poinsettias will be available to adorn the chancel on Christmas Eve. The cost is \$10 per plant. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex where you may also indicate if it is in celebration or memory of a loved one. Deadline is November 24. If any questions, please see Susan Colles.

NEW COMMON CUP!

Starting December 8th, we will begin using a common cup in the distribution of Christ's blood once again! This historic practice was once practiced here at Zion, and we welcome it back! It teaches multiple things, primarily the 'oneness' we share in Christ. Instructions for distribution will be explained by Pastor. Individual cups will still be offered.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS INFORMATION

Currently in Adult Bible Study, we are studying the Introit, Kyrie, and Gloria in Excelsis of our Divine Service. We're learning how God comes down to serve us, as well learning what having a repentant attitude looks like in the service. Come to Adult Bible Class on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. to find out more!

CATECHUMENATE

Classes have begun! If any child still wants to be in class, it's not too late to join! Adults who have not been confirmed but seek membership, contact Pastor Ralston to see if there are opportunities for individual catechesis, or adult confirmation class. Send an email to rev.jralston@gmail.com if you or a loved one is interested.



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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

PASTORAL CONSULTATION

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, TEEN, AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins at 9:15 am. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

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