

Before Service Prayer

O Thou Who in almighty power was weak, and in perfect excellency was lowly, grant unto us the same mind. All that we have which is our own is naught; if we have any good in us it is wholly Thy gift. O Saviour, since Thou, the Lord of heaven and earth didst humble Thyself, grant unto us true humility, and make us like Thyself; and then, of Thine infinite goodness, raise us to Thine everlasting glory; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost for ever and ever. Amen.

Zion Lutheran Church The Divine Service

The Festival of Saint James the Elder

Welcome

James; his brother John, the Evangelist; and Peter were special favorites of the Lord. They had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, when Jesus' robe and face shined as bright as the sun and the voice of God spoke from the heavens, announcing that Jesus was his only Son. [...]

One day, James and his brother John made the other apostles angry. The two of them told the Lord that they thought they deserved a special place in his kingdom. They bragged that they would be able to sacrifice their lives, as Jesus was going to sacrifice his. Jesus took the brothers aside. He told them that they did not understand what true service to others meant. He said that anyone who wanted to be truly great had to be the servant of others. Jesus was trying to teach them what he expected of them.

Jesus called the two brothers "sons of thunder" because they sometimes lost their tempers. One time the people of a village turned them away. James and John were upset that the villagers would not welcome Jesus. They asked the Lord if he wanted them to call down fire to destroy the village. Jesus had to correct them and remind them that God wants us to act with love.

But James and John did learn from everything Jesus taught. They became great examples of faith for all of Jesus' followers. After Pentecost, James stayed in Jerusalem to preach about Jesus even though it was dangerous to be known as a Christian. He was soon arrested and put to death around 44 AD. James was the first apostle to become a martyr for his faith in Christ.

"James the Greater" on saintsource.org

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 *bold, italic 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!



Divine Service, Setting Three

The Preparation

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By All Your Saints in Warfare

LSB 518 (v.1, 21, 3)

Stand

Invocation LSB 184

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 184

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 89:1, 5, 15-16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

- **P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.
- I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
- who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

O gracious God, Your servant and apostle James was the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service that they may forsake all false and passing allurements and follow Christ alone, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading Acts 11:27-12:5

The first reading for The Festival of St. James the Elder is from Acts, the eleventh chapter.

Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

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

Gradual

Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

- P How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.
- Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle Reading Romans 8:28-39

The Epistle Reading is from Romans, the eighth chapter.

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190

Holy Gospel Mark 10:35-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered

rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father. by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day Christ, the Life of All the Living LSB 420

Sermon The Right Tools of Discipleship Mark 10:35-45

Offertory LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

P Lord in Your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer

The motive of Christian action is not force but love. We live from the Gospel, not from the Law. Christ never gets behind His friends with a sword or a whip. He gets inside them with His love, a love that makes us free to want and achieve what God wants and plans.

Norman Nagel

Service of the Sacrament

Preface Proper Preface	LSB 194
Sanctus Lord's Prayer	LSB 195 LSB 196
The Words of Our Lord	LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pax Domini
Agnus Dei

LSB 197
LSB 198

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 invited to meet with the Pastor for Catechesis

before communing. 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?

Communion Hymn	At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	LSB 633
Communion Hymn	The Church's One Foundation	LSB 644
Nunc Dimittis Thanksgiving		LSB 199 LSB 200
Post-Communion Collect		LSB 200
Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction Sit		
Recessional Hymn	Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus	LSB 660

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

Serving in the Divine Service

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The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Sudan

Eritrea

Yemen

Iran

India

Partner Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia

Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Korey Heath (friend of Zoe Ward)

Dennis Rowe (son of Bo Rowe)

Emersyn Potter (friend of Wanda Choate)

Connie Ragsdale (relative of Diane Ragsdale &

Angela Waldo)

Harold and Betty Heflin

Lori Johnson

Rick Shott

Lucas Bachman (student of Katie Villalobos)

Betty Hefner & Warren family (friends of the Villalobos')

Tracy Boswell (sister-in-law of Barbara Smith)

Jesse Lea (brother of Wanda Choate)

Alissa Wicker & Jace (friends of Katie

Villalobos)

Ashton Schrock (relative of Earl Schrock)

Mildred Greathouse (grandmother of Tony

Waldo)

Keith Olson (nephew of Linda Shott)

Diane Caple (sister-in-law of Eunice Lamar Kristen Brown (friend of Earl Schrock)

Continued Prayers

Landell Aday (friend of Greg Kremers)

Toby Baldwin

Josh Dodson (brother of Tasha Schlittenhart)

Ryan Stripling (brother of Kim Schroeder)

Elizabeth Sharp, Amber Beatty, Molly

Wiley, Tami Robinson (friends of Phyllis

Campbell)

Dennis Pistole (co-worker of Patrick

Callahan)

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn

Betty Bocksnick

Nettie Grant

Gwen Hale

Dorothy Hitzke

Kenneth Hottinger Sr.

Helen Riek

Glenda Schrock

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Matthew Allen

Brian Rutledge

Trent Hale

Josh Imme

Dale Ozment

Hunter Greenfield

Abigail Manuel

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

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The Fifth Sunday after Trinity July 24, 2022

The Fruits of Our Faith 7/17/2022

Worship Attendance: 56 Adult Sunday School: 4 Children's Sunday School: 6

High School: 5

General Fund: \$ 4,387.00 Weekly Need: \$ 2,870.00 Food Pantry: \$ 620.00 Fall Fest: \$ 1,100.00 Parament Fund: \$ 200.00

Fall Fest Sponsorship

A \$2,000 sponsorship for Augsburg Fall Fest was received from an anonymous donor. It was requested that this sponsorship be in honor of Cecil & Delores McDaniel, JoAnn & Melvin Dorn, Buddy & Betty Bocksnick, Earl & Glenda Schrock, and Dorothy Birkhahn.

Fall Fest Crafts after Church

All are invited to stay after service and help make crafts to be sold at Fall Fest. All proceeds will go towards funding youth activities.

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Pastor will continue preaching through I Peter this Thursday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m. Don't miss this time of worship and prayer!

Minor Prophet Bible Study

The book of Nahum will be the topic of study this Thursday, July 28th at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for this time of study and fellowship!

LWML Date Night

Friday, July 29th, from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., plan on dropping the kids off at church and enjoy a date night! Fellow church members will be here to babysit while you have a night on the town! Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you plan on participating.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! We will have VBS at Church on Monday August 1st through Thursday, August 4st from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. A light supper will be served.

The yearly pool party will be Saturday, August 6th in Clarksville from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Let Pastor or one of the Board of Education members know if you plan to come! Invite friends!!

Board of Education Meeting

Tomorrow evening, July 25th, the Board of Education will meet at 6:00 p.m. Please let a board member know if you have anything they need to discuss.



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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 9:00 a.m. 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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