



Zion

**Lutheran Church**

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**✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠**

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**✠ Life Together ✠**

**The Prayers of the Church**

*Persecuted Christians:*

Egypt, Uzbekistan, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam

*Partner Church:*

Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Comfort, Health, and Recovery:*

Betty Lynch	Elizabeth Sharp	Mildred Greathouse
Rick Shott	Kathleen Kremers	Denise Styles
Debbie Keeling	Larry Debusk	Cliff & Denise Dewveall
John Mullican	Deanna Gallagher	Don Guess

*Homebound:*

Betty Bocksnick, Glenda Schrock, Gwen Hale, Ray Roth

*For Those Who Mourn:*

Especially the family and friends of Scott Blackstock

**The Fruits of Our Faith – 07/14/2024**

Worship Attendance: 72	Offering: \$ 3,530.00
Adult Sunday School: 16	Food Pantry: \$ 165.00
Children’s Sunday School: 5	Ringhardt League: \$ 250.00

**Register for VBS Today!**

If you have not registered your kids for VBS, please do so today! Just use the QR code on the VBS invitation (located in the Narthex) and register on your phone – quick and easy! Everyone who registers by July 31<sup>st</sup> will get a VBS T-shirt!

**VBS Workers Meeting**

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, immediately after the Divine Service, there will be a short meeting of all VBS workers. The meeting will be in the sanctuary. The structure of VBS will be different this year, so this meeting is very important. Plus, all workers will get their VBS T-shirt to wear the next day!

**Food Pantry Board Meeting**

There will be a Food Pantry Board of Directors meeting Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

**Wedding Shower Postponed**

Travis and Zoie Morrison’s wedding shower has been postponed to August 18<sup>th</sup>. Look for more details in the next few weeks!

**Zion Lutheran Church**

**The Divine Service**

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity



**Welcome**

Since the days of John Nelson Darby, people have repeatedly tried to predict the end of the world. Every one of these predictions has failed. But the people who publish predictions today continue to receive much attention and, often, financial gain. Do not be fooled and misled by false prophets. Apply Moses’ test of prophets. Apply the apostle John’s test for false teachers. Heed Jesus’ warning that false prophets will stealthily seek to deceive God’s people. Beware of groups that obsess about the “rapture” doctrine or the end of the world.

Before ascending to heaven, Jesus assured us that He would return. He refused to give dates to His disciples (Acts 1:7). He insisted that only the heavenly Father knew when the last things would take place (Matthew 24:36). Rather than talking about these issues, Jesus called His disciples to serve as witnesses to the great and gracious salvation He accomplished through His death and resurrection. Christian, this is your focus and mission! Rejoice in Jesus’ promise. Pray for His return. As you are strengthened through His Word and Sacraments, live and bear witness by His grace, confident in your future!

“False Prophets Then and Now”, *The Lutheran Study Bible*, p. 307

**July 21, 2024 ✠ 10:00 AM**

**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.** Below are some helpful tips:

The starting page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the top of the tab, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. **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* on the tab of the bulletin shows when the service continues with the information on the page to the right.

**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. 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. 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). Children's "Busy Bags" are located in the Narthex hallway for your convenience.



*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.*

### Introit

*Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9–10*

- P** We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*  
in the midst of your | temple.
- C** **As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.\***  
**Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.**
- P** Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*  
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.
- C** **Within her | citadels\***  
**God has made himself known as a | fortress.**
- P** Let Mount Zion | be glad!\*  
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!
- C** **This is God, our God forever and | ever.\***  
**He will guide us for- | ever.**
- 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** We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,\*  
in the midst of your | temple.
- C** **As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.\***  
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### Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Gradual

*Psalm 31:2b, 1a*

- P** Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!
- C** **In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;**  
**let me never be put to shame.**

### Readings for The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament – *Jeremiah 23:16-29 (p. 774)*

Second Reading – *Acts 20:27-38 (p. 1105)*

Holy Gospel – *Matthew 7:15-23 (p. 965)*

### Divine Service III

*LSB 184*

#### The Preparation

Processional Hymn #578

Invocation

Confession & Absolution p.184

#### Service of the Word

*Introit*

Kyrie p.186

Gloria In Excelsis p.187

Salutation and Collect p.189

Old Testament Reading p.190

*Gradual*

Epistle Reading p.190

Alleluia p.190

Holy Gospel Reading p.190

Nicene Creed p.191

Hymn of the Day #819

Sermon

Offertory p. 192

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer p. 196

Salutation & Benedicamus

Benediction p. 201

Recessional Hymn #853