



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:

Lutheran Church in Southern Africa

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

Andy Ward Kathleen Kremers Randy Shrock

Louis Reece

Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale

Ray Roth Charli Callahan

The Fruits of Our Faith – 10/20/2024

Worship Attendance: 63 Adult Sunday School: 14

Children/High School Sunday School: 8

Offering: \$ 1,347.00 Fall Fest: \$ 250.00

Ringhardt League: \$ 375.50

Food Pantry Coat Drive

The LWML is organizing a coat and personal care drive for the folks who come to the food pantry. All sizes of coats, jackets, hoodies, etc. are welcome! Any personal care item such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc. are needed as well. Drop off your donation at the church office or in the boxes in the Narthex.

Thank you for helping those less fortunate!

Please bring your donations to the church by November 10th.

Parents Meeting Next Sunday

All parents of preschool through high school kids are invited to attend a short meeting after church next Sunday, November 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. The Board of Education’s new focus, Christmas program, and upcoming events will be discussed. Please plan on attending – your input is very important!

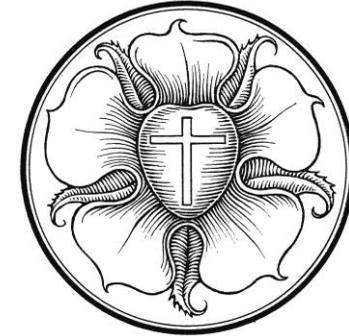
Advent Services start Dec. 4

During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of God’s Son, who was given the name *Jesus*—a Hebrew name that means “God saves.” In addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles which describe something about His person or work. In this year’s Advent series, we are going to examine four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. Those titles are “Wonderful Counselor,” “Mighty God,” “Everlasting Father,” and “Prince of Peace.” We will learn how each of these titles describes something about *who* Jesus is and *what* He did for our salvation.

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The Divine Service

Commemoration of the Reformation



Welcome

The second point of difference between the Law and the Gospel is indicated by the particular contents of each. The Law tells us what to do. No such instruction is contained in the Gospel. Rather, the Gospel reveals to us only what God is doing. The Law speaks about our works, whereas the Gospel speaks about the great works of God. In the Law we hear the tenfold summons: “You shall.” Beyond that, the Law has nothing to say to us. The Gospel, on the other hand, makes no demands whatsoever.

What if someone says, “but the Gospel demands faith!” Well, just picture someone who is hungry. You tell him, “Come, sit down at my table and eat.” That hungry person would hardly reply, “who are you to boss me around?” No, he would understand and accept your kind words as a kind of invitation. That is exactly what the Gospel is — a kind invitation to partake of heavenly blessings.

C.F.W. Walther, Law and Gospel, p. 14

October 27, 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 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

- P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.
- C** I will bless the Lord at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
- P** My soul makes its boast | in the Lord; *
let the humble hear | and be glad.
- C** Come, O children, lis- | ten to me; *
I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.
- P** The Lord redeems the life of his | servants; *
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.
- 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** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a

- P** Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
- C** Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
- P** that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Readings for the Commemoration of the Reformation

First Reading – *Revelation 14:6-7 (p. 1227)*
Epistle – *Romans 3:19-28 (p. 1118)*
Holy Gospel – *Matthew 11:12-19 (p. 969)*

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #645

Invocation

Reception of New Members

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Service of the Word

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Baptism – Ayden West

Hymn of the Day #656

Stanza 3 sung by choir

Sermon

Offertory p. 192

Early Communion: Ellie Kuretsch

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

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Lord's Prayer p. 196

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Distribution Hymns

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Nunc Dimittis p. 199

Thanksgiving p. 200

Post-Communion Collect p. 201

Salutation & Benedicamus

Benediction p. 201

Closing Hymn #713