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The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians: Turkey, China, Ethiopia, Tajikistan, Indonesia

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The Fruits of Our Faith – 11/10/2024

Worship Attendance: 83 Adult Sunday School: 16 Children/High School Sunday School: 6

Offering: \$ 5,980.2 Food Pantry: \$420.00 Cemetery: \$4,173.22

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet this Tuesday, November 19th at 6:00 PM. All members please plan on attending!

Advent is Around the Corner!

Advent mid-week services will be December 4th, 11th, and 18th at 7:00 PM. Before each Advent service, we will have our traditional soup supper. Please help by signing up to bring soup, bread, or dessert for one of the suppers. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Children's Christmas Party

Parents mark your calendar for the Children's Christmas Party December 1st after the Divine Service! Please bring a gift to exchange (\$5) and a Christmas goody to share. More details coming soon!

Thrivent T Shirts!!

Be sure to stop by the table downstairs and pick up a Thrivent T-shirt! All shirts not taken today will be donated to a local school.

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The Divine Service

The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Trinity



Welcome

In this Christian Church, wherever it exists, is to be found the forgiveness of sins, i.e. a kingdom of grace and true pardon. For in it are found the gospel, baptism, and the sacrament of the altar, in which the forgiveness of sins is offered, obtained, and received. Moreover, Christ and His Spirit and God are there. Outside this Christian Church there is no salvation or forgiveness of sins, but everlasting death and damnation; even though there may be a magnificent appearance of holiness and many good works, it is all in vain. But this forgiveness of sins is not to be expected only at one time, as in baptism, as the Novatians teach, but frequently, as often as one needs it, till death.

Martin Luther, LW 37:368

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.

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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.

Divine Service III Introit LSB 184 Psalm 31:1-2a, 5, 24; antiphon: vv. 9a, 15b, 17a **P** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress;* rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors! **C** O Lord, let me not be | put to shame,* for I call up- | on you. **P** In you, O Lord, do I take | refuge;* let me never be | put to shame. **C** In your righteousness de- | liver me;* incline your ear to me; rescue me | speedily! **P** Into your hand I commit my | spirit;* you have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God. **C** Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,* all you who wait | for the Lord! **G** 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** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress;* rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors! **C** O Lord, let me not be | put to shame,* for I call up- | on you.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 74:4, 2a

Your foes have roared in the midst of your meeting place; they set up their own signs for signs.

C Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Readings for the Twenty-fifth Sunday After Trinity

Old Testament – *Exodus* 32:1-20 (*p.85*) Epistle – *I Thessalonians* 4:13-18 (*p.*1174) Holy Gospel – *Matthew* 24:15-28 (*p.*986)

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