



Zion

Lutheran Church

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✠ Life Together ✠

The Prayers of the Church

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Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale

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The Fruits of Our Faith – 11/17/2024

Worship Attendance: 65 Adult Sunday School: 18

Children/High School Sunday School: 11

Offering: \$ 2,741.00

Preparing for the Lord's Coming!

The season of Advent prepares us for the Second Coming of the Lord. A way in which we become ready for His coming is consistent prayer, and meditation on God's Word. Starting on Dec. 2nd and ending on Dec. 23rd, we will pray Matins Monday-Friday at 8 A.M. Matins is a short prayer service that's been practiced for centuries. You are welcome to come!

Poinsettias For Christmas

If you would like to purchase poinsettias to adorn the altar this Christmas season, please sign up on the form in the Narthex. The deadline to sign up is December 15th.

Advent Is Here!

Advent mid-week services will be December 4th, 11th, and 18th at 7:00 PM. For the elderly who don't wish to drive at night, an additional Eucharistic service will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday. Before each evening 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 Next Week

Parents mark your calendar for the Children's Christmas Party next Sunday after the Divine Service! Please bring a gift to exchange (\$5) and a Christmas goody to share.

Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

The Last Sunday of the Church Year



Welcome

Watch for your life's sake. Let not your lamps be quenched, nor your loins unloosed; but be ready, for you know not the hour in which our Lord will come. But come together often, seeking the things which are befitting to your souls: for the whole time of your faith will not profit you, if you are not made perfect in the last time. For in the last days false prophets and corrupters shall be multiplied, and the sheep shall be turned into wolves, and love shall be turned into hate; for when lawlessness increases, they shall hate and persecute and betray one another, and then shall appear the world-deceiver as the Son of God, and shall do signs and wonders, and the earth shall be delivered into his hands, and he shall do iniquitous things which have never yet come to pass since the beginning. Then shall the creation of men come into the fire of trial, and many shall be made to stumble and shall perish; but those who endure in their faith shall be saved from under the curse itself. And then shall appear the signs of the truth: first, the sign of an outspreading in heaven, then the sign of the sound of the trumpet. And third, the resurrection of the dead -- yet not of all, but as it is said: "The Lord shall come and all His saints with Him." Then shall the world see the Lord coming upon the clouds of heaven.

Didache, chapter 16

November 24, 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 page number, i.e., *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 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.

Collect of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

Readings for The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Old Testament – *Isaiah 65:17-25* (p.742)
Epistle – *I Thessalonians 5:1-11* (p.1174)
Holy Gospel – *Matthew 25:1-13* (p.987)

Divine Service III

LSB 184

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #771

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

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #516

Sermon

Offertory p. 192

First Communion – Bree Kuretsch

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface p. 194

Sanctus p. 195

Lord's Prayer p. 196

The Words of Our Lord p. 197

Agnus Dei p. 198

Distribution Hymns

(#641, 680, 514)

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

Thanksgiving p. 200

Post-Communion Collect p. 201

Salutation & Benedicamus

Benediction p. 201

Closing Hymn #512