



Zion

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✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

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✠ Life Together ✠

The Prayers of the Church

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Jodie Rowe Kathleen Kremers LaDonna Yeager

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Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale

Ray Roth Charli Callahan

The Fruits of Our Faith – 11/24/2024

Worship Attendance: 91 Adult Sunday School: 28

Children/High School Sunday School: 13

Offering: \$ 6,277.00

Preparing for the Lord’s Coming Through Prayer

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 tomorrow 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 begin this Wednesday 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.

Reaffirmation of Vows Service

Everyone is invited to attend Don Paul & Wanda Choate’s reaffirmation of vows for their 50th anniversary on Saturday, December 21st at 7:30 PM. Let us celebrate this great milestone of God’s blessing!

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The Divine Service

First Sunday in Advent



Welcome

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth [...]” The Sanctus, which derives its name from the Latin word for “holy,” is the climax and conclusion of the Preface [...]. It is a solemn act of adoration and thanksgiving in the spirit of holy awe. It has been called ‘the most ancient, the most celebrated, and the most universal of Christian hymns.’ The Sanctus opens with the seraphim’s dramatic acclamation of the divine majesty from Isaiah 6:2-3. The ringing “trisagion” (Greek word meaning “Three Holies”) which the seraphim sang express the awe and wonder of the creature in the glorious presence of the Holy One of Israel. The deity is designated with the Hebrew title “Yahweh Sabaoth” (meaning “Lord God of Hosts”) which emphasizes His almighty power. The majestic opening phrases of the Sanctus set the stage as we prepare to stand in the presence of the almighty and eternal God who deigns to come to us in the blessed Sacrament. The remainder of the Sanctus picks up the joyful greeting of the crowds hailing Christ’s entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (cf. Matthew 21:9). The people hailed Jesus as their Savior, the promised King of David’s line. “Hosanna in the highest!” they cried, repeating the refrain of Psalm 118:25-26. “Hosanna” is a Hebrew word which means “Save now, we pray.” We join these joyful pilgrims in spirit as we use the words of their ancient hymn to greet the Savior who comes to us in the Sacrament!

Larry White, *Life with God*

December 01, 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 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: vv.1-3a

- P** To you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.
- C** **Let not my enemies exult | over me.***
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.
- P** Make me to know your ways, | O Lord; *
teach me | your paths.
- C** **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation; ***
for you I wait all the | day long.
- P** May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me, *
for I | wait for you.
- C** **Redeem Israel, | O God, ***
out of all his | troubles.
- 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** To you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.
- C** **Let not my enemies exult | over me.***
Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 25:3-4

- P** None who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- C** **Make me to know your ways, O Lord;**
teach me your paths.

Readings for The First Sunday in Advent

Old Testament – *Jeremiah 23:5-8 (p.773)*

Epistle – *Romans 13:8-14 (p.1127)*

Holy Gospel – *Matthew 21:1-9 (p.981)*

Divine Service IV

LSB 203

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #359

Invocation

Confession & Absolution p.203

Service of the Word

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Epistle Reading p.205

Alleluia & Verse p.205

Holy Gospel Reading p.206

Nicene Creed p.206

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #332

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface p. 208

Sanctus p. 208

Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 209

Lord's Prayer p. 209

The Words of Our Lord p. 209

Pax Domini p. 209

Agnus Dei p. 210

Distribution Hymns

(#331, 515, 780)

Nunc Dimittis p. 211

Post-Communion Collect p. 212

Benedicamus and

Benediction p. 212

Closing Hymn #343