



Zion

Lutheran Church

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✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

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✠ Life Together ✠

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians:

Morocco, Brunei, Tunisia, Qatar, Mexico

Partner Church:

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Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

Jodie Rowe Kathleen Kremers LaDonna Yeager

Debbie Keeling Louis Reece

Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale

Ray Roth Charli Callahan

The Fruits of Our Faith – 12/01/2024

Worship Attendance: 64 Adult Sunday School: 11

Children/High School Sunday School: 5

Offering: \$ 2,207.00

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase poinsettias to adorn the altar for Christmas,
please fill out the signup sheet in the Narthex.

Ushers, Acolytes and Altar Guild

Please let Susan Colles know if you are interested in serving on the Altar
Guild for 2025. There are still spots available. Phyllis Campbell is working
on the new schedule for ushers and acolytes. If you are interested in serving
in these areas, please let Phyllis know.

Voters Meeting and Potluck

There will be a voters meeting and potluck after church today! Come on
downstairs for the business of the church!

Matins

Everyone is invited to pray Matins at 8:00 AM Monday – Friday in the
sanctuary. This ancient prayer service is a great way to start the day!

Mid-Week Services

Mid-week Advent services will be held at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM on
December 11th and 18th. A soup supper will be served at beginning at 5:45
PM before the evening service.

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The Divine Service

Second Sunday in Advent



Welcome

We should learn to bring our eyes, our hearts, and souls to
bear upon yonder life in heaven and in a lively hope await it
with joy. For if we would be Christians, the ultimate objects of
our quest should not be marrying, giving in marriage, buying,
selling, planting, building – activities that Christ says the wicked
will be engaged in especially before the Last Day. To be sure,
we, too, must use these things in order to satisfy the needs of the
body. But our ultimate quest should be something better and
higher: the blessed inheritance in heaven that does not pass
away.

Martin Luther, "Sermon on Titus 2:13", *What Luther Says*, 9:934

December 08, 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 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:30, 29

- P** Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
"Behold, your sal- | vation comes."
- C** The Lord will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.
- P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*
- You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.
- C** Restore us, | O God;*
- let your face shine, that we | may be saved!
- P** Turn again, O | God of hosts!*
- Look down from | heaven, and see.
- C** But let your hand be on the man of your | right hand,*
the son of man whom you have made strong | for yourself!
- 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** Say to the daughter of | Zion,*
"Behold, your sal- | vation comes."
- C** The Lord will cause his majestic voice | to be heard,*
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

Collect of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 50:2-3a, 5

- P** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
- C** "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

Readings for The Second Sunday in Advent

Old Testament – *Malachi 4:1-6 (p.955)*
Epistle – *Romans 15:4-13 (p.1128)*
Holy Gospel – *Luke 21:25-36 (p.1047)*

Divine Service IV

LSB 203

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #341

Invocation

Confession & Absolution p.203

Service of the Word

Introit

Kyrie p.204

Salutation and Collect p.205

Old Testament Reading p.205

Gradual

Epistle Reading p.205

Alleluia & Verse p.205

Holy Gospel Reading p.206

Nicene Creed p.206

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #345

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

(#355, 636, 515)

Nunc Dimittis p. 211

Post-Communion Collect p. 212

Benedicamus and

Benediction p. 212

Closing Hymn #357