





# Zion

## Lutheran Church

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✠ **Soli Deo Gloria** ✠

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### Acolyte

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### Trustee

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### Elder

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### Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

### Nursery

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

### Congregational Membership

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, of Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details

### Pastoral Consultation

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

### Sick and Homebound

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

### Pastor's Bible Study, Teen, and Children's Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 9:00 AM. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held every Sunday in the basement Fellowship Hall.

### Listen to Lutheran Radio

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## The Divine Service

The Nativity of our Lord



## Welcome

Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no one free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice seeing the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad receiving the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage being summoned to life [...]. Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

**Leo the Great**

*in "Christian, Remember your dignity"*

**December 24, 2024 ✠ 9:00 PM**

**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 cry room 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 24:1, 3-5; antiphon: Psalm 2:6-7*

- P** The Lord | said to me,\*  
"You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
- C** **As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill."**
- P** The earth is the Lord's and the full- | ness thereof,\*  
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- C** **Who shall ascend the hill | of the Lord?\***  
**And who shall stand in his | holy place?**
- P** He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,\*  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not  
swear de- | ceitfully.
- C** **He will receive blessing | from the Lord\*  
and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.**
- 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 Lord | said to me,\*  
"You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
- C** **As for me, I have | set my King\*  
on Zion, my | holy hill."**

## Collect of the Day

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Readings for The Nativity of our Lord

Old Testament – *Isaiah 9:2-7 (p.680)*

Epistle – *Titus 2:11-14 (p.1185)*

Holy Gospel – *Luke 2:1-14 (p.1018)*

*A note about the Candlelight Service: Pastor will come down the middle isle and randomly light candles. Pass your light to all those around you. If you are giving light, keep your candle upright. If you are receiving light, tilt your candle.*

## Divine Service III

*LSB 184*

<b>Processional Hymn</b>	#334
<b>Invocation</b>	
<b>Confession &amp; Absolution</b>	<i>p.184</i>
<b>Introit</b>	
<b>Kyrie</b>	<i>p.186</i>
<b>Hymn</b>	#368 (1,3)
<b>Salutation and Collect</b>	<i>p.189</i>
<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	<i>p.190</i>
<b>Hymn</b>	#379 (1-2)
<b>Epistle Reading</b>	<i>p.190</i>
<b>Alleluia &amp; Verse</b>	<i>p.190</i>
<b>Holy Gospel Reading</b>	<i>p.190</i>
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<i>p.191</i>
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	#359
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	#376 (1-2)
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<b><u>Service of the Sacrament</u></b>	
<b>Preface</b>	<i>p. 194</i>
<b>Sanctus</b>	<i>p. 195</i>
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>	<i>p. 196</i>
<b>The Words of Our Lord</b>	<i>p. 197</i>
<b>Pax Domini</b>	<i>p. 197</i>
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	<i>p. 198</i>
<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	
	<i>(#357, 389, 384)</i>
<b><u>Candlelight Service</u></b>	
<b>Choir – O Holy Night</b>	
<b>Candlelight Readings</b>	
<b>Candlelight Prayer</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	#363
	<i>Choir sings stanza 1 in German. Congregation sings stanzas 1-3 in English</i>
<b>Benediction</b>	<i>p. 202</i>
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	#387