



Zion

Lutheran Church

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✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

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The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians:

North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan

Partner Church:

The Lutheran Church in Norway

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

Jodie Rowe Kathleen Kremers LaDonna Yeager
Louis Reece Larry DeBusk Scott Merton
Dennis Rowe Bill Manning Rick Shott
Linda Lakso Katie McGee Shirley Rock

Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale
Ray Roth Charli Callahan

The Fruits of Our Faith – 12/22/2024

Worship Attendance: 70

Offering: \$ 1,452.00 Food Pantry: \$ 2,000.00

Elder Care: \$2,000.00

Altar Flowers

Make sure to sign up for Altar Flowers in 2025! It's a wonderful way to
honor and celebrate special people or special occasions, all the while
beautifying our worship space for Sunday! The sign-ups are on the bulletin
board in the back for you to reserve your date!

Installation of Church Officers

Church Officers for 2025 will be installed Sunday, January 12th during the
Divine Service. Please make sure to be here for it, especially if you were
newly voted in!

Daily Bible Reading Plans for 2025

As we approach the New Year, consider making Bible reading a part of your
2025 routine. We have two reading plans available in the back: one that
covers the New Testament in a year and another that takes you through the
entire Bible. Pick up a plan today and may the Word of God dwell in you
richly!

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The Divine Service

First Sunday After Christmas



Welcome

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as
well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was
marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine
kingdom. [...] At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling
clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in
light as in a garment. In the first coming he endure the cross,
despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory,
escorted by an army of angels. We look then beyond the first
coming and await the second. At the first coming we said:
'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' At the second
we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the
Lord and cry out in adoration: 'Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.'

Cyril of Jerusalem, Catechetical Lectures

December 29, 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 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 93:1, 3–4; antiphon: vv. 5, 2

- P** Your decrees are very | trustworthy;*
holiness befits your house, O Lord, for- | evermore.
- C** **Your throne is established | from of old;*
you are from ever- | lasting.**
- P** The Lord reigns; he is robed in | majesty;*
the Lord is robed; he has put on strength | as his belt.
- C** **Yes, the world is es- | tablished;*
it shall nev- | er be moved.**
- P** The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have
lifted | up their voice;*
the floods lift up their | roaring.
- C** **Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than
the waves | of the sea,*
the Lord on high is | mighty!**
- 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** Your decrees are very | trustworthy;*
holiness befits your house, O Lord, for- | evermore.
- C** **Your throne is established | from of old;*
you are from ever- | lasting.**

Collect of the Day

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 45:2a, 1b

- P** You are the most handsome of the sons of men;
grace is poured upon your lips.
- C** **I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.**

Readings for the First Sunday After Christmas

Old Testament – 2 *Samuel* 7:1-16 (p.305)

Epistle – *Galatians* 4:1-7 (p.1156)

Holy Gospel – *Luke* 2:22-40 (p.1019)

Divine Service III

LSB 184

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #392 (1-3)

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 & Verse p.190

Holy Gospel Reading p.190

Nicene Creed p.191

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #580

Sermon

Offertory p.192

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

Pax Domini p. 197

Agnus Dei p. 198

Distribution Hymns

(#655, 628,805)

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

Thanksgiving p. 200

Salutation and

Benedicamus p. 201

Benediction p. 202

Closing Hymn #392 (4-5)