



# Zion

## Lutheran Church

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#### Trustee

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### The Prayers of the Church

*Persecuted Christians:*

Sudan, Eritrea, Yemen, Iran, India

*Partner Church:*

Portuguese Evangelical Lutheran Church

*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 – 12/29/2024

Worship Attendance: 68

Adult Sunday School: 14 Children’s Sunday School: 5

Offering: \$ 3,575.00 Food Pantry: \$ 705.00

#### 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 next Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

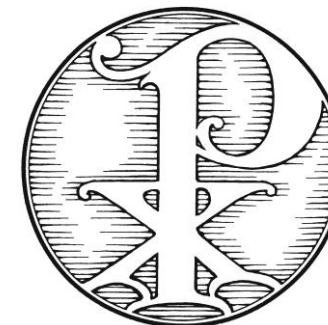
#### Sunday’s Flowers

Flowers this Sunday are given in celebration of Rachel Ralston’s birthday on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## The Divine Service

Second Sunday After Christmas



### Welcome

Don’t trust in riches, for such things are left here on earth. Only faith will accompany you. Righteousness will also go with you if faith has led the way. Why do riches entice you? “Ye were not redeemed with gold and silver,” possessions, or silk garments, “from your vain conversation, but with the precious blood of Christ.” So then, the rich are those who are heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ [...]. Don’t reject a poor man. For when Christ was rich, He became poor. He became poor because of you so that, by His poverty, He could make you rich. He sent out even His apostles without money and the first of them said: “Silver and gold have I none,” but I have faith. I am rich enough in the name of Jesus, “which is above every name.” [...] I don’t have silver and I don’t need any. I don’t have gold and I don’t desire it. But I have what you rich don’t have. I have what even you would consider more valuable and I give it to the poor. I say in the name of Jesus: “Be strengthened, ye weak hands, and ye feeble knees.” But if you want to be rich, you must be poor.

St. Ambrose, “Redeemed with Blood”, in  
*Day by Day With the Church Fathers*, p. 156

January 5, 2025 ✠ 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 8:1, 4-6; antiphon: v.2

- [P] Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because | of your foes,\*  
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.
- [C] O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!\*
- You have set your glory above the | heavens.
- [P] What is man that you are mind- | ful of him,\*  
and the son of man that you | care for him?
- [C] Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and | honor.
- [P] You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;\*
- you have put all things under | his feet.
- [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] Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because | of your foes,\*  
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Gradual

Psalm 106:47; Isaiah 63:16b

- [P] Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
- [C] You, O Lord, are our Father,  
our Redeemer from of old is your name.

### Readings for the Second Sunday After Christmas

Old Testament – Genesis 46:1-7 (p. 46)  
Epistle – I Peter 4:12-19 (p. 1206)  
Holy Gospel – Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 960)

## Divine Service III

LSB 184

### The Preparation

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