



Zion

Lutheran Church

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✠ **Soli Deo Gloria** ✠

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The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians:

Syria, Nigeria, Iraq, Maldives, Saudi Arabia

Partner Church:

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia

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 – 01/05/2025

Worship Attendance: 66

Adult Sunday School: 15 Children’s Sunday School: 10

Offering: \$ 1,373.50 Food Pantry: \$ 320.00

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!

Church Website

Remember the church website (zionaugsburg.org) is a great resource for church info – the monthly calendar, weekly bulletins, and pastor’s sermons are available!

Catechumenate Available

New Member classes are starting up! We’ll begin next Wednesday, January 15th at 6 PM. If you know someone interested in learning more about the Lutheran church, they are welcome to join! If you’d like a refresher on Lutheran belief and doctrine, you’re welcome to join too!

December Food Panty Stats

Last month, 673 families (2,218 individuals) were served by the Augsburg Food Pantry! Special thanks to the East Mount Zion Baptist Church of Red Lick for their help during the distribution.

Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

First Sunday After the Epiphany



Welcome

The Eucharist is all about God’s life given in Jesus Christ to be our life. It is all about God’s Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus, given now to be our breath of life. As we eat and drink, we become walking shrines, living temples, in whom the living triune God truly dwells. And if this scary thought should make us take our fellow Christians more seriously as what they really are, it should also make us take more seriously the tasks to which the living God calls us within his world. We cannot worship the suffering God today and ignore him tomorrow. We cannot eat and drink the body and blood of the passionate and compassionate God today, and then refuse to live passionately and compassionately tomorrow. If we say or sing, as we so often do, ‘Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,’ we thereby commit ourselves, in love, to the work of making his love known to the whole world that still stands so sorely in need of it. This is not the God the world wants. This is the God the world needs.

*N.T. Wright, For All God’s Worth:
True Worship and the Calling of the Church, p. 31-32*

January 12, 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 100; antiphon: Isaiah 6:1; Revelation 19:6

- P** I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and | lifted up;*
and the train of his robe filled the | temple.
- C** Then I heard the voice of a great multitude, | crying out,*
"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Al- | mighty reigns."
- P** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth!*
- Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!
- C** Know that the Lord, | he is God!*
- It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the
sheep of his | pasture.
- P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!*
- Give thanks to him; | bless his name!
- C** For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*
and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
- 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** I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and | lifted up;*
and the train of his robe filled the | temple.
- C** Then I heard the voice of a great multitude, | crying out,*
"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Al- | mighty reigns."

Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 72:18, 3

- P** Blessèd be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
- C** Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

Readings for the First Sunday After the Epiphany

Old Testament – *I Kings 8:6-13 (p 338)*
Epistle – *Romans 12:1-5 (p. 1126)*
Holy Gospel – *Luke 2:41-52 (p.1019)*

Divine Service III

LSB 184

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #401

Confession & Absolution p.184

Service of the Word

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Kyrie p.186

Gloria In Excelsis p.187

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Old Testament Reading p.190

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Epistle Reading p.190

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Holy Gospel Reading p.190

Nicene Creed p.191

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #410

Sermon

Offertory p.192

Installation of Officers

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

(#555, 617, 544)

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

Thanksgiving p. 200

Salutation and

Benedicamus p. 201

Benediction p. 202

Closing Hymn #399