



Zion

Lutheran Church

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✠ **Soli Deo Gloria** ✠

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The Prayers of the Church

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Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale
Ray Roth Charli Callahan

The Fruits of Our Faith – 01/12/2025

Worship Attendance: 50

Adult Sunday School: 7 Children’s Sunday School: 6

Offering: \$ 1,345.00

Adult Catechumenate Class

This years Adult Catechumenate Class began last Wednesday. It’s not too late to join! If you know someone interested in learning more about the Lutheran church or you’d like a refresher on Lutheran belief and doctrine, please join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

Church Council Meeting This Week

The January Church Council will meet Tuesday, January 21st at 6:00 PM. All council members are encouraged to attend!

Benefit Dinner

Come join us for a Benefit “Poor Boy Dinner” on January 25th from Noon to 4:00 pm at River Valley Grace Lutheran Church in Lamar, Arkansas. All proceeds will be used to help Evelyn Battershell, who has lost her home to a house fire. We will have beans, cornbread and desserts. To go meals will also be available.

Church Directory

Starting Feb 23rd, Rachel will offer photos for the developing pictorial directory. If you are interested, please stay around after the Divine Service to get your picture taken!

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The Divine Service

Second Sunday After the Epiphany



Welcome

Forgiveness, for which Jesus prayed from the cross, is His victory over sin, death, and the devil. Even as He was giving up His life on the cross, His words were a selfless prayer for those who were crucifying Him. Even when they sought His death, Jesus sought their good. This is perfect masculinity.

To emulate this example of manliness is to give perfectly, to forgive instead of harboring resentment. This example of Jesus as the icon of perfect manhood teaches men to pick their battles. What’s worth fighting for? The good of others, the lives of others, the forgiveness of others. What’s not worth fighting for? Yourself, your own interests, your own wants or needs. You have been given your life – and new life in Christ – to be of service to others. The cross is the perfect example of selflessness and strength put into the service of others.

Jeffrey Hemmer, *Man Up: The Quest for Masculinity*, p. 147-148

January 19, 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 66:1-5, 20; antiphon: v. 4; 92:1

- P** All the earth worships you and sings praises - | es to you;*
they sing praises | to your name.
- C** It is good to give thanks | to the Lord,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.
- P** Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!
- C** Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!*"
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.
- P** All the earth worships you and sings praises - | es to you;*
they sing praises | to your name."
- C** Come and see what | God has done:.*
he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.
- P** Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his
steadfast | love from me!
- 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** All the earth worships you and sings praises - | es to you;*
they sing praises | to your name.
- C** It is good to give thanks | to the Lord,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 107:20-21

- P** He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.
- C** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!

Readings for the Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Old Testament – Amos 9:11-15 (p. 916)

Epistle – Romans 12:6-16 (p.1126)

Holy Gospel – John 2:1-11 (p. 1054)

Divine Service III

LSB 184

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #908

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 #408

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

(#628, 902, 775)

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

Thanksgiving p. 200

Salutation and

Benedicamus p. 201

Benediction p. 202

Closing Hymn #845