



Zion

Lutheran Church

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✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

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The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians:

Central African Republic, Algeria, Turkmenistan, Mali, Mauritania

Partner Church:

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

Kathleen Kremers Louis Reece Linda Lakso
Larry DeBusk Katie McGee Shirley Rock
John Mullican Jodie Rowe Danny Warnick
Dennis Rowe

Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale
Ray Roth Charli Callahan

The Fruits of Our Faith – 01/19/2025

Worship Attendance: 73

Adult Sunday School: 16 Children's Sunday School: 7

Offering: \$ 3,270.00

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!

Adult Catechumenate Class

This year's 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.

Food Pantry Stats

2025 has started off with a bang for the Augsburg Food Pantry! A record breaking 689 families were served this month during the Saturday food distribution. Special thanks to Safe Haven Women's Shelter and East Point Baptist Church for their help this month!

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The Divine Service

Third Sunday After the Epiphany



Welcome

The Law came to reveal the sore and tell that a heavenly Physician was coming for his long-standing disease. The Law came to bring up to the skin, by means of the poultices of the commandments, that sore that was developing so fatally inside. The Law came to open up that long-standing ulcer by the knife of the commandments, and to effect a healthy draining of the long-gathered pus. However, brethren, the Law could not by its own power either close up the wound or give perfect health to the patient. When the poor patient saw this and at length recognized his unfortunate state, he began to hasten to the Physician. He hoped that this great Physician's skill and grace would cure that sore which the Law had revealed and long aggravated... So the Physician came, and by the mere assurance of His voice He aided the man who was tired of cures and wearied of his vexations. The centurion acknowledges this when he says: 'Say the word, and my servant will be healed.' Consequently, the prophetic statement was fulfilled: 'He sent his word and healed them.' That is why this follows: 'Where the offense has abounded, grace abounded yet more' - as if he were saying: 'Where the wound was opened wide, health has been poured in.'

St. Peter Chrysologus (380-450), Homily on Romans 5:15-21

January 26, 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 97:1, 10-12; antiphon: vv.6, 9

- P** The heavens proclaim his | righteousness,*
and all the peoples see his | glory.
- C** For you, O Lord, are most high over | all the earth;*
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.
- P** The Lord reigns, let the | earth rejoice;*
let the many coast- | lands be glad!
- C** O you who love the Lord, hate | evil!*
He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers
them from the hand of the | wicked.
- P** Light is sown for the | righteous,*
and joy for the up- | right in heart.
- C** Rejoice in the Lord, O you | righteous,*
and give thanks to his | holy name!
- 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 heavens proclaim his | righteousness,*
and all the peoples see his | glory.
- C** For you, O Lord, are most high over | all the earth;*
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 102:15-16

- P** Nations will fear the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.
- C** For the Lord builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory.

Readings for the Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Old Testament – *2Kings 5:1-15a (p.365)*

Epistle – *Romans 1:8-17 (p.1116)*

Holy Gospel – *Matthew 8:1-13 (p.966)*

Divine Service III

LSB 184

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #596

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 #401

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

(#555, 571, 620)

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

Thanksgiving p. 200

Salutation and

Benedicamus p. 201

Benediction p. 202

Closing Hymn #578