



Zion

Lutheran Church

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✠ **Soli Deo Gloria** ✠

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The Prayers of the Church

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Dennis Rowe Bill Manning

Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale
Ray Roth Charli Callahan

The Fruits of Our Faith – 01/26/2025

Worship Attendance: 70

Adult Sunday School: 16 Children’s Sunday School: 9

Offering: \$ 4,360.00

Church Directory

Rachel will offer photos for the developing pictorial directory. She will stay an hour after the Divine Service on Sunday, March 2nd and 9th. Then, she will be available an hour before service on Wednesday March 5th and 12th. An online sign-up sheet will be sent out!

Meetings Next Week

There will be meetings for the Board of Education (Tuesday) and the Board of Elders (Thursday) next week. If there’s anything you would like discussed, let someone from the board know!

New Bible Study

The Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings is taking up a study on several different hymns found in the Hymnal. Please join!

Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar are given by Pattie Ward in remembrance of Dennis Ward.

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The Divine Service

The Purification of Mary and
the Presentation of Our Lord



Welcome

Christ, in turn, replaced the rite of circumcision with his own circumcision, the circumcision performed by God the Father rather than by human hands (Col. 2:11-13). That supernatural act of circumcision is enacted in Baptism. In Baptism the whole "body of flesh" is "put off" by burial with Christ and resurrection with him (Col 2: 11-12). All baptized believers, whether male or female, Jew or Greek, are members of the one body of Christ (Col 3:11-15), Those who undergo this circumcision are qualified to participate in the service of God the Father by the Holy Spirit (Phil 3:3).

Mary, the mother of Jesus, involved him in her purification after his birth (Lk 2:22-24). She and Joseph brought him to the temple for the first time to include him in her purification on the fortieth day after his birth, even though the law did not require the son (Jesus) to be present for this. Since he was her firstborn son, he was offered to God at the same time as she was purified by the sacrifice of two birds (cf. Ex 13:2, 12; Neh. 10:36). Yet no mention is made of his redemption then or later. Luke thereby indicated that the whole of his life was consecrated to the service of God (cf. Lk 1:35). Luke quite deliberately connected Mary's purification to Christ's consecration, for she was purified by her son—as are all the saints—for access to the heavenly sanctuary.

John Kleinig, *Leviticus, "Concordia Commentary Series", p.270*

February 2, 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 48:1-3, 8; antiphon: v.9

- P** We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
- C** **Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!**
- P** His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is
the joy of | all the earth,*
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the | great King.
- C** **Within her | citadels*
God has made himself known as a | fortress.**
- P** As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city | of our God,*
which God will establish for- | ever.
- 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** We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 48:1, 8a, 9

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God, his holy mountain!
**As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts.**
We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

Readings for the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord

Old Testament – *I Samuel 1:21-28* (p. 266)

Epistle – *Hebrews 2:14-18* (p. 1019)

Holy Gospel – *Luke 2:22-40* (p. 1118)

Divine Service III

LSB 184

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #544

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 #519

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

(#602, 332, 780)

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

Thanksgiving p. 200

Salutation and

Benedicamus p. 201

Benediction p. 202

Closing Hymn #594