



# Zion

## Lutheran Church

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### ✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

#### Pastor

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#### Acolyte

Ellie Kuretsch

#### Trustee

Joe Villalobos

#### Elder

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### The Prayers of the Church

*Persecuted Christians:*

Central African Republic, Algeria, Turkmenistan, Mali, Mauritania

*Partner Church:*

Lutheran Church of Venezuela

*Comfort, Health, and Recovery:*

Kathleen Kremers   Louis Reece   Linda Lakso  
Larry DeBusk   Katie McGee   Basil Bates  
John Mullican   Jodie Rowe   Danny Warnick  
Dennis Rowe   Bill Manning   Yecica Valdez  
Alicia Villareal

*For those who mourn:*

Family and friends of Delores McDaniel

*Homebound:*

Betty Bocksnick   Glenda Schrock   Gwen Hale  
Ray Roth   Charli Callahan

### The Fruits of Our Faith – 02/09/2025

Worship Attendance: 75

Adult Sunday School: 21   Children's Sunday School: 8

Offering: \$2,484.00   Food Pantry: \$ 1,000.00

#### Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar today are given by Pastor and Rachel Ralston in honor of our church's musicians.

#### Thank You

A huge thank you from Evelyn Battershell for the generous financial gift she received from Zion. It will go a long way towards helping her recover from her house fire. Your generosity and love and greatly appreciated!

#### Food Pantry

February's Food Pantry distribution is this Saturday (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. If you haven't signed up yet to help, talk to Chuck Campbell.

# Zion Lutheran Church

## The Divine Service

### Septuagesima



### Welcome

When we come to worship, and to the Eucharist in particular, we come into the presence of Almighty God, and to feast at his table, not because we are good people, but because we are forgiven sinners. We come, as we come to a doctor, not because we are well but because we are sick. We come, not because we've got it all together, but because God's got it all together and has invited us to join him. We come, not because our hands are full of our own self-importance or self-righteousness, but because they are empty and waiting to receive his love, his body and blood, his own very self. This is as basic to Christianity as the ball is to football. And, just as you have a rotten game of football if people ignore the ball and simply tackle the opposition, or even the crowd, so you have a pretty poor time in church if you forget for a moment that we are here because we don't deserve to be. And when that truth gets hold of you, and sinks down inside you like a hot drink on a cold day, then the effect on the whole life of the Christian community is quite marvelous. We are all here by grace alone: so we can relax. You don't have anything to prove in the presence of God; you shouldn't have anything to prove, either, in the presence of your fellow Christians. You don't have to pretend in the presence of God; no more should you need to pretend in the presence of your fellow Christians. The ground is level at the foot of the cross; the only people who are excluded from the party are those who exclude themselves, by supposing they don't need the cross, don't need God's forgiveness, don't need the free love of Jesus, in the first place.

N.T. Wright, *For All God's Worth*, p. 79-80

**February 16, 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 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: vv.5-6a*

- P** The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*  
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
- C** In my distress I called up- | on the Lord.\*  
From his temple he | heard my voice.
- P** I love you, O | Lord, my strength.\*  
The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.
- C** For you save a humble | people,\*  
but the haughty eyes | you bring down.
- P** [You have] equipped | me with strength\*  
and made my way | blameless.
- C** For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the | nations,\*  
and sing | to your 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 cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\*  
the snares of death con- | fronted me.
- C** In my distress I called up- | on the Lord.\*  
From his temple he | heard my voice.

## Collect of the Day

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Gradual

*Psalm 9:9-110, 18-19a*

- P** The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.
- C** And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
- P** For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
- C** Arise, O Lord!  
Let not man prevail.

## Septuagesima

Old Testament – *Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 69)*  
Epistle – *I Corinthians 9:24-10:5 (p.1137)*  
Holy Gospel – *Matthew 20:1-16 (p. 980 )*

## Divine Service III

*LSB 184*

### The Preparation

Processional Hymn #566

Confession & Absolution p.184

### Service of the Word

*Introit*

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Epistle Reading p.190

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #555 (v.1-5)

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Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

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Lord's Prayer p. 196

The Words of Our Lord p. 197

Pax Domini p. 197

Agnus Dei p. 198

Distribution Hymns

(#744, 555 (v.6-10), 641)

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

Thanksgiving p. 200

Salutation and

Benedicamus p. 201

Benediction p. 202

Closing Hymn #664