



Zion

Lutheran Church

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✠ **Soli Deo Gloria** ✠

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The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians:

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Partner Church:

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Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

Kathleen Kremers Louis Reece Linda Lakso
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Dennis Rowe Bill Manning Yecica Valdez

Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale
Ray Roth Charli Callahan

The Fruits of Our Faith – 02/16/2025

Worship Attendance: 85

Adult Sunday School: 24 Children’s Sunday School: 9

Offering: \$ 2,458.00 Elder Care: \$ 250.00

Sunday School Missions: \$ 243.20

Camp Scholarship Fund

If you would like to help out our families with young children to go to camp this summer, you can give to the Camp Scholarship Fund! Checks can be made out to Zion Lutheran Church with Camp Scholarship Fund in the memo line.

Special Voters Meeting

There will be a special Voters meeting held after church. Stay if you’re able!

Lent and Soup Suppers

Ash Wednesday is March 5th and soup suppers will start on Wednesday the 12th before our Lenten midweek service. Our theme this year is “Truly, This is the Son of God” where we look at how different biblical characters viewed Jesus.

Directory Photos

A link to sign up for directory photos went out last week. Sign up for a spot!

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The Divine Service

Sexagesima



Welcome

Nothing is so effectual against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts as to occupy oneself with the Word of God, talk about it, and meditate on it. Psalm One calls those blessed who “meditate on God’s law day and night.” You will never offer up any incense or other savor more potent against the devil than to occupy yourself with God’s commandments and words and to speak, sing and meditate on them. This, indeed, is the true holy water, the sign which routs the devil and puts him to flight. For this reason alone you should eagerly read, recite, ponder and practice the Catechism, even if the only blessing and benefit you obtain from it is to rout the devil and evil thoughts.

Martin Luther, Large Catechism, Preface: 10-11

February 23, 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 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: vv.23, 25a, 26a

- P** Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*
- Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!
- C** For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*
- Rise up; come | to our help!
- P** O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*
- what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:
- C** you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;*
- you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.
- P** But you have saved us | from our foes*
- and have put to shame those who | hate us.
- C** In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*
- and we will give thanks to your name 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** Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*
- Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!
- C** For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*
- Rise up; come | to our help!

Collect of the Day

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 83:18, 13

- P** [Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name is the Lord,
- are the Most High over all the earth.
- C** O my God, make them like whirling dust,
- like chaff before the wind.

Sexagesima

Old Testament – *Isaiah 55:10-13* (p. 731)
Epistle – *2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9* (p. 1152)
Holy Gospel – *Luke 8: 4-15* (p. 1027)

Divine Service III

LSB 184

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #923

Confession & Absolution p.184

Service of the Word

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Kyrie p.186

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Epistle Reading p.190

Alleluia & Verse p.190

Holy Gospel Reading p.190

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #655

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, 623, 579)

Nunc Dimittis p. 199

Thanksgiving p. 200

Salutation and

Benedicamus p. 201

Benediction p. 202

Closing Hymn #577