



Zion

**Lutheran Church**

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✠ **Soli Deo Gloria** ✠

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KK Dorn

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**The Prayers of the Church**

*Persecuted Christians:*

Kenya, Russia, Malaysia, Kuwait, Oman

*Partner Church:*

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana

*Comfort, Health, and Recovery:*

Kathleen Kremers   Louis Reece   Linda Lakso  
Stanley Stormant   Katie McGee   Jesse Villalobos  
John Mullican   Jodie Rowe   Danny Warnick  
Dennis Rowe   Bill Manning   Yecica Valdez

*Homebound:*

Betty Bocksnick   Glenda Schrock   Gwen Hale  
Ray Roth   Charli Callahan

**The Fruits of Our Faith – 03/16/2025**

Worship Attendance: 84

Adult Sunday School: 18   Children’s Sunday School: 11

Offering: \$3,263.00   Elder Care: \$ 445.00

Sunday School Missions: \$ 231.00

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers adorning the altar are given by Dave Boswell in loving memory of Joyce Boswell.

**Bags for Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry needs plastic bags! If you have any to spare, please drop them off in the box by the office.

**Easter Candy**

It’s time to start collecting candy for Zion’s Easter Egg hunt! Please place your donation of individually wrapped candy in the box in the Narthex. If you would rather give money, please mark your gift “Easter Egg Hunt” and put in the offering plate.

**Extra Services During Lent**

Matins – Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:00 AM

Soup Supper – Wednesdays at 5:45 PM

Mid-week Service – 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

**Zion Lutheran Church**

**The Divine Service**

Third Sunday in Lent



**Welcome**

Julian, the Apostolate, the brilliant and capable Roman emperor, who during the rise of Christianity sought to light again the fires on the altars of the pagan gods, was on the march with his army against Persia in the year 363 A.D. A soldier mocking a Christian in the army asked him, “Where is your carpenter now?” The Christian replied, “He is making a coffin for your emperor.” Julian is gone, and his coffin is gone, but Christ remains – not only a force but a personality to be reckoned with by ungodly men in this age and in the ages to come who have deluded themselves into believing that they rule. The truth is: Christ rules. Where is Christ now? says that Christ died – yes, He was raised from the dead, is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. Christ came to be the go-between between the world and its God. That mission brought Him to a cross. Christ remains the go-between between the world and its God. Set down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, He lives to make intercession, to speak for us, to promote our cause, to be our attorney.

**Oswald Hoffmann**, "Where Is Christ Now?",  
a Lutheran Hour Address

**March 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 25:1-2, 17-18,20; antiphon: vv. 15-16*

- P** My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
- C** Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.
- P** To you, | O Lord,\*  
I lift | up my soul.
- C** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.
- P** The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;,\*  
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.
- C** Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.
- P** Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!\*
- Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.
- 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** My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
- C** Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

## Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Gradual

*Psalm 9:19, 3*

- P** Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail;  
let the nations be judged before you!
- C** When my enemies turn back,  
they stumble and perish before your presence.

## Third Sunday in Lent

Old Testament – *Jeremiah 26:1-15 (p. 777)*  
Second Reading – *Ephesians 5:1-9 (p. 1162)*  
Holy Gospel – *Luke 11:14-28 (p. 1033)*

## Divine Service IV

*LSB 203*

### The Preparation

Processional Hymn #594

Invocation

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### Service of the Word

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*Gradual*

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Children's Message

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Distribution Hymns

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Benediction p. 212

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