



Zion

Lutheran Church

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✠ **Soli Deo Gloria** ✠

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The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians:

Sri Lanka, Colombia, Bangladesh, Palestinian Territories, Azerbaijan

Partner Church:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

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

Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale
Ray Roth Charli Callahan

The Fruits of Our Faith – 03/23/2025

Worship Attendance: 43

Adult Sunday School: 12 Children’s Sunday School: 5

Offering: \$ 518.00 Fall Fest: \$ 2,050.00

Sunday School Missions: \$ 27.00

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.

Easter Breakfast

Instead of Sunday School on Easter Sunday, we will have our annual Easter Breakfast! The Board of Trustees will handle the cooking, but are asking congregational members to help with butter, milk, OJ, fruit, syrup, and breakfast baked goods. If you can help, please sign up on the form in the Narthex.

Easter Lilies

Help decorate the altar with Easter lilies! Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet next Sunday immediately following the Divine Service. All are welcome to attend.

Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Welcome

To be concrete, if a liturgy speaks primarily about the eucharistic benefits that accrue to me, abounding in the pronouns *me* and *my* then the church will be viewed as a collection of rather disconnected individuals, each of whom participates because of what he or she can receive in return. Attendance at worship in a church so conceived is optional. I attend when I need something because I have had a difficult week; on other Sundays I may well find "better" things to do. And how I use my time, money, and talent between Sundays is a matter solely between me and God. This is an individualistic and self-serving ecclesiology—but one that will not be strange to most readers. On the other hand, suppose a eucharistic liturgy talks about the church as a grateful community of the resurrection into which we have been called by Christ in order that the world may come to believe through our testimony.

Laurence Hull Stookey, Eucharist:
Christ’s Feast With The Church, p. 103

March 30, 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 122:1-2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a

- P** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;
- C** that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.
- P** I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the Lord!”
- C** Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!
- P** Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*
- May they be secure who | love you!
- C** For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*
I will say, “Peace be with- | 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** Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;
- C** that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 122:1, 7

- P** I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
- C** Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament – *Exodus 16:2-21* (p. 68)
Second Reading – *Acts 2:41-47* (p. 1082)
Holy Gospel – *John 6:1-15* (p. 1059)

Divine Service IV

LSB 203

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #711

Invocation

Confession & Absolution p.203

Service of the Word

Introit

Kyrie p.204

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Epistle Reading p.205

Alleluia & Verse p.205

Holy Gospel Reading p.206

Nicene Creed p.206

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #743

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface p. 208

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Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 209

Lord's Prayer p. 209

The Words of Our Lord p. 209

Pax Domini p. 209

Agnus Dei p. 210

Distribution Hymns

(#641, 636, 440)

Nunc Dimittis p. 211

Post-Communion Collect p. 212

Benedicamus and

Benediction p. 212

Closing Hymn #729