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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 Linda Lakso Yecica Valdez

 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 – 03/30/2025**

 Worship Attendance: 65

Adult Sunday School: 20 Children’s Sunday School: 9

 Offering: *$ 3,563.00* Fall Fest: *$ 4,800.00* Food Pantry: *$125.00*

Sunday School Missions: *$ 44.00* Camp Trinity Scholarship: *$800.00*

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees will have their monthly meeting immediately following the Divine Service. All are welcome!

**Church Council**

This Thursday, April 11th, the Church Council will meet at 6 PM. All council members plan on attending!

**Fall Fest Meeting**

The Fall Fest planning meeting will begin immediately following the Church Council meeting on Thursday, April 11th.

**Sunday School**

Because of Easter breakfast, there will be no children’s or adult Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

**Zion Lutheran Church**

**The Divine Service**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

 

  **Welcome**

Isaac is another type too (he can easily be taken in this other sense), this time of the Lord. He was a son, just as is the Son (he is the son of Abraham; Christ, of God). He was a victim, as was the Lord, but his sacrifice was not consummated, while the Lord’s was. All he did was to carry the wood of his sacrifice, just as the Lord bore the wood of the cross. Isaac rejoiced for a mystical reason, to prefigure the joy with which the Lord has filled us, in saving us from destruction through his blood.

**Clement of Alexandria**, *Christ the Educator*, 1.5.23

**April 6, 2025 T 10:00 AM**



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**Pastor**

Rev. Joshua Ralston

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Susan Colles

**Acolyte**

Bree Kuretsch

**Trustee**

Aaron West

**Elder**

Greg Kremers

**Ushers**

Aaron West, Dave Boswell,

Don Paul Choate, John Gallagher

**If calling for a Pastoral Emergency, contact Pastor Ralston directly:**

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**Introit**

*Psalm 43:3-5; antiphon: vv.1-2a*

P Vindicate me, | O God,\*
 and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,
C **from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*
 For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.**P Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;\*
 let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!
C **Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\*
 and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.**P Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in

 turmoil with- | in me?\*
 Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my God.
C **Vindicate me, | O God,\*
 and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,**P from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\*
 For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people

that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gradual**

*Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c*

P Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!
 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
C **[You] delivered me from my enemies;
 you rescued me from the man of violence.**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament *– Genesis 22:1-14 (p. 19)*

Epistle *– Hebrews 9:11-15* (p. 1193)

Holy Gospel – *John 8:46-59* (p.1063)

**Divine Service IV**

*LSB 203*

**The Preparation**

**Processional Hymn** *#438*

**Invocation**

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**Service of the Word**

***Introit***

**Kyrie** *p.204*

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***Gradual***

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**Children’s Message**

*Choir Anthem**#430*

**Sermon**

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**Agnus Dei** *p. 210*

**Distribution Hymns**

(*#421, 610, 655)*

**Nunc Dimittis** *p. 211*

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**Benedicamus and**

**Benediction** *p. 212*

**Closing Hymn** *#547*

**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.

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***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.*