



Zion

Lutheran Church

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✠ **Soli Deo Gloria** ✠

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The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians:

Syria, Nigeria, Iraq, Maldives, Saudi Arabia

Partner Church:

Lutheran Church in Southern Africa

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:

Kathleen Kremers Linda Lakso Yecica Valdez
Jodie Rowe David Biggs Dennis Rowe

Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale
Ray Roth Charli Callahan

The Fruits of Our Faith – 04/13/2025

Worship Attendance: 80

Adult Sunday School: 18 Children’s Sunday School: 10

Offering: \$ 4,103.00 Fall Fest: \$ 2,100.00

Sunday School Missions: \$ 65.00

Cemetery Clean Up

The annual clean up day for the cemetery will be Saturday, April 26th from 8:00 AM to Noon. Please bring your lawn equipment to help get the cemetery ready for our Memorial Service in May.

Trivia Night

The 16th annual Camp Trinity Trivia Night will be Saturday, April 26th at Christ Little Rock. Team members are needed! Sign up sheet is in the Narthex or let Pastor know you want to be on a team. More details can be found at lutherancamp.org/trivia-night

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will have a meeting Sunday, April 27th immediately following the Divine Service.

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The Divine Service

The Resurrection of Our Lord



Welcome

We forgive because God in Christ forgives us. We cross no bridge to forgive someone who has wronged us that God has not crossed before us in order to get to us. The goal of forgiveness, human or divine, is to restore relationship. We believe that in the cross and resurrection of Jesus, God in Christ has paid a heavy price to come close to us, to rebuild and to restore the divine-human relationship that we could never have repaired ourselves. Seen from this perspective, forgiveness is not just something that Christians engage in from time to time, if we have the energy and inclination; forgiveness is at the very heart of what it means to be a Christian. The God who found a way to make a way toward us is the God who expects us to find a way to make a way toward others. Forgiveness is therefore not optional equipment for the Christian life, some work of supererogation that we engage in if we really want to be saintly. Forgiveness is the normal habit of the Christian life.

Therefore, when there has been a breach in our relationship with another person, we Christians are duty bound to immediately begin work that moves us toward forgiveness. We are to pray for the power and the will to forgive, we are to ask God for the creativity and the means to build a bridge to that life. We are not expected to "forgive and forget," to sweep anything under the carpet, to lie that a wrong was not really a wrong. We are expected to forgive.

William H. Willimon, Pulpit Resources,
vol. 38 no. 2, p. 16

April 20, 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 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b-6b

- P** He is risen! Alle- | luia!*
Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!
- C** Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,*
that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!
- P** O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*
You have set your glory above the | heavens.
- C** Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.
- P** You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*
you have put all things under | his feet.
- C** O | Lord, our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
- 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** He is risen! Alle- | luia!*
Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!
- C** Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,*
that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!

Collect of the Day

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Psalm 118:24, 1

- P** This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- C** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Old Testament – *Job 19:23-27 (p.506)*
Epistle – *I Corinthians 5:6-8 (p.1134)*
Holy Gospel – *Matthew 28:1-15 (p.992)*

Divine Service III

LSB 184

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #463
Confession & Absolution p.184

Service of the Word

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Distribution Hymns
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