



Zion

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The Prayers of the Church

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Homebound:

Betty Bocksnick Glenda Schrock Gwen Hale
Ray Roth Charli Callahan

The Fruits of Our Faith - 04/20/2025

Worship Attendance: 134

Offering: \$ 1,772.00.00 Fall Fest: \$ 2,600.00

Altar Flowers

The flowers adorning the altar are given by Talia Paylor in memory of Robert Sims' birthday.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall today following the Divine Service.

Arkansas Travelers Baseball Game

It's baseball season! Saturday, June 21st everyone is invited to attend a baseball game at Dickey Stevens Park. Cost is \$25 per person and includes food, drinks, snacks and a reserved seat. More details are in the narthex.

Trustee/Cemetery Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees and the Cemetery Board will meet next Sunday, May 4th, immediately following the Divine Service. All are welcome!

Food Pantry Board Meeting

The Augsburg Food Pantry Board will meet Thursday, May 1st at 6:00 PM.

Zion Lutheran Church

The Divine Service

The Second Sunday of Easter



Welcome

The authentic Church of Jesus can wait patiently because we know that for us there is no such thing as a true crisis. There is work to be done. There are actions to take. There are dangers to avoid. But there is never a change we have to make. Nothing exists that should ever cause us to fear for our future, because we know that the Church of Jesus Christ is Jesus.

And Jesus is alive.

And Jesus is in charge.

We do not lead. We follow.

We do not save. We are given salvation.

We do not change. We remember.

We do not go out on a mission of saving others.

We are charged to tell others of every race and language that thanks to the work of Jesus, they are already saved.

Christianity is a religion of believing this. At its root, Christian faith is an undying conviction that death cannot touch us. The sting has been clipped.

Jonathan Fisk, Without Flesh, p. 127

April 27, 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 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a

- P** Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.
- C** Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!
- P** In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.
- C** I am the | Lord your God,*
who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.
- P** Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*
and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy 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** Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Second Sunday of Easter

Old Testament – Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p.860)

Epistle – I John 5:4-10 (p.1213)

Holy Gospel – John 20:19-31 (p.1077)

Divine Service III

LSB 184

The Preparation

Processional Hymn #597

Confession & Absolution p.184

Service of the Word

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Distribution Hymns

(#602, 467, 480)

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Salutation and

Benedicamus p. 201

Benediction p. 202

Closing Hymn #720