

# Zion Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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## Fall Fest 2026

If you plan to help Fall Fest, it is very important that you attend the 2026 Fall Fest Meeting immediately in the sanctuary following the Divine Service.

## Lent Mid-Week Services

Lent mid-week services will run for 5 weeks beginning Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Soup suppers will start at 6 PM with the Service at 7:00 PM each Wednesday.

## Lent Soup Suppers

It's time for soup! Please help provide the midweek meal during Lent by signing up to bring a soup, bread, or dessert to one of the Lenten mid-week suppers. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

## Matins During Lent

During Lent, Matins will be prayed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8 AM. The congregation is encouraged to join!

## Children's Easter Program

If your child(ren) would like to participate in the Easter Program this year, please let Pastor or a Board of Education member know ASAP. The children will be singing several songs during the Children's Message on Easter Sunday. Practice will be on Wednesday's during Lent at 6:15 PM and during Sunday School.

## Easter Lilies

The Easter lily is a symbol of the resurrection of Christ. The trumpet shape represents a trumpet sounding the message that Jesus has risen! Each year we adorn the chancel with lilies. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Susan Colles will know the price close to Easter, probably between \$10-\$15 each.

## Sign Up for Camp Trinity

Information packets on scholarships and registration are in the Narthex! Please take one if you're interested! **Last day to register for a church scholarship is March 8th.**

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## The Divine Service

The First Sunday in Lent



## Welcome

Yet we must not despair if we are not quickly rid of the temptation. In fact, we must never assume that we shall have relief from temptation as long as we live. We must accept temptation as nothing else but an incentive and admonition to prayer, fasting, watching, laboring, and to the other disciplines to subdue the flesh, especially to the practice and exercise of faith in God. For that is no great chastity which enjoys peace and quiet. Real chastity is the kind which does battle with impurity, struggles against it, and unceasingly drives out all the poison injected by the flesh and the devil. Those who think they can check temptation by yielding to it only arouse themselves all the more. And even if the temptation lets up for a time, it still comes back stronger at another time and finds their nature weaker than before.

**Martin Luther**, *Treatise  
on Good Works*, AE 44:106

**February 22, 2026 ✠ 10:00 AM**

## The Prayers of the Church

*Persecuted Christians:*

Central African Republic, Algeria, Turkmenistan, Mali, Mauritania

*Partner Church:*

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina

*Comfort, Health, and Recovery:*

Kathleen Kremers	Jodie Rowe	Shiela Michelson
Linda Lakso	Dennis Rowe	Danny Gallagher
Sharon Garrett	Carter King	Alicia Profit
Alliene Turner	Patsy Price	Keaton Fugate
	Alynne Wells	

*Homebound:*

Betty Bocksnick	Glenda Schrock	Gwen Hale
Ray Roth	Charli Callahan	Rick Shott

*Birthdays:*

Carson LaMar – February 24<sup>th</sup> Donnie Steuber – February 28<sup>th</sup>

*Anniversaries:*

Gordon & Kathryn Higgs– February 28<sup>th</sup>

### The Fruits of Our Faith – 02/15/2026

Offering: \$6,205.00

Worship: 83 Adult Sunday School: 16

Ash Wednesday Service: 36

### ✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

**Pastor:** Rev. Joshua Ralston

**Altar Guild:** Carrie Green, Angela Waldo, Alivia Waldo

**Organist:** Susan Colles ✠ **Acolyte:** KK Dorn

**Trustee:** Joe Villalobos ✠ **Elder:** Brian Cotner

**Ushers:** Justin Franco, Craig Fugate,  
Joe Villalobos, Aaron West

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

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*Guests: Please see Communion guidelines in the welcome sheet in the pew.*

### **Introit**

*Psalm 91:9-13;antiphon: vv.15-16*

- P** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.
- C** **With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.**
- P** Because you have made the Lord your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
- C** **no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
no plague come | near your tent.**
- P** For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.
- C** **On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**
- P** You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
- 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** When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.
- C** **With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.**

### **Collect of the Day**

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Gradual**

*Hebrews 12:2*

- P** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
- C** **who for the joy that was set before him  
endured the cross, despising the shame, and is  
seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

### **Readings for The First Sunday in Lent**

Old Testament – *Genesis 3:1-21 (p. 3)*

Epistle – *Romans 5:12-19 (p.1120)*

Holy Gospel – *Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 961)*

## **Divine Service III**

*LSB 184*

### The Preparation

**Processional Hymn** #561

**Confession & Absolution** p.184

### Service of the Word

*Introit*

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**Hymn of the Day** #656

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(#562, 718, 602)

**Nunc Dimittis** p. 199

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**Benedicamus** p. 201

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**Closing Hymn** #418