Zion Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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Altar Flowers
The flowers adorning the altar are given by Felicia Kemers in celebration of Gwen Hale's 85th birthday.

Christmas Eve Children's Program
We are starting to plan for the Children's program on Christmas Eve! If your child will be helping proclaim the good news of Christ's birth, let Pastor or someone on the Board of Education know!

Krohne Baby Shower
Mark your calendars and plan to attend a baby shower for Henry & Daisy Krohne Saturday, November 14th from 2-4 PM in the fellowship hall. The November newsletter has a link to their baby registry.

Church Council
The Church Council will meet next Sunday, November 15th immediately following the Divine Service. A light lunch will be served. All are welcome to attend!

Advent Is Almost Here!
November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent! It's time to sign up for poinsettias to adorn the chancel for Christmas and to make soup for the midweek Advent services. For more info, see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Thanksgiving Eve Service
There will be a Thanksgiving Eve service this year on Wednesday, November 25th at 7PM. Consider coming to give thanks to your Lord for all the great gifts He's given to you!

Giving Tuesday
There is a good opportunity to raise money for the food pantry. Thrivent is matching donations up to 3 million dollars across organizations on Tuesday, December 1st.
You do not have to be a Thrivent member to donate, but donations must go through their online form. To learn more, go to thrivent.com/give.

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The Divine Service

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost



A general interpretation, however, does seem to stand in line with the spirit of the parable's story-world, and I suggest the following: the oil in the parable represents whatever it takes for you to be ready to honor the Bridegroom when he comes again in glory. This means that, depending on a person's situation and spiritual need, the oil may stand now for this Christian truth, now for that important reality. Repentance is obviously needed if one is to be ready to welcome Christ Jesus when he returns, and so is true and humble faith. Perseverance and courage will be the needed gifts at times, and many will be the times when humility will keep me ever watching. Willingness to suffer for the name of Christ and to deny myself (16:24) are key. Sorrowful awareness of the world's brokenness and a longing for God's name to be hallowed on the earth (6:9)-these, too, can be the oil, ever ready in our vessels. And the list can go on. Whatever it takes to be ready to receive and honor the King when he comes - the parable teaches us to desire those things.

Jeffrey Gibbs, *Matthew 21:1-28:20*, p. 1323-1324

November 8, 2026 ✢ 10:00 AM

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians:
Sri Lanka, Colombia, Bangladesh, Palestinian Territories, Azerbaijan

Partner Church:
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:
Kathleen Kremers *(mother of Greg Kremers)*
Carter King *(grandson of John & Katie Kuretsch)*
Keaton Fugate *(son of Craig Fugate)*
Danny Gallagher *(son of John Gallagher)*
Jodie Rowe *(daughter-in-law of Bo Rowe)*
Dennis Rowe *(son of Bo Rowe)*
Earl Cochran *(in hospice for cancer; friend of Tony Waldo)*
Grace Anderson *(daughter of Diane Ragsdale)*
Wayne McLane *(son-in-law of Ron & Polly Hairston)*

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

Birthdays:
Will Callahan – November 9th Laurie Franco – November 10th
Sarah Rion – November 10th Francesca Franco – November 12th
Isaiah Schlittenhart – November 12th

The Fruits of Our Faith – 11/01/2026
Offering: $ 1,873.00
Worship: 92 Adult Sunday School: 18
Children's Sunday School: 5

✢ Soli Deo Gloria ✢

Pastor: Rev. Joshua Ralston
Altar Guild: Phyllis Campbell, Meshell Ward
Organist: Dennis Steuber ✢ **Acolyte:** Francesca Franco
Trustee: Tony Waldo ✢ **Elder:** Brian Cotner
Ushers: Tony Waldo, Don Paul Choate
Craig Fugate, Zakk Bodnar

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

Introit

Psalm 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: v. 3

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.

C **How lovely is your | dwelling place,***
O | Lord of hosts!

P Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

C **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.***
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

P For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

C **O | Lord of hosts,***
blessèd is the one who | trusts 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 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.

Collect of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Responsive Psalm

Read Responsively, whole verse by whole verse
Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 4

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Old Testament Reading – *Amos 5:18-24 (p.)*
Epistle Reading – *I Thessalonians 4:13-18 (p.)*
Holy Gospel – *Matthew 25:1-13 (p.)*

Divine Service III
LSB 184

The Preparation

Processional Hymn *#605*
The Rite of Holy Baptism – Amelia Choate

Service of the Word

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