Zion Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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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! Practices will be on Wednesdays during the Advent soup supper.

LWML Meeting
The monthly meeting of LWML will be this Wednesday, November 18th at 5:30 PM. All ladies of Zion are invited to attend!

Food Pantry Board Meeting
The Food Pantry Board will meet this Wednesday, November 18th at 6:00 PM.

Christmas Tree Decorating & Family Game Night
Sunday, November 29th, the Board of Education is hosting an evening full of food, fun, games, and decorating the church Christmas tree! The fun begins at 4:00 PM. Please bring your favorite snacks to share!

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-fifth Sunday After Pentecost



Are people to be exhorted to read, hear, and meditate on that Word, both written and oral (as it is commonly called)?

By all means. For Scripture can make us wise unto salvation, and it is profitable for doctrine, patience, comfort, admonition, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness, that a man might be equipped and prepared for every good work. (Rom 15:4; 1 Cor 10:11; 2 Tim 3:15-17). And that Word, preached and heard, is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes (Rom 1:16). It is likewise the immortal seed by which people are reborn (1 Pet 1:23). On hearing this Word of God people were pricked in the heart (Acts 2:37). And Paul declared that faith is [comes] by hearing the Word of God. Romans 10:17 and Psalm 1, 19, 77, and 119 speak very aptly of meditation on the divine Word.

Martin Chemnitz, *Ministry, Word, and Sacraments: An Enchiridion*, p. 43

November 15, 2026 ✢ 10:00 AM

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians:
Kenya, Russia, Malaysia, Kuwait, Oman

Partner Church:
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana

Comfort, Health, and Recovery:
Kathleen Kremers *(mother of Greg Kremers)*
Carter King *(nephew 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)*
Grace Anderson *(daughter of Diane Ragsdale)*
Wayne McLane *(son-in-law of Ron & Polly Hairston)*
Eunice Lusk *(in hospice; mother of Chyral Sims)*

Homebound:

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

Birthdays:
Gwen Hale – November 18th
Anniversaries:
Lon & Jody Schlittenhart – November 19th

The Fruits of Our Faith – 11/08/2026

Offering: $ 2,831.00
Worship: 73 Adult Sunday School: 10
Children's Sunday School: 5

✢ Soli Deo Gloria ✢

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

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 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: v.1

P Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
C **Enter not into judgment with your | servant,***
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.
P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all
that | you have done;*
I ponder the work | of your hands.
C **I stretch out my | hands to you;***
my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.
P Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*
Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!
C **For your name's sake, O Lord, pre- | serve my life!***
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!
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 Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Collect of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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 90:1-12; antiphon: v. 17

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Old Testament Reading – *Zephaniah 1:7-16 (p. 937)*
Epistle Reading – *I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p. 1174)*
Holy Gospel – *Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 987)*

Divine Service III
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