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ZION



LUTHERAN OF AUBURN

CHURCH & SCHOOL

November 15, & 16, 2025

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122:1

To better know & show Christ's Love.

Serving this Weekend

Church attendance last weekend:

Saturday: 96 C: 74

Sunday: 149 C: 128

Serving today:

- Altar Guild: Molly Riker
- Organist: Angela Arnold
- Saturday Elders: Randy Hebel & Chris List
- Ushers: Sabrina Guoan, Sylvia List, & Mark Treiber
- Sunday Elders: Mark Wesson & Matt Fitchett
- Ushers: Anna & Jerry Diener, Graham Varner, & Henry Menz

Altar flowers are given in memory of John Tompke from his children.

In celebration of Jennifer Trevillian's 50th birthday on November 19th a gift has been given to the library.

Special Voters' Meeting: There will be a special Voter's meeting this Sunday for the purpose of adding a full-time 4th grade teacher. Join us to add your vote as we grow in Christ.

Church Pictorial Directories have arrived. Pick up your family's directory with your label on it on the table in the Narthex.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Please join us for a closer look at the week's Bible lessons we hear in church. We meet for Bible study after church in the cafeteria to grow in our faith!

Sunday School: The Sermon on the Mount is the topic for this week's lesson, "Mountain Message." Jesus reminds His listeners not to worry about things they cannot control. The birds of the air and the flowers of the field serve as examples of God's continuing care for His creation. Likewise, we have no need for worry or anxiousness, because God provides and cares for us.

Door Offering for Pastor Mahlborg: \$797.00 was collected to support the mission work of Pastor Mahlborg who serves the Lord in Sri Lanka. Thank you for your support. You can learn more about his work at www.lcms.org/mahlburg, follow him on Facebook, and/or sign up for their newsletter.

Women's Bible Study – Everlasting: Peaks, Valleys, and Grace in the Psalms: Join us for a weekly women's Bible study **each Sunday in November from 7:00–8:30 PM** in the school library starting this Sunday. We'll explore Christina Hergenrader's *Everlasting*, focusing on God's grace through life's highs and lows. Materials are provided, and no outside reading is required. Come to one session or all, whatever fits your schedule. Let's grow together in faith and friendship through the Psalms. All women are welcome! Please contact Emily Menz (269) 313-2490 for more information.

Grave Blanket Construction: Anyone interested in building grave blankets please contact Diana Hebel at 989-280-3185 with a date/time that works best with your schedule. As we are retired, we build every day and can use help any day. *We really could use extra help this week for the Thanksgiving rush.* We have limited workspace so only about 4 people can build at a time. Spruce or cedar trees trimmings are still being accepted. Please contact Diana if you have some.

Grave Blanket Sale: Grave blankets will be available for sale **November 2nd through December 7th**. They are sold from our home, located at 2255 9 Mile Road (between Seidlers and Beaver Road). Feel free to just stop by, or text/call Diana ahead at 989-280-3185 to make sure we are home. Prices are small-\$30, large-\$50, and full-size (available upon request) \$75. Please make checks available to **Zion Lutheran Church, Auburn**. In the memo add "Santa Store". Please bring a check or cash as we are not set up for credit card payments.

Volunteering at The Bridge: If anyone is interested in joining the team to volunteer at The Bridge, we are scheduled for the remaining 2025 dates, 11:45 AM - 3:00 PM: November 18th and December 16th. The Bridge is already planning for 2026, and we need volunteers to keep our commitment of our 4-member team for next year as we have had a few member changes. Kids can also volunteer. Those aged between 10-14 are welcomed to work with an adult in a 1:1 ratio. Those aged 15+ can work independently. Anyone can volunteer more often outside of the team; they would just need to create an account on The Bridge website and can add their name to any date that works for them. For questions, or to add your name to our team, please call/text Diana Hebel at 989-280-3185.

Zion's Food Pantry Financial Support: Zion's food pantry account needs financial donations so that perishable items can be purchased for people who make use of the pantry. Thank you.

December/January Messenger: If you or your committee has anything to be included for the next Messenger, **please have the information in the office no later than Monday, November 17th**. Thank you.

Euchre Fundraiser: Join the Cambodia Mission Trip ladies for a night of White Chicken Chili and Euchre on **Saturday, November 22nd at 6:30PM**. Entry is \$5 and don't forget your quarters. It will cost you if you are euchred;) Proceeds will go to the cost of the mission trip.

Prayer Partners: Updated prayer partners and new student cards are ready for pick up in the church narthex. Remember to keep the same partner each year. It builds a wonderful relationship in Christ. There are new students that also need a prayer partner. Thank you for continuing to stay connected through prayer, letters, etc. God's blessings and thank you, Mrs. Julie List

The Valley Lutheran Music Department presents their **Fall Instrumental Concert** on Sunday, November 23rd at 3:00PM in Valley's gym. Doors open at 2:30 pm. The **Christmas Choral Concert** is on Sunday, December 7th at 3:00PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese.

Visit the Holy Land in 2027 with Valley Lutheran High School! Walk in the footsteps of Abraham and King David. See where Jesus preached to the crowds. Ride a boat on the Sea of Galilee. Visit Jerusalem and the site of the temple. Visit the sites that will make the Bible come alive! Mr. Patrick Winningham, a Valley Lutheran High School teacher, will lead a trip to Israel (with an optional extension to Jordan) in June of 2027. Any current or former VLHS student, their families, friends, and members from area churches are invited! There will be an informational meeting on Monday, December 1 (7PM) at VLHS in the RC. Please consider attending for more information about this exciting opportunity. Contact Patrick Winningham (pwinningham@vlhs.com) for additional information.

"A Journey to Bethlehem": Immanuel Lutheran Church of Frankentrost, 8220 E. Holland Rd, Saginaw, will host its 29th annual Living Nativity—"A Journey to Bethlehem", on Friday, December 5th (7:00PM-9:00PM); December 6th (6:00PM-8:00PM); and Sunday, December 7th (6:00PM-8:00PM). Experience the sights and sounds of Bethlehem on that blessed night when Jesus Christ was born. This is a free 30-minute outdoor walk, so dress for the weather. Fellowship and refreshments will follow in the school. For more information, please call the church office at 989-754-0929 or visit our website at www.frankentrost.org.

Wellspring Lutheran Services: Over the past few years we've shifted the way we offer Christmas support, moving to a gift card model that allows parents and caregivers to select the items their families need most. This model empowers them to provide for their children with love and pride, and it gives them back the sacred role of being the givers in their homes. Your generosity will help parents: buy gifts their children truly want, put food on the table for a holiday meal, and cover urgent needs like heat, transportation, or even critical

documents needed to unify a family. You can help with groceries, clothing, household items, utility bills, bus passes, medicine and more by donating gift cards (Visa, Mastercard, Meijer, Walmart, Target, Kroger, and gas station cards. Check donations can be made payable to Wellspring Lutheran Foundation and mailed to 2825 Wieneke Rd, Saginaw, MI 48603. Online donations can be made at wellspringlutheran.com/donate (add "Christmas Caring" in the comments). Please donate by December 5th. Thank you.

Zion Lutheran Spirit Wear Christmas Store: Check out this link,

<https://zionauburnwinterapparel25.itemorder.com> for the online Christmas store. New to the store are baseball caps and beanie. This store is only open for one week so we can get items before Christmas. Orders must be submitted **no later than Monday, November 24th** before midnight.

Calendar of Events

Sat	15	Worship 5:30 PM
Sun	16	Worship 9:00 AM Special Voters' meeting after worship Family Bible Hour following Voters New Membership Class following Voters
Wed	19	Ladies Bible Study & Quilting 9:00 AM B-basketball games @St. Paul Frankenlust 4:30 PM
Fri	21	B-basketball games @Trinity Monitor 5:00 PM
Sat	22	Worship w/communion 5:30 PM
Sun	23	Worship w/communion 9:00 AM Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM New Membership Class 10:15 AM

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Poinsettias



A 7" pot with 2 plant branches is \$19.00.

Make check payable to:

"Ladies of Zion".

Orders with payment must be in NO later than Sunday.

November 30th. Orders can be placed into the offering plate.

Your plant may be picked up after the Christmas Day Service.

Number of plants: _____ x \$19.00 each = \$ _____

MESSAGE to be printed in the bulletin:

In loving memory of _____

In honor of _____

In thanksgiving of _____

FROM: _____

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 15 & 16, 2025
Divine Service Setting Three
Page 184 in Lutheran Service Book

Greeting Time

Those in attendance are invited to greet those seated near them. As the bell rings, please return to your seat for the opening hymn.

Ringin of the Bell

♪ **“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

LSB #873

**1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise;
Triumph o’er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**3 Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88
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**2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day’s return
Till Thy mercy’s beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

[P] In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

[P] Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[P] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[C] who made heaven and earth.

[P] I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

[C] and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

[P] O almighty God, merciful Father,

[C] I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless

mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33

P Heaven and earth will pass away,

C but my words will not pass away.

P I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C From where does my help come?

P My help comes from the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

P The LORD is your keeper;

C the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

P The LORD will keep you from all evil;

C he will keep your life.

P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

C from this time forth and forevermore.

♪ **C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 186

♪ **C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

♪ **C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

✠ **C** And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

✠ **C** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1–6

¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴ “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

¹ Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ² and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the

things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪[C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

[C] I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message

♪ “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

LSB #670

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs,
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

2 O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises: “Alleluia!”
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!”

**3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"**

**△4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing:
"Alleluia, alleluia!"
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"**

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

**🎵📖 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Sit

Offering -To give online, go to zionauburn.com and click on the "Donate" tab.
(At this time, we ask that members as well as guests sign the pew book.)

Stewardship Verse

Thessalonians 3:13 "As for you brothers, do not grow weary in doing good."

🎵 "Fight the Good Fight"

LSB #664

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.**
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.**
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.**

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Stand

Prayers of the Church

- For Sally Goodsell (sister to Esther Gerzeski), Roxanne and Sergii Boilore (daughter and grandson to Esther Gerzeski), Tamala Marks, Austin Huebner and family, Marcy Palmiter (sister-in-law of Nigel & Alyssa Palmiter), Deb Jean Strawn, Lee Davis, Martin Sherman (brother to Augusta Etelamaki), Lori Peters, John Kohn, Valerie Walter, Ken Richmond (friend of Bill Kohn), Susan Mumma (niece of Alan & Sheryl Brown), Randy Davenport, Ray Zavada (friend of Pastor Menz), Calvin Mejia (grandson of Megan & David Allen), Eric Rosenbrock, Gunnar Terhune (friend of Pastor Menz), Diana Mansfield (daughter of Ed & Augusta Etelamaki), Ron Murphy, Janet Rash, Polly Oates (sister of Ed Etelamaki), Diana Hebel, Kathy Dowd (friend of Eileen Rosenbrock), Joyce Gehringer, Mel Garchow, Herb Leinberger, and Sharon Staudacher.
- For those that mourn, especially the family of Tony Pitch (father of Emily McMenemy).
- For Zion's staff and students.
- For all who serve this country, here and beyond our borders.
- For those suffering with mental illness and for their loved ones.
- For peace in all war-torn countries.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

☩ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 202

P The Lord be with you.

✠☩ And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

✠☩ Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

✠☩ Amen, amen, amen.

Sit

♪ **“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”**

LSB #919

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.**
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.**
- 3 Abide with heav’nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error’s gloomy night.**
- 4 Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.**
- 5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.**
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.**

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Next week’s readings: Malichi 3:13-18, 2 Colossians 1:13-20, & Luke 23:27-43