

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

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10:30 am

**SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
AND NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY**

Autumn Wiechmann

Organist

HYMN 136 Angels from the Realms of Glory!

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 90 A Psalm of Moses

The Lord's strength and the sinner's frailty

P: O Lord, You have been our dwelling place

C: In all generations.

P: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth
and the world,

C: Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

P: You turn man to destruction,

C: And say, "Return, O children of men."

P: For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past,

C: And like a watch in the night.

P: You carry them away like a flood;

C: They are like a sleep.

P: In the morning they are like grass which grows up, in the morning it
flourishes and grows up;

C: In the evening it is cut down and withers.

P: For we have been consumed by Your anger,

C: And by Your wrath we are terrified.

P: You have set our iniquities before You,

C: Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.

P: For all our days have passed away in Your wrath,

C: We finish our years like a sigh.

P: The days of our lives are seventy years ["three score years and ten" –KJV] ;

C: And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,

P: Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;

C: For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

P: Who knows the power of Your anger?

C: For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

P: So teach us to number our days,

C: That we may gain a heart of wisdom

The Lord's mercy and the sinner's joy

P: Return, O Lord! How long?

C: And have compassion on Your servants.

P: Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,

C: That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

P: Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us,

C: The years in which we have seen evil.

P: Let Your work appear to Your servants,

C: And Your glory to their children.

P: And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us.

C: Yes, establish the work of our hands!

HYMN: 713 Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We!

EPISTLE: II Peter 3:3-9 The Lord's actions and will as the events of each year unfold are not in keeping with our assessment of how things ought to be. Simply trust Him and His Word.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-8 Each year brings its own sorrows. Is it true that dying in a tragic manner is the worst thing that can happen? The only *real* tragedy—the worst tragedy—is Death without repentance and forgiveness through faith in Christ! Cling to the Lord in 2025. Bear fruit for Him.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen!

HYMN 118 Father Let Me Dedicate All This Year to Thee!

SERMON: JUDGES 16:20-22

A NEW START

And she [Delilah] said, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” So he awoke from his sleep, and said, “I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!” But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him. Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison. However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven.

HYMN 123 vv. 1-5 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past!

Offering and Offering Prayer
PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 123 vv. 6-8 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past!

Closing Prayer
BENEDICTION

HYMN 97 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice!

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SCHEDULE:

1/5/25 EPIPHANY SUNDAY

10:30 Worship with HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 Bible Cl. and S.Sch.

1/12 10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Class and Sunday School

1/19 10:30 Worship with HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 Bible Cl. and S.Sch.

WARMEST THANK YOU: We thank all who were involved in the Children’s Christmas Eve Service last Tuesday—students, parents, choir, music, children’s treat sacks, recessional candles, clean up, and more. A special opportunity to proclaim the Good News!

CHRISTMAS CARD: There are still several copies of our annual Christmas card on the bulletin table in the entry area. If you did not get one, please help yourself. A continued blessed Christmas to you in Jesus—true God and true man—our Savior!
----Pastor and Judy K.

JANUARY CHURCH CLEANING: John and Myrna. Thank you!

IN OUR PRAYERS:

From Pastor Tom Naumann, Zion, Madison Heights, MI (suburb of Detroit)--

Robert Cavanaugh was beaten to death on Christmas Eve in his trailer park here in Madison Heights. Although not officially a member of Mt. Zion, Robert has regularly attended our services for the past 4 years. He was a very friendly man, always teased and played with the kids, and did a lot to help care for the church property. Our little congregation has been shaken by the news. I have personally spent many hours counseling and visiting with Robert, directing him to God's Word and grace, to help with his problems. He was a dear friend. I will miss him.

Eyewitnesses state that Robert was attempting to defend an abused dog when the man who was beating the dog turned on Robert and bludgeoned his head until he died. The suspect has been arrested and is awaiting charges pending the official cause of death from the medical examiner.

Robert was a kind and compassionate man. But he would be the first to tell you that he was a sinful man in need of a Savior. Thankfully, God blessed Robert with saving faith in the Savior and he trusted Him for forgiveness and salvation. So while we are shocked and horrified by his sudden death, we rejoice that Robert is now and forever with the Lord. Just as God promised, He has worked out even this tragedy for good--the eternal good of Robert's soul.

Please pray for Robert's family and Zion congregation. Thank you.

HYMN 552 vv. 1,2,8

Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heavn's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me! Amen!

A BLESSED NEW YEAR IN CHRIST!

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