



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Born about 339 BCE in what is now France, Ambrose became a governor at 33 and was acclaimed a Bishop at 34. Since it was the custom to delay baptism until near death, he was not baptized when he was elected. On December 7, 373 or 374 He was baptized, ordained, consecrated a Bishop, and took office. He gave much of his family's wealth to the poor and set a strong example of discipleship. Under his leadership the city of Milan became a center of learning and Christian activity. Ambrose resisted attempts to take over the local church and was faithful to the historic church of Jesus.

Ambrose was a prolific hymn writer and many of his hymns are sung to this day. Savior of the Nations, Come is one of his famous Advent hymns. At the request of the emperor, he wrote a text titled ON THE CHRISTIAN FAITH and another called ON THE DUTIES OF THE CLERGY. He was known as a good and saintly man.

St. Augustine wrote "In Milan I found your devoted servant the Bishop Ambrose, who was known throughout the world as a man whom there were few to equal in goodness."
Ambrose died in Milan on Easter Eve, April 4, 397 at the age of fifty-eight.