**Welcome to Zion!**

Guests please record your attendance on a *pink* pad in the pew rack and let us know how we can be of service to you.

***Holy Communion at Zion***

Our congregation celebrates the Lord’s Supper as Jesus has given it. He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and strive to forgive and love others as he forgives and loves us, in order to show forth his death until he comes. *All communicants* need to sign up in the narthex before the service.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune until they are able to speak with our pastor first. We want you to receive the Lord’s Supper for your good and for the good of others. Each not communing is invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

***The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing, Even Under the Cross***

Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ, and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see *“the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful”* (James 5:11). In the promise of the Gospel, therefore, *“be patient”* and *“establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand”* (James 5:7, 8). Like St. John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as *“the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up,”* so is the good news of Jesus preached to you also (Matt. 11:5). He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His holy Church, so that *“sorrow and sighing shall flee away”* (Is. 35:10).

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| **Prayers for Our Fellow Members** |
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| Marc & Lyn Hoffman | Awaiting Adoption |
| Robin Baker | Expectant Mothers |
| Family and friends of Harvey Ahrens | Grief |
| Judy Ahrens | Healing |
| Vaughn Albrecht *(Northridge)* | Healing |
| Tom Altwine | Healing |
| Sarah Burger | Healing |
| Elaine Buss | Healing |
| Lyle Colsden *(Mt. Carmel)* | Healing |
| Ron DeLaet | Healing |
| Dawn Dulitz | Cancer |
| Pat Flodine *(Cambridge Court)* | Healing |
| Valarie Gant *(Mt. Carmel)* | Healing |
| Bryceton Herrera | Healing |
| Bernard Kuhl | Healing |
| Linda Nuttelman | Healing |
| Lavonne Peterson | Healing |
| Dorothy Sikes | Healing |
| Brienne Splittgerber | Law Enforcement |
| Hazel Stickney | Healing |
| Kim Vos | Healing |
| Bill Westman | Healing |
| Evelyn Wuehler | Healing |
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| **Prayers for Our Members’ Family & Friends** |
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| Megan Gronewoller *(Lonna’s daughter-in-law)* | Expectant mother |
| Dean & Chris BeeBee (*Valarie Gant’s Granddaughter and husband)* | Healing |
| Patty Ellis (*Fran Junge’s sister)* | Chemo |
| Ken Erickson (*Friend of Richmond’s and Florang’s)* | Cancer |
| Marcella Esslinger *(Marilyn Fuqua’s sister*) | Cancer |
| Jeweldine Gaibler *(Joyce Hartman’s mother)* | Healing |
| Brian Gibreal *(Marilyn Fuqua's grandson)* | Healing |
| Lois Hanson (*Pastor Hanson’s wife*) | Hospitalized |
| Roger Hoffman *(Marc’s father)* | Healing |
| Tyler Holland *(Quentin Lange’s brother in law)* | Healing |
| Jan Jurgens (*Julie Zobel’s mother)* | Healing |
| Dan Marquette | Cancer |
| Donna Peterson *(Lavonne Peterson’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Family and Friends of Marcella Posta (*Carolyn Wilkens’ sister)* | Grief |
| Gilbert Splittgerber (*Tony & Ryan’s grandfather)* | Healing |
| Floyd Stutzman *(Friend of Bruce & Joni Brooks)* | Healing |
| Tyrone Uhlir (*Pam’s nephew*) | Healing |
| Betty Wilken (*Carol Florangs’s mother)* | Healing |
| Rev. James, Rev. Trump, Rev. Kuddes | Missionaries |
| Kyle Melroy, John Christensen, Mike Heurtz, Trent MacKley | Military |

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| **Welcome & Announcements** |  |
| **Preparation** |
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| **Kyrie** |  p. 186 |
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| **Response** | p. 189 |
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| **This Week at Zion** |
| **Sun****12/11** | 9:00a10:15a10:15a10:15a4:30p | **Divine Service****Sunday School****Adult Bible Study****Adult Instruction Class****Vogel FH****School Christmas Progra** |
| **Mon****12/12** | 8:00a7:00p | Pastor’s Circuit MeetingMary Martha Christmas |
| **Tues****12/13** | 7:00p7:00pBirthdays | Board of EldersBoard of TrusteesClaudette Kelley |
| **Wed****12/14** | 8:25a5:30p5:45p6:00p7:00p8:00pBirthdays | ChapelAdvent MealMidweek ClassHandbellsAdvent ServiceAdult ChoirVaughn Albrecht |
| **Thurs****12/15** | Birthdays | Kasey Potter |
| **Fri****12/16** | Birthdays | Karly Weller |
| **Sat****12/17** | 9:30a5:00pBirthdays | Children Christmas RehearsalSunday School Christmas PartyDivine ServiceMarion RichmondJudy Tadlock |
| **Sun****12/18** | 9:00a10:15a10:15a10:15a**Our Response to the Gospel**Date: 11/30/2016 (Wed)Attendance: 94Date: 12/04/2016 (Sun)Attendance: 174Offering: $8,408.53Weekly Need: $6,852.37 | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolAdult Bible StudyAdult Instruction Class |

# Serving Today in Worship

# December 11, 9:00am

Organist: Teresa Leising Acolyte: Harry Strong

Elder: Nathan Gaunt Engineer: Rich Kreutzer

Usher: Marc Hoffman & Steve Junge

Announcer: Brooke Fisher

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Bev Nuttelman

# Serving for Advent Worship This Wednesday

# December 14, 7:00pm

Organist: Carol DeLoach

Acolyte: Alexandra Splittgerber

Elder: Nathan Gaunt Engineer: Rich Kreutzer

Usher: Marc Hoffman & Steve Junge

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Bev Nuttelman

# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# December 18, 9:00am

Organist: Teresa Leising

Acolyte: Kaitlyn Kaufman

Elder: Keith Nuttelman

Usher: Roger Riekenberg & Bob Glanzer

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Bev Nuttelman

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