**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***

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation as Jesus has given it. As he says, our Lord 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 set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. *All communicants* need to register in the narthex prior to 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. He is happy to visit with you about the Christian faith and how to receive the Lord’s Supper for your good and for the good of others. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

***God’s Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary***

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the House of David, that *“the virgin shall conceive and bear a son”* (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It is also the way and means by which the Lord our God is *Immanuel,* “God with us.” The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus *“descended from David according to the flesh”* (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called *“Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins”* (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately *“did as the angel of the Lord commanded him”* (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.

**In Our Prayers**

***Members of Zion:***

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| Marc & Lyn Hoffman | Awaiting Adoption |
| Robin Baker | Expectant Mothers |
| Judy Ahrens | Healing |
| Vaughn Albrecht *(Northridge)* | Healing |
| Tom Altwine | Healing |
| Elaine Buss | Healing |
| Lyle Colsden *(Mt. Carmel)* | Healing |
| Ron DeLaet | Healing |
| Nancy Dissmeyer | Healing |
| Dawn Dulitz | Cancer |
| Pat Flodine *(Cambridge Court)* | Healing |
| Valarie Gant *(Mt. Carmel)* | Healing |
| Bryceton Herrera | Healing |
| Ken Hockemeier | 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 |
| Rebecca Voller (*Steve and Fran Junge’s daughter)* | 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 |
| Jess Hinz (*Friend of the Bates’ family)* | Healing |
| 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 |
| 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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| **Divine Service Three** |
| **Welcome & Announcements** |  |
| **Preparation** |
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| **Kyrie** |  p. 186 |
| **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Vs. 5****O come, Thou Key of David, come,****And open wide our heav’nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel****Shall come to thee, O Israel!** |
| **Salutation** | p. 189 |
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| **Response** | p. 189 |
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# Serving in Worship This Sunday

# December 18, 9:00am

Organist: Teresa Leising

Acolyte: Gabriel Bates

Elder: Keith Nuttelman

Usher: Roger Riekenberg & Bob Glanzer

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Bev Nuttelman

# Serving in Worship Christmas Eve

# December 24, 7:00pm

Organist: Teresa Leising

Acolyte: Lindsay Wilkens

Elder: Keith Nuttelman

Usher: All Captains

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Bev Nuttelman

# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# December 25, 9:00am

Organist: Carol DeLoach

Acolyte: Shelby Clark

Elder: Bruce Brooks

Usher: Dan Oertwig

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Bev Nuttelman

**This Week at Zion**

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| **Sun****12/18** | 9:00a10:15a10:15a10:15aBirthdays | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolAdult Bible StudyAdult Instruction Class--- |
| **Mon****12/19** | 12:00pBirthdays | Senior Citizens Potluck |
| **Tues****12/20** | 7:00pBirthdays | Church CouncilClaudette Kelley |
| **Wed****12/21** | 8:25a3:30p6:00p7:00pBirthdays | ChapelSchool Dismiss for ChristmasHandbellsAdult ChoirThane Bauer |
| **Thurs****12/22** | Birthdays | James DeLoach |
| **Fri****12/23** | Birthdays | Douglas Wick |
| **Sat****12/24** | 7:00pBirthdays | Christmas Eve ServiceAlan AltwineEric Hansen |
| **Sun****12/25** | 9:00a | Christmas Divine Service |

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**Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 12/07/2016

Attendance: 78

Date: 12/11/2016

Attendance: 187

Offering: $7,368.50

Weekly Need: $6,852.37

The Radio Broadcast today is given to the Glory of the Lord in loving memory of Lawrence & Velma Fritz

The flowers today is given to the Glory of the Lord in Memory of Ella Hartman’s Birthday by Katie Nuttelman

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**Fourth Sunday in Advent December 18, 2016**

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