**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.

***The Lord Jesus Comes in the Flesh to Fulfill the Law for Us and Save Us from Our Sins***

Circumcision is the covenant God made with Abraham and his seed. It sealed God’s promises and blessings in the flesh, but it also signified the burden of the Law. When the Lord Jesus came in the flesh to redeem His people, He subjected Himself to the Law in order to fulfill the Law and release all men from its captivity. *“He was called Jesus”* (Luke 2:21), because He came to save His people from their sins. He would shed His blood on their behalf, as He did already when *“he was circumcised”* (Luke 2:21). As He also sacrificed Himself upon the cross, you are *“justified by faith”* in His blood (Gal. 3:24). Therefore, *“you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise”* (Gal. 3:29), not by the circumcision of your flesh, but in the flesh and blood of Christ Jesus, the true seed of Abraham. *“Baptized into Christ,”* you belong to Him and are clothed and covered by His righteousness (Gal. 3:27). Holy Baptism is the true circumcision made without hands, by which the Lord Jesus puts His name on you and blesses you (Num. 6:22, 27).

**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 |
| **Prayers for Our Members’ Family & Friends** |
| 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 |
| Erin Hargon *(Jerry & Marge Hansen’s daughter)* | Healing |
| Jess Hinz (*Friend of the Bates’ family)* | Healing |
| Tracy Hudson | 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 |
| Former Zion Member | Repentance & Faith |
| **Divine Service One** |
| **Welcome & Announcements** |  |
| **Preparation** |
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| **Gradual Hymn** |  Bulletin Insert |
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# Serving in Worship This Sunday

# January 1, 9:00am

Organist: Teresa Leising

Acolyte: Morgan Dulitz

Elder: Craig Nuttelman

Usher: Fred Flessner & Keith Nuttelman

Engineer: Peter Kreutzer

Announcer: Lavonne Peterson

Altar Guild: Shirley Oertwig & Sheryl Fox

# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# January 8, 9:00am

Organist: Carol DeLoach

Acolyte: Crystal Hartman

Elder: Jeff Halvorsen

Usher: Marc Hoffman & Steve Junge

Engineer: Rich Kreutzer

Announcer: Brooke Fisher

Altar Guild: Shirley Oertwig & Sheryl Fox

**This Week at Zion**

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| **Sun****01/01** | 9:00a10:15a10:15aBirthdays | Divine ServiceBible StudySunday SchoolShane EckhoffJeff HalvorsenLogan PotterHope Smith Jeanne Wollberg |
| **Mon****01/02** | Birthdays | David Sikes |
| **Tues****01/03** | 1:307:00Birthdays | Sleeping MatsBoard of Stewardship--- |
| **Wed****01/04** | 8:25a5:45Birthdays | ChapelMidweekTodd Koopman |
| **Thurs****01/05** | 2:00p5:00 & 6:00pBirthdays | ConcordiaHome Basketball gamesAaron HockemeierKeegan Morgan |
| **Fri****01/06** | Birthdays | --- |
| **Sat****010/7** | 5:00pBirthdays | Divine ServiceTitus GauntEmma Rosenthal |
| **Sun****01/08** | 9:00a10:15a10:15a10:15a | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolBible StudyAdult Instruction Class |

**Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 12/25/2016

Attendance: 107

Offering: $6,987.50

Weekly Need: $6,852.37

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