**Welcome to Zion!**

***All worshippers please fill out an attendance card in the pew rack and let us know how we might 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 Comes to Visit Us in Peace***

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48–49), so also He manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to *“shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord.”* He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father’s will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39–45) now comes to visit us today, hidden in the lowliness of simple water, bread and wine.

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| **Prayers for Our Members** |
| Marc & Lyn Hoffman | Awaiting Adoption |
| Chelsea Junge | Expectant Mother |
| Hendrix Herrera | Baptism |
| Norman Abels *(At Home)* | Healing |
| Judy Ahrens | Healing |
| Vaughn Albrecht *(Northridge)* | Healing |
| Tom & DyAnn Altwine | Healing |
| Bruce Brooks | Healing |
| Elaine Buss *(Cambridge Court)* | Healing |
| Jana Flessner | Healing |
| Pat Flodine *(Cambridge Court)* | Healing |
| Vi Fox | Healing |
| Marilyn Fuqua | Healing |
| Verleen Gentry | Healing |
| Jan Hatfield | Healing |
| Henry Hodgson | Healing |
| Fran Junge | Healing |
| Lavonne Peterson  | Healing |
| Geraldine Roeder | Healing |
| Jane Schmid | Healing |
| Sylvia Schmidt | Healing |
| Dorothy Sikes | Healing |
| Pam Uhlir | Healing |
| Bryceton Herrera | Healing |
| Kim Vos | Cancer |
| Cinda Ward | Healing |
| **Prayers for Our Members’ Family & Friends** |
| Will Brennemann (*Jami Helmbrecht’s father)* | Healing |
| Don Berg (*Evelyn Heiden’s brother*) | Healing |
| Lois Hanson (*Pastor Hanson’s wife*) | Healing |
| Norman Hockemeier *(Ken’s father)* | Transition |
| Roger Hoffman *(Marc’s father)* | Healing |
| Miles Margritz (*Wanda Glanzer’s nephew)* | Healing |
| Ernie North *(Michelle Millsap’s father)* | Healing |
| Carol Shiers (Jessica ShiersBlattner’s mother) | Healing |
| Rick Uhlir *(Pam Uhlir’s brother)* | Healing |
| Tyler Christensen (*Bruce & Joni Brooks nephew*) | Cancer |
| Corey Ellis (*Judy Tadlock’s nephew)* | Cancer |
| Patty Ellis (*Fran Junge’s sister)* | Cancer |
| Barb Gillion (*Shirley Helmbrecht’s friend)* | Cancer |
| Carol Haubold (*Don Helmbrecht’s sister*) | Cancer |
| Bill Jedlicka (*Pam Uhlir’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Carol Jilg (*Rich and LaRae Crow’s friend)* | Cancer |
| Sharon Mulhair (*Pam Uhlir’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Donna Peterson *(Lavonne Peterson’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Gayla Probasco (*Lewis & Carolyn Westman’s friend)* | Brain Surgery/Cancer |
| Wyatt Smidt *(Zion student Ashyln Smidt’s brother)* | Cancer |
| Tyrone Uhlir (*Pam’s nephew)* | Cancer |
| Pr.James, Pr. Clausing, Our sister congregations in Haiti | Missionaries |
| John Christensen, Dustin Schutt, Charles Nickles | Military |
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# Serving in Worship

# December 23, 9:00am

Acolyte: Gabe Bates

Elder: Dan Oertwig

Usher: Mike Wilkens and Jeff Strong

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and Bev Nuttelman

# December 24, 7:00pm

Acolyte: Reilly Fisher

Elder: Dan Oertwig

Usher: All Captains

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and Bev Nuttelman

# December 25, 10:00am

Acolyte: Kassidy Halvorsen

Elder: Dan Oertwig

Usher: Mike Wilkens and Jeff Strong

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and Bev Nuttelman

# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# December 30, 9:00am

Acolyte: Emily Hartman

Elder: Ken Hockemeier

Usher: Marc Hoffman and Steve Junge

Engineer: Peter Kreutzer

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and Bev Nuttelman

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| **Sun****12/23** | 9:00a10:15a10:15a12:00-4:00Birthdays | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolBible StudyWollberg FH--- |
| **Mon****12/24** | 7:00pBirthdays | Christmas Eve Candlelight ServiceAlan Altwine |
| **Tues****12/25** | 10:00aBirthdaysAnniversary | Christmas Day ServiceBrandon FletcherKaitlyn Kaufman |
| **Wed****12/26** | Birthdays | Jana FlessnerLyn Hoffman |
| **Thurs****12/27** | Birthdays | DyAnn AltwineAllison Wilkens |
| **Fri****12/28** | Birthdays | Zachariah DeLoachDon EngelJacqulyn Zehendner |
| **Sat****12/29** | 5:00pBirthdays | Divine ServiceChelsea Herrera |
| **Sun****12/30** | 9:00a10:15a10:15a | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolAdult Bible Study |

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