**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 Living and Life-Giving Word of God Dwells among Us in the Flesh***

The Lord sends out His ministers of the Gospel to make disciples *“of all the nations,”* so that *“all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.”* For the Lord has *“bared his holy arm”* in the incarnate Christ (Is. 52:7, 10). The Child in the manger, born of the Virgin Mary, is the very Word of God, the only begotten Son of the Father, *“whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world”* (Heb. 1:2). As *“all things were made through him”* (John 1:3), so are all things redeemed and made new in Him. In His body of flesh and blood, we behold *“the radiance of the glory of God”* (Heb. 1:3), *“glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth”* (John 1:14). He dwells among us in peace that we might have life and light and salvation in Him. For by His Word of the Gospel, we are born again as the children of God, bearing His name and sharing His eternal life.

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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 |
| 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 |
| **Divine Service** |
| ***Setting Three*** |
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| **Service of the Word** |
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|  **Response** | **p. 189** |
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| **Gradual** | **Bulletin Insert** |
| **Epistle** | **Hebrews 1:1-6** |
| **Alleluia Verse with Gospel Processional***(Congregation echoes Pastor’s Alleluias)*Alleluia (3x). The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His | glory,\* the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace | and truth. Alleluia (3x). |
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| **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** | BirthdaysAnniversary | Zachariah DeLoachDon EngelJacqulyn Zehendner |
| **Sat****12/29** | 5:00pBirthdays | Divine ServiceChelsea Herrera |
| **Sun****12/30** | 9:00a10:15a10:15a | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolAdult Bible Study |

# Serving in Worship Christmas Day

# December 25, 10:00am

Acolyte: Kassidy Halvorsen

Elder: Dan Oertwig

Usher: Mike Wilkens and Jeff Strong

Crucifer: Lindsay Wilkens

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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