**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.

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, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with our pastor. 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. *All communicants* need to register in the narthex prior to the service.

***The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice***

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete,* meaning “Rejoice!” For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; *“He has cleared away your enemies,” “taken away the judgments against you”* and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to *“rejoice in the Lord always,”* knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even *“the dead are raised up”* (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

**In Our Prayers**

***Members of Zion:***

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| Marc & Lyn Hoffman | Awaiting Adoption |
| Tracy Schake | Expectant mother |
| Chelsea Herrera | Expectant mother |
| Naomi Wollberg | Expectant mother |
| Judy Ahrens | Healing |
| Vaughn Albrecht | Healing |
| Diane Altwine | Healing |
| Vivian Axmann | Healing |
| Elaine Buss | Healing |
| Lyle Colsden | Healing |
| Pat Flodine | Healing |
| Valarie Gant | Healing |
| Ramona Gaunt | Healing |
| Verleen Gentry | Healing |
| Morris Hilgenkamp | Good Samaritan Society, Alma |
| Erv Kelley | Hospitalized |
| Sharon Kreutzer | Healing |
| Charlie Marienau | Healing |
| Anna Martenson | Healing |
| Travis McKillop | Madonna, Lincoln |
| Lavonne Peterson | Healing |
| Hulda Smith | Healing |
| Gretchen Trampe | Healing |
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***Family and Friends of Zion Members:***

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| 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 |
| Paul Graham ( *Michelle Clark’s father*) | Healing |
| Dorothy Helmbrecht *(Don Helmbrecht’s mother)* | Healing |
| Elizabeth Hinrichs *(Adam & Jami Helmbrecht’s friend)* | Healing |
| Roger Hoffman (Marc’s father) | Healing |
| Jerry Martensn *(Anna Martenson’s son)* | Cancer |
| Hans McGraw *(Michelle Millsap’s friend)*  | Healing |
| Kari McIntosh (*Friend of Michelle Millsaps*) | Cancer |
| Larry Mustard *(Betty’s Son)* | Surgery/Healing |
| Deanne North *(Michelle Millsap’s mother)* | Healing |
| Don Purvis (*Katie Nuttelman’s friend’s father)* | Healing |
| Donna Peterson *( Lavonne Peterson’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Jewel Scarborough (*Evelyn Heiden’s daughter in-law)* | Healing |
| Joe Sikes (*Wayne and Dorothy’s son)* | Cancer |
| Floyd Stutzman *(Friend of Bruce & Joni Brooks)* | Healing |
| Rev. James, Rev. Trump, Kristen Matasovsky | Missionaries |
| Kyle Melroy, John Christensen, Cole & Trent MacKley | Military |
| **Divine Service Four** |
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| **Preparation** |
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| **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Verse 6** |
| **O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,****And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;****Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,****And death’s dark shadows put to flight.** |
| **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel****Shall come to thee, O Israel!** |

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| **Collect of the Day** | Bulletin Insert |
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| **Gradual** |  Bulletin Insert |
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**This Week at Zion**

# Serving in Worship Today

**Organist: Teresa Leising**

**Acolyte: Madisen Eckhoff**

**Elder: Jeff Halvorsen**

**Usher: Marc Hoffman and Steve Junge**

**Announcer: Carol Kreutzer**

**Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and**

 **Bev Nuttelman**

**Special Music: Women’s Adult Choir**

# Serving in Worship Wednesday

# December 16, 7:00pm

**Organist: Teresa Leising**

**Acolyte: Hope Smith**

**Elder: Jeff Halvorsen**

**Usher: Marc Hoffman and Steve Junge**

**Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and**

 **Bev Nuttelman**

# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# December 20, 9:00am

**Organist: Carol DeLoach**

**Acolyte: Cody Willers**

**Elder: Rich Kreutzer**

**Usher: Roger Riekenberg and Bob Glanzer**

**Announcer:**

**Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and**

 **Bev Nuttelman**

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| **Sun****12/13** | 9:00a10:15a10:15a4:00pBirthdays | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolBible StudyZion School Christmas ServiceClaudette Kelley |
| **Mon****12/14** | 12:00p7:00pBirthdays | Sr. Citizens PotluckMary Martha Christmas PartyVaughn Albrecht |
| **Tu**es**12/15** | 7:00pBirthdays | Church CouncilKasey Potter |
| **Wed****12/16** | 8:25a5:30p5:45p6:00p7:00p8:00pBirthdays | ChapelAdvent MealMidweekHandbellsAdvent ServiceAdult ChoirKarly Weller |
| **Thurs****12/17** | Birthdays | Marion Richmond |
| **Fri****12/18** | 3:30Birthdays | School Dismisses for ChristmasDawn DulitzSarah Fattig-Heidtbrink |
| **Sat****12/19** | 9:00aBirthdays | Children’s Christmas Rehearsal--- |
| **Sun****12/20** | 9:00a10:15a10:15aBirthdays | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolBible Study--- |

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**Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 12/01/2015

Attendance: 77

Date: 12/06/2015

Attendance: 170

Offering: $ 9,085.75

Weekly Need: $7,333

The Radio Broadcast today is given to the Glory of the Lord by Alice Wenzlick memorials

The Flowers today are given to the Glory of the Lord by the Gaunt family for Arnold’s 90th Birthday

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**Third Sunday in Advent December 13, 2015**

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