**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 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.

**In Our Prayers**

***Members of Zion:***

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

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| Rob Anway (*Nancy Dissmeyer friend)* | Healing |
| 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 |
| Tyrone Uhlir (*Pam Uhlir’s nephew*) | Healing |
| Rev. James, Rev. Trump, Kristen Matasovsky | Missionaries |
| Kyle Melroy, John Christensen, Cole & Trent MacKley | Military |
| **Divine Service Four** |
| **Welcome & Announcements** |  |
| **Preparation** |
| **Opening Hymn** | **#384** |
| **Confession & Absolution** | p. 203 |
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| **Service of the Word** |
| **Introit** | Bulletin Insert |
| **Kyrie** | p. 357 |
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| **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Verse 7** |
| **O come, Desire of nations, bind****In one the hearts of all mankind;****Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,****And be Thyself our King of Peace** |
| **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emanuel****Shall come to thee, O Israel!** |

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| **Collect of the Day** | Bulletin Insert |
| **Response** | p. 205 |
| **First Reading** | **Micah 5:2-5a** |
| **Gradual** |  Bulletin Insert |
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# 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**

**Special Music: Alexandra Splittgerber**

# Serving in Worship Thursday

# December 24, 7:00pm

**Organist: Teresa Leising**

**Acolyte: Masie Dulitz**

**Elder: Rich Kreutzer**

**Usher: All Captains**

**Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and**

 **Bev Nuttelman**

**Special Music: Stephen Starke/Kevin Hildebrand**

# Serving in Worship Friday

# December 25, 10:00am

**Organist: Carol DeLoach**

**Acolyte: Anthony Wilbur**

**Elder: Rich Kreutzer**

**Usher: Roger Riekenberg and Bob Glanzer**

**Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and**

 **Bev Nuttelman**

# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# December 27, 9:00am

**Organist: Teresa Leising**

**Acolyte: Gabe Bates**

**Elder: Ken Hockemeier**

**Usher: Dan Oertwig**

**Announcer: Lavonne Peterson**

**Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and**

 **Bev Nuttelman**

**This Week at Zion**

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| **Sun****12/20** | 9:00a10:15a10:15aBirthdays | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolBible Study--- |
| **Mon****12/21** | Birthdays | Thane Bauer |
| **Tu**es**12/22** | All DayBirthdays | Pastor’s Day offRev. James DeLoach |
| **Wed****12/23** | BellsChoirBirthdays | 6:00p6:30p--- |
| **Thurs****12/24** | All Day7:00pBirthdays | Office ClosedChristmas Eve ServiceAlan AltwineEric Hansen |
| **Fri****12/25** | 10:00aBirthdays | Christmas Day ServiceBrandon FletcherKaitlyn Kaufman |
| **Sat****12/26** | Birthdays | Jana FlessnerLyn Hoffman |
| **Sun****12/27** | 9:00a10:15a10:15aBirthdays | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolBible StudyDyann AltwineAllison Wilkens |

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