**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 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.” The Lord has “bared his holy arm” in the incarnate Christ (Is. 52:10). 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.

**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 |
| Leona Carlosn *( Elaine Stuehm’s sister)* | | | | | | | | | Hospice care |
| 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 Millsap*) | | | | | | | | | 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 |
| 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 |
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| **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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| **Today**  **12/25** | 10:00a  Birthdays | Christmas Day Divine Service  Brandon Fletcher, Kaitlyn Kaufman |
| **Sat**  **12/26** | Birthdays | Janna Flessner. Lyn Hoffman |
| **Sun**  **12/27** | 9:00a  10:15a  10:15a | Divine Service  Sunday School  Bible Study |
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**Serving in Worship Christmas Day**

**December 25, 10:00am**

**Organist: Carol DeLoach**

**Acolyte: Anthony Wilbur**

**Crucifer: Zach DeLoach**

**Elder: Rich Kreutzer**

**Usher Captain: Roger Riekenberg & Bob Glanzer**

**Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Bev Nuttelman**

# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# December 27, 9:00am

**Organist: Teresa Leising**

**Acolyte: Gabe Bates**

**Elder: Ken Hockemeier**

**Usher Captain: Dan Oertwig**

**Announcer: Lavonne Peterson**

**Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Bev Nuttelman**

**This Week at Zion**

Thank you to the following families who provided poinsettias for use in our sanctuary this Christmas season: Ron & Waunita DeLaet, Jerry & Nancy Dulitz, Becky Thornton, Don & Marion Richmond, Joan Schmidt, Mary & Wes Fiddelke, Seth & Christina Long, Carol & Pastor DeLoach, Todd & Darcy Willers, Lillian Johnson, Sharon Kreutzer, Bruce & Joni Brooks, Lew & Carolyn Westman, Jane Schmid, Don & Shirley Helmbrecht, Lonna Gronewoller, Matthew & Amy Hodgson, Paul & Rachael Burger, Cinda Ward, Wayne & Dorothy Sikes, Hazel Stickney.

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If your family provided a Poinsettia for this Christmas season, please feel free to take it with you after the service today.

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**The Nativity of Our Lord ~ December 25, 2015**

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