**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 Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death***

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus *“brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord”* (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for *“the redemption of Jerusalem”* and *“the consolation of Israel”* (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in *“giving thanks to God the Father through him,” “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,”* including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28–32, 38; Col. 3:15–17).

**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 Carlson (*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 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 |
| 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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| **Preparation** |
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# Serving in Worship Today

# 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**

# Serving in Worship Thursday

# December 31 7:00pm

**Organist: Carol DeLoach**

**Acolyte: Elizabeth Lange**

**Elder: Ken Hockemeier**

**Usher: Dan Oertwig**

**Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and**

 **Bev Nuttelman**

# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# January 3, 9:00am

**Organist: Carol DeLoach**

**Acolyte: Zach DeLoach**

**Elder: Keith Nuttelman**

**Usher: Fred Flessner & Keith Nuttelman**

**Announcer: Brooke Fisher**

**Altar Guild: Sheryl Fox & Shirley Oertwig**

**This Week at Zion**

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| **Sun****12/27** | 9:00a10:15a10:15aBirthdays | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolBible StudyDyann AltwineAllison Wilkens |
| **Mon****12/28** | Birthdays | Zach DeLoachDon EngelJacqulyn Zehendner |
| **Tu**es**12/29** | Birthdays | Chelsea Herrera |
| **Wed****12/30** | Birthdays | Bryce BauerBetty Mustard |
| **Thurs****12/31** | 7:00pBirthdays | New Year’s Eve Service-- |
| **Fri****1/1** | Birthdays | Shane EckhoffJeff HalvorsenLogan PotterHope SmithJeanne Wollberg |
| **Sat****1/2** | Birthdays | David Sikes |
| **Sun****1/3** | 9:00a10:15a10:15a | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolBible Study |

**Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 12/20/2015

Attendance: 166

Offering: $ 5,811.25

Weekly Need: $7,333

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Fred Oertwig & Virgil Wuehler

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