**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 Light of Christ Shines Forth in the Darkness***

Heaven and earth rejoice on this night, because the glory of the Holy Trinity is manifested in the human birth of *“our great God and Savior Jesus Christ”* (Titus 2:13), through whom the Father’s grace and mercy permeate the world. Death’s silence is nullified by this *“good news of great joy that will be for all the people”* (Luke 2:10). And all we who have gone astray like lost and wandering sheep, who have *“walked in darkness”* of doubt, fear and sinful unbelief, behold *“a great light”* in the nativity of Jesus Christ (Is. 9:2). In Him, *“the grace of God has appeared”* (Titus 2:11). For this child of Mary who is born for us, this dear Son of God who is given to us, bears the burden of our sin and death in His own body on the cross. By initiating and fulfilling His earthly journey from nativity to crucifixion, Christ establishes a government of peace, *“with justice and with righteousness,”* which shall have no end; not by any work of man, but *“the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this”* (Is. 9:7).

**In Our Prayers**

***Members of Zion:***

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| Marc & Lyn Hoffman | Awaiting Adoption |
| Robin Baker | Expectant Mothers |
| Judy Ahrens | Healing |
| Vaughn Albrecht *(Northridge)* | Healing |
| Tom Altwine | Healing |
| Elaine Buss | Healing |
| Lyle Colsden *(Mt. Carmel)* | Healing |
| Ron DeLaet | Healing |
| Nancy Dissmeyer | Healing |
| Dawn Dulitz | Cancer |
| Pat Flodine *(Cambridge Court)* | Healing |
| Valarie Gant *(Mt. Carmel)* | Healing |
| Bryceton Herrera | Healing |
| Ken Hockemeier | Healing |
| Linda Nuttelman | Healing |
| Lavonne Peterson | Healing |
| Dorothy Sikes | Healing |
| Brienne Splittgerber | Law Enforcement |
| Hazel Stickney | Healing |
| Kim Vos | Healing |
| Bill Westman | Healing |
| Evelyn Wuehler | Healing |
| **Prayers for Our Members’ Family & Friends** |
| Megan Gronewoller *(Lonna’s daughter-in-law)* | Expectant mother |
| Rebecca Voller (*Steve and Fran Junge’s daughter)* | Expectant mother |
| 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 |
| Brian Gibreal *(Marilyn Fuqua's grandson)* | Healing |
| Lois Hanson (*Pastor Hanson’s wife*) | Hospitalized |
| Erin Hargon *(Jerry & Marge Hansen’s daughter)* | Healing |
| Jess Hinz (*Friend of the Bates’ family)* | Healing |
| Roger Hoffman *(Marc’s father)* | Healing |
| Tyler Holland *(Quentin Lange’s brother in law)* | Healing |
| Jan Jurgens (*Julie Zobel’s mother)* | Healing |
| Dan Marquette | Cancer |
| Donna Peterson *(Lavonne Peterson’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Gilbert Splittgerber (*Tony & Ryan’s grandfather)* | Healing |
| Floyd Stutzman *(Friend of Bruce & Joni Brooks)* | Healing |
| Tyrone Uhlir (*Pam’s nephew*) | Healing |
| Betty Wilken (*Carol Florangs’s mother)* | Healing |
| Rev. James, Rev. Trump, Rev. Kuddes | Missionaries |
| Kyle Melroy, John Christensen, Mike Heurtz, Trent MacKley | Military |
| Former Zion Member | Repentance & Faith |
| **Divine Service One** |
| **Welcome & Announcements** |  |
| **Preparation** |
| **Opening Hymn** | **#379** |
| **Confession and Absolution** | p.151 |
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| **Service of the Word** |
| **Introit** | Bulletin Insert |
| **Kyrie** |  p. 152 |
|  **Angels We Have Heard on High** p. 368 |
| **Salutation** | p. 156 |
| **Collect of the Day** | Bulletin Insert |
| **Response** | p. 189 |
| **First Reading** | **Isaiah 52:7-10** |
| **Psalm 87** |  See Green 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) |
| **Holy Gospel** | **John 1:1-14** |
| **Gospel Response** | **p. 157** |
| **Hymn of the Day** | p. 388 |
| **Sermon** | **The Bethlehem Zion Christmas Connection** |
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| **Sharing of the Peace** |  |
| **Gathering of the Offering** |
| **Service of the Sacrament** |
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| **Closing Hymn** | **#387** |

**This Week at Zion**

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| **Sun****12/25** | 9:00aBirthdays | Divine ServiceBrandon FletcherKaitlyn Kaufman |
| **Mon****12/26** | Birthdays | Heiden family FHJana FlessnerLyn Hoffman |
| **Tues****12/27** | Birthdays | Heiden family FHDyann AltwineAllison Wilkens |
| **Wed****12/28** | Birthdays | Zachariah DeLoachDon EngelJacqulyn Zehendner |
| **Thurs****12/29** | Birthdays | Chelsea Herrera |
| **Fri****12/30** | Birthdays | Betty Mustard |
| **Sat****12/31** | 5:00pBirthdays | New Years’ Eve Service--- |
| **Sun****01/01** | 9:00a10:15a10:15a | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolBible Study |

# Serving in Worship This Sunday

# December 25, 9:00am

Organist: Carol DeLoach

Acolyte: Shelby Clark

Crucifer: Abigail DeLoach

Elder: Bruce Brooks

Usher: Dan Oertwig

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Bev Nuttelman

# Serving in Worship New Years’ Eve

# December 31, 5:00pm

Organist: Carol DeLoach

Acolyte: Taylor Zehendner

Elder: Bruce Brooks

Usher: Dan Oertwig

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Bev Nuttelman

# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# January 1, 9:00am

Organist: Teresa Leising

Acolyte: Morgan Dulitz

Elder: Craig Nuttelman

Usher: Fred Flessner & Keith Nuttelman

Engineer: Peter Kreutzer

Announcer: Lavonne Peterson

Altar Guild: Shirley Oertwig & Sheryl Fox

**Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 12/14/2016

Attendance: 85

Date: 12/18/2016

Attendance: 153

Offering: $6,113.50

Weekly Need: $6,852.37

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