**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.

***By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light***

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *“For his righteousness’ sake,”* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *“the darkness before them into light”* (Is. 42:16) because He is *“the light of the world”* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *“while it is day,”* until that night *“when no one can work”* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *“at one time you were darkness,”* now *“you are light in the Lord”* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *“awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead”* (Eph. 5:14).

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| **Prayers for Our Members** |
| Marc & Lyn Hoffman | Awaiting Adoption |
| Judy Ahrens | Healing |
| Vaughn Albrecht *(Northridge)* | Healing |
| Tom Altwine | Healing |
| Elaine Buss | Healing |
| Lyle Colsden *(Mother Hull)* | Healing |
| Ron DeLaet | Healing |
| Dawn Dulitz | Healing |
| Pat Flodine *(Cambridge Court)* | Healing |
| Vi Fox | Healing |
| Ruby Hatfield | Healing |
| Bryceton Herrera | Healing |
| Lavonne Peterson | Healing |
| Geraldine Roeder | Hospitalized |
| Jerold Saathoff | Hospice Care |
| Dorothy Sikes | Healing |
| Brienne Splittgerber | Law Enforcement |
| Norbert Smith | Healing |
| Hazel Stickney | Healing |
| Evelyn Wuehler | Healing |
| **Prayers for Our Members’ Family & Friends** |
| Rebecca Voller (*Steve and Fran Junge’s daughter)* | Expectant mother |
| Becci Koopman (*Todd & Ellen’s daughter-in-law)* | Expectant mother |
| Don Berg (*Evelyn Heiden’s brother)* | Healing |
| Phyllis Canfield (*Pam Uhlir’s Aunt)* | Healing |
| Hazel Devine (*Pam Uhlir’s Aunt)* | Hospitalized |
| 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*) | Healing |
| Carol Haubold (*Don Helmbrecht’s sister*) | Cancer |
| Ralph & Emma Herrera (*Seth Long’s grandparents)* | Hospitalized/Healing |
| Jess Hinz (*Friend of the Bates’ family)* | Healing |
| Roger Hoffman *(Marc’s father)* | Healing |
| Ron Koch (*Pam Uhlir’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Sharon Mulhair ( *Pam Uhlir’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Donna Peterson *(Lavonne Peterson’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Kalen Pfeiffer *(Joyce Hadwiger’s grandson)* | Healing |
| Floyd Stutzman *(Friend of Bruce & Joni Brooks)* | Healing |
| Debbie (*Judy Tadlock’s daughter)* | Healing |
| Theresa Tonn (*Lavern and Elaine's daughter)* | Hospitalized |
| 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 |
| Zion Members who have fallen away from the faith | Repentance & Faith |
| **Divine Service** |
| ***Setting Three*** |
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| **Welcome & Announcements** |  |
| **Dedication of the new Paraments** |  |
| **Preparation** |  |
| **Opening Hymn** |  **#396** |
| **Confession and Absolution** |  p.184 |
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| **Service of the Word** |
| **Introit** | Bulletin Insert |
| **Kyrie** |  p. 186 |
| **Salutation** | p. 189 |
| **Collect of the Day** | Bulletin Insert |
| **Response** | p. 189 |
| **First Reading** | **Isaiah 42:14-21** |
| **Gradual Hymn** | Bulletin Insert |
| **Epistle**  | **Ephesians 5:8-14** |
| ***Return to the Lord, your God,*** ***for He is gracious and merciful,*** ***slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,*** ***and abounding in steadfast love.*** |
| **Holy Gospel** | **John 9:1-41** |
| **Gospel Response** | p. 191 |
| **Apostles’ Creed** | p. 191 |
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| **Closing Hymn** | **#841** |

# Serving in Worship This Sunday

# March 26, 9:00am

Acolyte: Hannah Zobel

Elder: Keith Nuttelman

Usher: Dan Oertwig

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Announcer: Lavonne Peterson

Altar Guild: Mary Fiddelke & Lyn Hoffman

Soloist: Ellen Koopman

# Serving in Worship, March 29, 7:00pm

Acolyte: Tyson Wilbur

Elder: Keith Nuttelman

Usher: Dan Oertwig

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht & Denae Kuhl

# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# April 2, 9:00am

Acolyte: Elizabeth Lange

Elder: Bruce Brooks

Usher: Fred Flessner & Keith Nuttelman

Engineer: Peter Kreutzer

Announcer: Brooke Fisher

Altar Guild: Ellen Hockemeier & Racheal Burger

**This Week at Zion**

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| **Sun****03/26** | 9:00a10:15a10:15aBirthdays | Divine ServiceBible StudySunday SchoolKay BannerTiffany HartmanJessica Zehendner |
| **Mon****03/27** | Birthdays | --- |
| **Tues****03/28** | 1:30p7:00p7:00pBirthdays | Sleeping MatsL.L.L.S.S. Teacher MeetingSheryl FoxKim Nelson |
| **Wed****03/29** | 8:25a5:00p5:30p5:45p6:00p7:00p8:00pBirthdays | ChapelHandchimesLenten MealMidweekHand BellsLenten ServiceChoirCarter Splittgerber |
| **Thurs****03/30** | Birthdays | --- |
| **Fri****03/31** | Birthdays | Carol Florang |
| **Sat****04/01** | 5:00pBirthdays | Divine Service |
| **Sun****04/02** | 9:00a9:00a10:15a | Divine ServiceSchool ChoirBible Study |

The Radio Broadcast and Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of the Lord by Todd & Ellen Koopman in loving memory of their parents.

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**Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 03/19/2017

Attendance: 193 Wed. March 22: 82

Offering: $6,897.01

Weekly Need: $6,852.37

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**Fourth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2017**

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