**Welcome to Zion!**

***All worshippers please fill out an attendance card in the pew rack and let us know how we might 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 Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice***

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete,* meaning “Rejoice!” For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; *“he has cleared away your enemies,” “taken away the judgments against you”* and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to *“rejoice in the Lord always,”* knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even *“the dead are raised up”* (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

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| **Prayers for Our Members** |
| Marc & Lyn Hoffman | Awaiting Adoption |
| Chelsea Junge | Expectant Mother |
| Norman Abels *(At Home)* | Healing |
| Judy Ahrens | Healing |
| Vaughn Albrecht *(Northridge)* | Healing |
| Tom & DyAnn Altwine | Healing |
| Bruce Brooks | Healing |
| Elaine Buss *(Cambridge Court)* | Healing |
| Jana Flessner | Healing |
| Pat Flodine *(Cambridge Court)* | Healing |
| Vi Fox | Healing |
| Marilyn Fuqua | Healing |
| Verleen Gentry | Healing |
| Jan Hatfield | Healing |
| Henry Hodgson | Upcoming surgery |
| Fran Junge | Healing |
| Lavonne Peterson  | Healing |
| Geraldine Roeder | Healing |
| Jane Schmid | Healing |
| Sylvia Schmidt | Healing |
| Dorothy Sikes | Healing |
| Pam Uhlir | Healing |
| Bryceton Herrera | Healing |
| Kim Vos | Cancer |
| Cinda Ward | Healing |
| **Prayers for Our Members’ Family & Friends** |
| Will Brennemann (*Jami Helmbrecht’s father)* | Healing |
| Don Berg (*Evelyn Heiden’s brother*) | Healing |
| Lois Hanson (*Pastor Hanson’s wife*) | Healing |
| Norman Hockemeier *(Ken’s father)* | Transition |
| Roger Hoffman *(Marc’s father)* | Healing |
| Miles Margritz (*Wanda Glanzer’s nephew)* | Healing |
| Ernie North *(Michelle Millsap’s father)* | Healing |
| Carol Shiers (Jessica ShiersBlattner’s mother) | Healing |
| Rick Uhlir *(Pam Uhlir’s brother)* | Healing |
| Tyler Christensen (*Bruce & Joni Brooks nephew*) | Cancer |
| Corey Ellis (*Judy Tadlock’s nephew)* | Cancer |
| Patty Ellis (*Fran Junge’s sister)* | Cancer |
| Barb Gillion (*Shirley Helmbrecht’s friend)* | Cancer |
| Carol Haubold (*Don Helmbrecht’s sister*) | Cancer |
| Bill Jedlicka (*Pam Uhlir’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Carol Jilg (*Rich and LaRae Crow’s friend)* | Cancer |
| Sharon Mulhair (*Pam Uhlir’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Donna Peterson *(Lavonne Peterson’s cousin)* | Cancer |
| Gayla Probasco (*Lewis & Carolyn Westman’s friend)* | Brain Surgery/Cancer |
| Wyatt Smidt *(Zion student Ashyln Smidt’s brother)* | Cancer |
| Tyrone Uhlir (*Pam’s nephew)* | Cancer |
| Pr.James, Pr. Clausing, Our sister congregations in Haiti | Missionaries |
| John Christensen, Dustin Schutt, Charles Nickles | Military |
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# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# December 16, 9:00am

Acolyte: Kevin Osmanski

Elder: Nathan Gaunt

Usher: Roger Riekenberg and Bob Glanzer

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Announcer: Jesse Florang

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and Bev Nuttelman

# Serving in Worship Wednesday

# December 19, 7:00pm

Acolyte: Madelyn Graham

Elder: Nathan Gaunt

Usher: Roger Riekenberg and Bob Glanzer

Engineer: Jared Nuttelman

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and Bev Nuttelman

# Serving in Worship Next Sunday

# December 23, 9:00am

Acolyte: Gabe Bates

Elder: Dan Oertwig

Usher: Mike Wilkens and Jeff Strong

Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht and Bev Nuttelman

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| **Sun****12/16** | 9:00a10:15a10:15aBirthdays | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolBible Study--- |
| **Mon****12/17** | 12:00pBirthdays | Senior Citizen PotluckLillian PodanyMarion RichmondJudy Tadlock |
| **Tues****12/18** | 1:30p7:00pBirthdaysAnniversary | Sleeping MatsChurch CouncilAnthony AhrensEric & Beth Rosenthal |
| **Wed****12/19** | 8:255:45p6:00p7:00p8:00pBirthdays | ChapelMidweekHandbellsAdvent ServiceChoir--- |
| **Thurs****12/20** | 6:00pBirthdays | Men’s Bible Study--- |
| **Fri****12/21** | BirthdaysAnniversary | Josh JorgensenReese & Jade FlorangDale & Lynette Johnson |
| **Sat****12/22** | 9:00a11:00a5:00pBirthdays | Children’s Christmas RehearsalSunday School Christmas PartyDivine ServicePastor DeLoach |
| **Sun****12/23** | 9:00a10:15a10:15a | Divine ServiceSunday SchoolAdult Bible Study |

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