# Nivine Service



# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021

Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

# 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 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.

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, True God in the Flesh, Cleanses Our Consciences from Sin

As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up "a prophet" like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. "To him you shall listen," because the Word of the Lord is "in his mouth" (Deut. 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks "a new teaching with authority" (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters "the synagogue" of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out "even the unclean spirits" (Mark 1:21–27). By His Word of the cross, He removes the accusations of the Law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, "from whom are all things and for whom we exist." Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, "through whom are all things and through whom we exist" (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9–12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.

# Confession and Absolution



Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution LSB 151

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: v. 10

Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

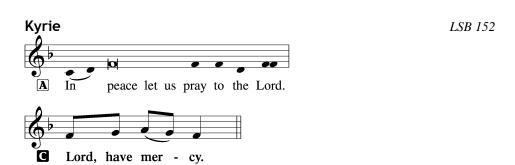
Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\* whose sin is | covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,\* and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

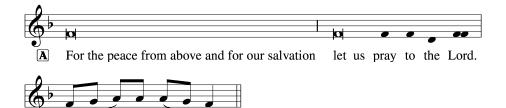
I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\*
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you

| may be found;\*
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.
You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;\*
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\*



but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.





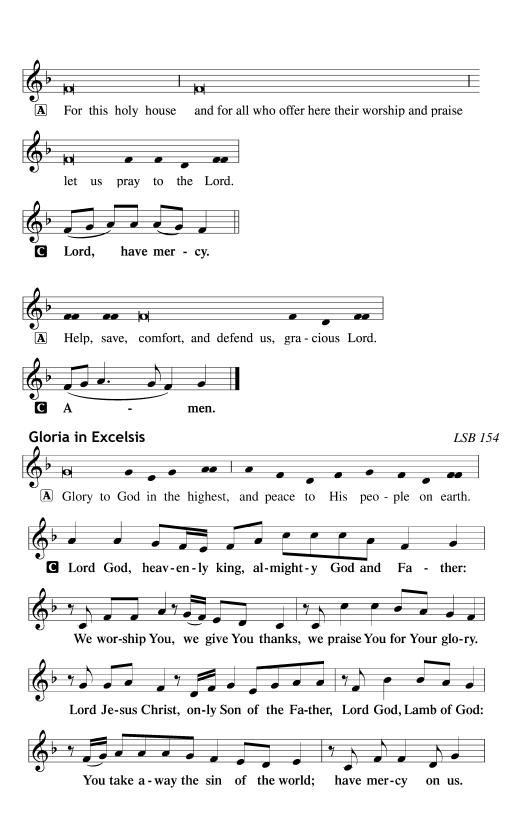
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

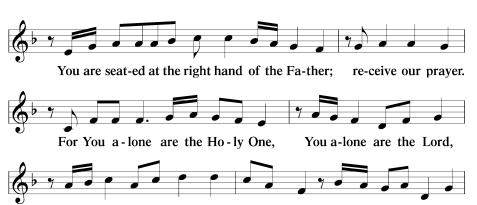


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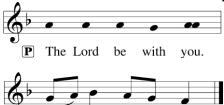




You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



#### P Let us pray.

And

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



al - so with you.

<sup>15</sup>"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' <sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup>But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.""

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8* 

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*
Extol him, all | peoples!
For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food

offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

# Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

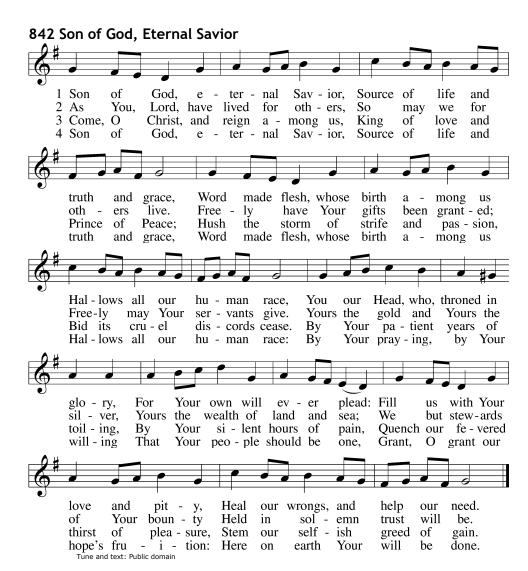
Holy Gospel Mark 1:21–28

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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#### Sermon

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#### Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

and was made man:

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

who spoke by the prophets.

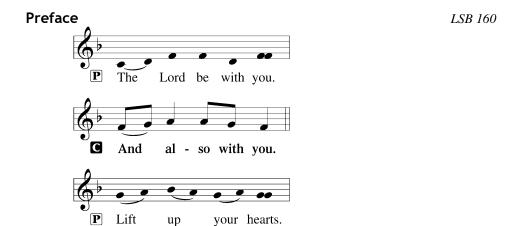
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\mathbb T$  of the world to come. Amen.

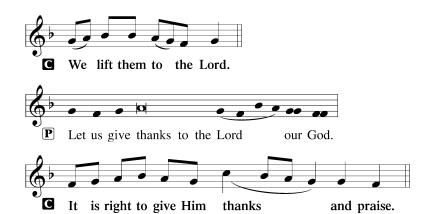
# Prayer of the Church

Please be seated



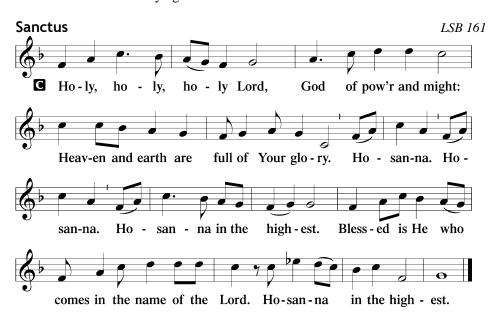
# Service of the Sacrament





## **Proper Preface**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

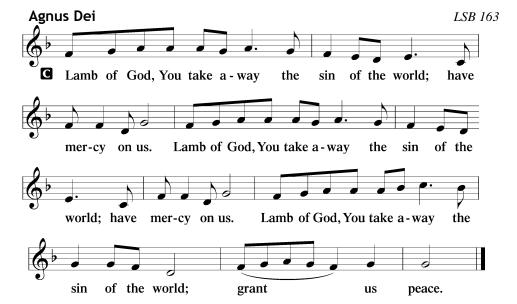
#### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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### Distribution

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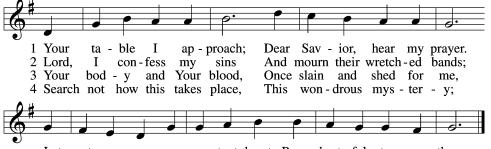


- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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# 628 Your Table I Approach



Let not an un - re - pen-tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there. A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands. Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty. God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- O grant, most blessèd Lord,
   That earth and hell combined
   May not about this sacrament
   Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
  To thank You day and night
  For Your true body and true blood,
  O God, my peace and light.

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Stand

#### The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
- C Amen.





**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.

## 698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



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Prayers for Our Members		
Leah Vogel, Jade Florang, Nicole Teten	Expectant	
	Mother	
Norman Abels (Brookestone Meadows - Elkhorn)	Healing	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
Vaughn Albrecht (Northridge)	Healing	
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
David Banner	Healing	
Jim Catterson	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Vi Fox (Prairie View)	Healing	
Verleen Gentry	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Boyd Millsap	Healing	
Michelle Millsap	Healing	
Roger Riekenberg	Healing	
Don Richmond	Healing	
Marion Richmond	Healing	
Fran Junge	Cancer	
Bev Nuttelman	Cancer	
Kim Vos	Cancer	

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends		
Dawn Gaunt (Pr. & Carol Gaunt's daughter-in-law)	Expectant	
	Mother	
Brandon & Shannon Howell (Quentin & Janel Lange's	Expecting	
friends)		
Will Brennemann (Jami Helmbrecht's father)	Healing	
Reg Duke (Westman's brother-in-law)	Healing	
James Gentry (Verleen Gentry's son)	Healing	
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing	
Sharon Kreutzer (former member)	Healing	
Lyra Mais (Zion student)	Healing	
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing	
Mary Ann Mertz (Pam's Uhlir's friend)	Healing	
Roy Reynolds (Verleen Gentry's son-in-law)	Healing	
Lynne Saathoff (Verleen Gentry's sister-in-law)	Healing	
Janet Stalder (Carol Florang's sister)	Healing	
D.D. Dugger (Sue Kaiser's brother)	Cancer	
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer	
Carol Haubold (Don Helmbrecht's sister)	Cancer	
Tyler Holland (Quentin & Janel Lange's brother-in-law)	Cancer	
Randy Jochum (Ken Hockemeier's brother-in-law)	Cancer	
Fred Koch (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer	
Lynda Kreutzer (Rich & Carol's sister-in-law)	Cancer	
John Moore (family of Susan Tonniges)	Cancer	
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer	
Jeannie Schmidt (Lisa Splittgerber's sister-in-law)	Cancer	
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer	

# Today's Radio Broadcast is given to the Glory of the Lord In memory of Dorothy Sikes.

# Serving in Worship

### Sunday, January 31~ 9:00am

Elder:

Usher: Mike Wilkens & Jeff Strong

Engineer: Jamie Nikodym Announcer: Brooke Fisher

Altar Guild: Sheryl Fox & Shirley Oertwig

#### Sunday, February 7~ 9:00am

Elder: Eric Rosenthal

Usher: Fred Flessner & Lennis Hodgson

Engineer: Jamie Nikodym Announcer: Jesse Florang Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

### Our Response to the Gospel

Date: 01/24/2021

Offering: \$2,102.00 Weekly Need: \$7,542.37

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Website: www.zionkearney.com

# This Week at Zion

Sun	9:00a	Divine Service
01/31	10:30a	Radio Broadcast 1460am
Mon	Birthdays	
02/01	Anniversaries	
Tues	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
02/02	Birthdays	
	Anniversaries	
Wed	8:30a	Chapel
02/03	5:45p	Midweek
	Birthdays	
	Anniversaries	
Thurs	Birthdays	
02/04	Anniversaries	
Fri		
02/05	Birthdays	Miriam Gaunt
	Anniversaries	Janel Lange
Sat	5:00p	Divine Service
02/06	Birthdays	
	Anniversaries	
Sun	9:00a	Divine Service
02/07	10:30a	Radio Broadcast 1460am
	Birthdays	Thomas Altwine
	-	Philip Kreutzer
	Anniversaries	



Where our Triune God strengthens us through His mercy in faith toward Him and in fervent love toward one another.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Choir</u> - Our Adult choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, February  $3^{\rm rd}$  at 7:00pm Rehearsal time will move to 8:00pm during the Lenten season on Wednesdays.

<u>A Bible Study</u> - is prerecorded and available each Sunday, along with a study guide you can use to follow along. We are studying the three lessons for the day—the Old Testament, the Epistle, and the Gospel. Go to Zion's website <a href="www.zionkearney.com">www.zionkearney.com</a> to access the video and study guide.

<u>Bible Reading Cards</u> - A new set of Bible reading cards for the new year can be picked up in the church entryway. Each card is a tool to keep track of your Bible reading progress as you mark each chapter you have read in 2021. God works through His Word.

<u>Church Management Software</u> - Zion is excited to announce that we will be moving to a new church management software. It will have a lot of great features and flexibility. Keep watching for the updates!

Offering during this time. If you are not able to attend live Church Services, you may: drop your offering in the mail slot by the south doors, mail it to the church, or use online giving option at zionkearney.com. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact the office at 308-234-3410 or <a href="mailto:school@zionkearney.org">school@zionkearney.org</a>. Thank you for supporting of your church!

<u>Mission Offerings</u> - The first quarter missions will support Lutherans for Life, January through March. If you would like to donate to this mission please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

<u>Radio Broadcast</u> - Please help Zion spread the Gospel! There are several open dates. This is a great need since, many people are listening to our broadcast during this time.

<u>Masks</u> - According to Kearney City Ordinance No. 8457 masks are required "at a location that is open to the general public and where they cannot maintain six foot of distance."

#### SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Registration Open</u> - Registration is now open for the 2021-2022. New this year is an all-day prekindergarten option! If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office. Please tell your family and friends about Zion. Enroll early to make sure you have a spot.

<u>New Teacher Search</u> - The search for another high quality Lutheran teacher has begun. Full time teachers in our school must be members of the LCMS (or willing to become so). The grade level will most probably be for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position please contact Mr. Splittgerber

Basketball Schedule for 2021-Remaining

February 9	GB 5:00 / BB 6:00 @ York	

<u>Scrip Cards</u> - Scrip cards are still available during this time. Visit the office during normal hours to purchase your gift cards.

<u>Part-time Cook Needed</u> - Zion is looking for a part-time cook! Tasks include meal prep, serving, and cleaning. Candidate strengths should include time-management and a positive disposition. The position is for 3 days week, 8-1 pm. Please share and contact the office with questions!

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# Why was it so important for Jesus to be born as a man?

Jesus had a big job ahead of Him when He was born! If you really think about it, Jesus

was born to die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. But before He died, He lived a perfect life under God's Law. That means that during His entire life, Jesus never sinned. Not even once! As a man, Jesus took the place of mankind under the Law and fulilled it. That means that for every time we failed to keep the Law, Christ succeeded!

# Why was it important for Jesus to be true God?

It would take more than an ordinary man to suffer and die on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. Jesus had to be true God so that He could live a perfect life and fulfill the requirements of the Law, die a perfect death on the cross, and rise from the dead victorious over sin, death and the devil! All of this He did in obedience to the Father and out of complete and total love for us. Through faith, the Holy Spirit delivers all of the great things Jesus won for us in His death and resurrection!



**Parents:** Review the Ten Commandments with your child (Ex. 20:1–17). Discuss the commandments and be sure to point out just how often we fail to keep them. Remind your child that because of Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross, in faith we have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

