

Divine Service



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 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.

The Son of God, Christ Jesus, Makes Us a New Creation

The Lord alone *"is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth"* (Is. 40:28). He *"sits above the circle of the earth"* and *"stretches out the heavens like a curtain"* (Is. 40:22). Yet, His almighty power is demonstrated chiefly by His mercy and compassion. *"He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength"* (Is. 40:29). The only begotten Son of the Father, the very Word by whom all things were made, becomes flesh and takes all the poverty and weakness of our sin and death upon Himself, bearing it in His body to the cross. As He dies for us there, He also raises us up, a new creation, in His resurrection from the dead. Thus, by the preaching of this Word, He heals *"many who were sick with various diseases,"* and He casts out *"many demons"* (Mark 1:34, 39). And His preaching continues through those whom He has sent, who are *"entrusted with a stewardship"* to *"preach the gospel"* (1 Cor. 9:16–17). Thus, we are set free by the Word of Christ, and we exercise our freedom in loving service to others.

Confession and Absolution

846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still,

Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,

ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,
And now, O Lord, be near eyes to bless,
To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

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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 ✠ 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 us.
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

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- 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalms 13:3–5; antiphon: v. 6

I will sing | to the LORD,*
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.
Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God,*
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"*
lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.
But I have trusted in your | steadfast love;*
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.
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.
I will sing | to the LORD,*
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

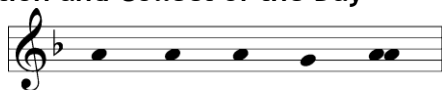


You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:21–31

- ²¹Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
- ²³who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
- ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- ²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
- ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.
- ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
- ²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
- ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
- ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

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 9:16–27

¹⁶If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus Heals Many

²⁹Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A kingdom with - out end.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name
of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the
Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His
people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.




C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

C 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

sts. 1-4, 6-7



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

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543 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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797 Praise the Almighty



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 △ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulfed its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia!
 al - le - lu - ia!
 al - le - lu - ia!
 al - le - lu - ia!
 al - le - lu - ia!

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The Dismissal

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

C Amen.

Thank the Lord

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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



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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

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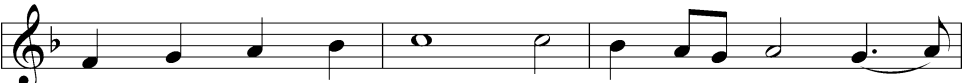
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.


841 O Son of God, in Galilee



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You
2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of
3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You
4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of
5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each



made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the
Your af - flict - ed ones, O bid them cast on
can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O
stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring
loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.
You their care; Your grace to them make known.
Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.
light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.
un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

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Prayers for Our Members

Jade Florang, Nicole Teten	Expectant Mother
Birth of Lydia Vogel to Phil & Leah Vogel	Thanksgiving
Norman Abels (<i>Brookestone Meadows - Elkhorn</i>)	Healing
Judy Ahrens	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht (<i>Northridge</i>)	Healing
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing
David Banner	Healing
Jim Catterson	Healing
Lyle Colsden (<i>Mother Hull</i>)	Healing
Pat Flodine (<i>Cambridge Court</i>)	Healing
Vi Fox (<i>Prairie View</i>)	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 (<i>Pr. & Carol Gaunt's daughter-in-law</i>)	Expectant Mother
Brandon & Shannon Howell (<i>Quentin & Janel Lange's friends</i>)	Expecting
Will Brennemann (<i>Jami Helmbrecht's father</i>)	Healing
Reg Duke (<i>Westman's brother-in-law</i>)	Healing
James Gentry (<i>Verleen Gentry's son</i>)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (<i>Marc's father</i>)	Healing
Sharon Kreutzer (<i>former member</i>)	Healing
Lyra Mais (<i>Zion student</i>)	Healing
Bailey Markowski (<i>Steve & Fran Junge's great niece</i>)	Healing
Mary Ann Mertz (<i>Pam's Uhlir's friend</i>)	Healing
Roy Reynolds (<i>Verleen Gentry's son-in-law</i>)	Healing
Lynne Saathoff (<i>Verleen Gentry's sister-in-law</i>)	Healing
Randy Solomon (<i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i>)	Healing
Janet Stalder (<i>Carol Florang's sister</i>)	Healing
D.D. Dugger (<i>Sue Kaiser's brother</i>)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (<i>Jeff's dad</i>)	Cancer
Carol Haubold (<i>Don Helmbrecht's sister</i>)	Cancer
Tyler Holland (<i>Quentin & Janel Lange's brother-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Randy Jochum (<i>Ken Hockemeier's brother-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Fred Koch (<i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (<i>Rich & Carol's sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
John Moore (<i>family of Susan Tonniges</i>)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (<i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Jeannie Schmidt (<i>Lisa Splittgerber's sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (<i>Pam's nephew</i>)	Cancer

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Serving in Worship

Sunday, February 7~ 9:00am

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Announcer: Jesse Florang
Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

Sunday, February 14 ~ 9:00am

Elder: Dan Oertwig
Usher: Marc Hoffman & Steve Junge
Engineer: Zach DeLoach
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller
Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

Our Response to the Gospel

Date: 01/31/2021

Offering: \$7,711.00
Weekly Need: \$7,542.37

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This Week at Zion

Sun 02/07	9:00a 10:30a	Divine Service Radio Broadcast 1460am
Mon 02/08	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>Darcy Willers</i> ---
Tues 02/09	1:30p 7:00p 7:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Sleeping Mats Bd of Elders Bd of Trustees <i>Pauline Jacobson</i> ---
Wed 02/10	8:30a 5:45p 7:00p 7:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Chapel Midweek Bd of Education Adult Choir <i>Randall Ahrens</i> <i>Tanner Oertwig</i> <i>Heath Schake</i> ---
Thurs 02/11	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	NO School-Office Closed --- ---
Fri 02/12	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	NO School-Office Closed --- ---
Sat 02/13	5:00p <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Divine Service <i>Morgan Dulitz</i> ---
Sun 02/14	9:00a 10:30a <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Divine Service Radio Broadcast 1460am --- ---

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Bible Study - 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 www.zionkearney.com to access the video and study guide.

Office Closed - There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, February 11 & 12. The office will be closed.

Ash Wednesday - Please join us on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm as we begin this year's "Return to the Lord" Lenten series. This Divine Service will include the Rite of the Imposition of Ashes. "A Call to Return". Joel's prophecy is dark and terrifying, and the imagery is vivid. It sets the stage for God's invitation and promise: "You have turned away from me in your hearts and minds, and I have now shown you where that path will take you. But it is not too late. Turn back! Return to the Lord! I am gracious and merciful, and I will bless you." Each week we will consider how the call to return plays out in practical ways as we examine specific events in the saga of our Lord's passion story.

Lenten Series - In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14). Each sermon in this series focuses on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. This will help to connect the hearers with Series Introduction their own sinful nature, to emphasize how we have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

Bible Reading Cards - 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.

Church Management Software - 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 school@zionkearney.org. Thank you for supporting of your church!

Mission Offerings - 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.

Radio Broadcast - 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.

Masks - 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

Registration Open - 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.

Best of Kearney - - Best of Kearney 2021 has arrived, but with changes. From February 1-14 they are taking nominations. Then from March 1-16 is the voting. Please nominate Zion preschool under the daily living section and preschool. Thank you so much for your support!

<http://kearneyhub.secondstreetapp.com/Best-of-Kearney-2021/gallery?group=368765>

New Teacher Search - 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 3rd/4th grade. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please contact Mr. Splittgerber

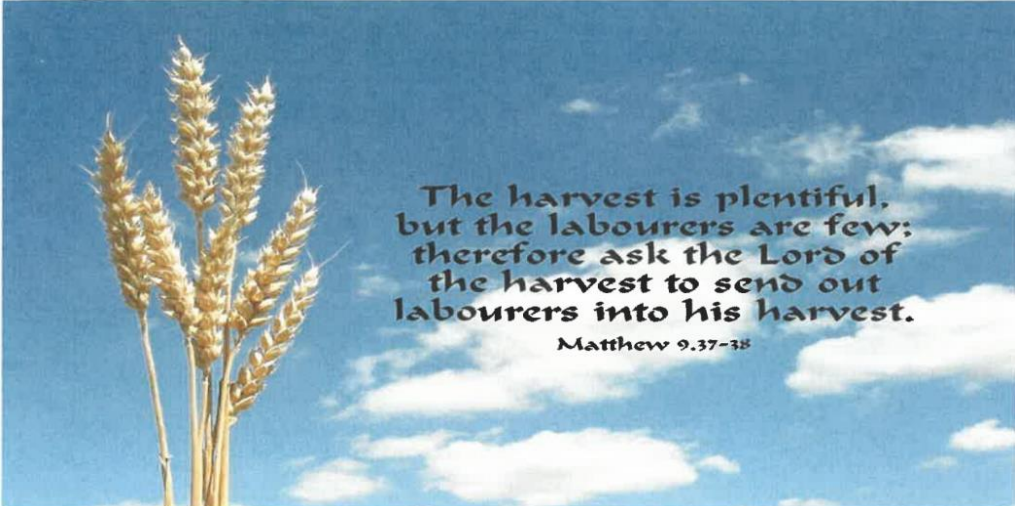
Basketball Schedule for 2021-Remaining

February 9	GB 5:00 / BB 6:00 @ York
February 13 & 14	GB & BB Silver Lake Tournament

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

Part-time Cook Needed - 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!

Apple Market Receipts - Apple Market receipts are due February 28, 2021 Please turn them into the office by then, so the school can get free class supplies. Thank you for supporting our school!



**The harvest is plentiful,
but the labourers are few;
therefore ask the Lord of
the harvest to send out
labourers into his harvest.**

Matthew 9:37-38

Stewardship of Time

Each of us have been given enough time to accomplish God's purpose for us on this planet. The scriptures exhort us to invest our time wisely, reminding us that God determines the length of our stay on earth. "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:15-16). Toward the end of his life, Moses prayed, "So teach us to number our days, that we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom." (Ps. 90:12).

Time is our most valuable asset, but without a proper perspective, we will spend it foolishly. A biblical perspective on time involves several things:

1. Life is brief, and we cannot be presumptuous about the future (Jas. 4:14) "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."
2. The eternal gives meaning to the temporal (Rom 13:11); "Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed."
3. Like other assets, our time is owned by God (Ps 31:15) "My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me."
4. We must be sensitive to opportunities so that we can make the most of them (Eccles 8:5) "Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and just way".
5. Our use of time will reflect our priorities. (Matt 6:19-21) "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves do no break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Just as it is wise to budget our financial resources, it is also wise to budget our use of time. Most time is wasted not in hours, but in minutes. If we do not regularly assess the way we spend our 168 hours per week, our schedules will get cluttered with activities that may be good, but not the best. How much quality time do we spend with the Lord, with our spouse, with our children, and with our non-Christian friends? God wants us to be faithful stewards, and give back some of the time in our lives unto Him.