

Divine Service



Third Sunday of Advent

December 12th, 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 instituted it. As he says, so 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 repent of all sin, trust his words "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," 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.*

The Lord's Supper can harm those who receive it unworthily. Holy Communion is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, 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 most 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).

Confession and Absolution

331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him-self a ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser-vants free.
Nor let your faith-less heart de-spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem-bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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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.

Exhortation

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P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Rejoice in the Lord | always,*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,*
who keeps faith for- | ever;
who executes justice for | the oppressed,*
who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.

Rejoice in the Lord | always,*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



C Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



Kyrie

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G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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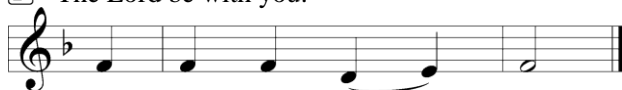
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

- ¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
- ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
- ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
- ¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
- ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.
- ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
- ²⁰At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’”

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
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,
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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering & Preparation

After the prayers please be seated while the altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is brought forward. To prepare you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn.

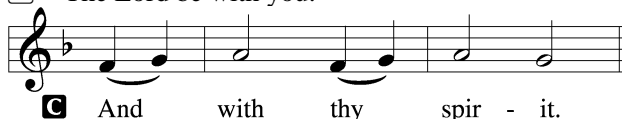
Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

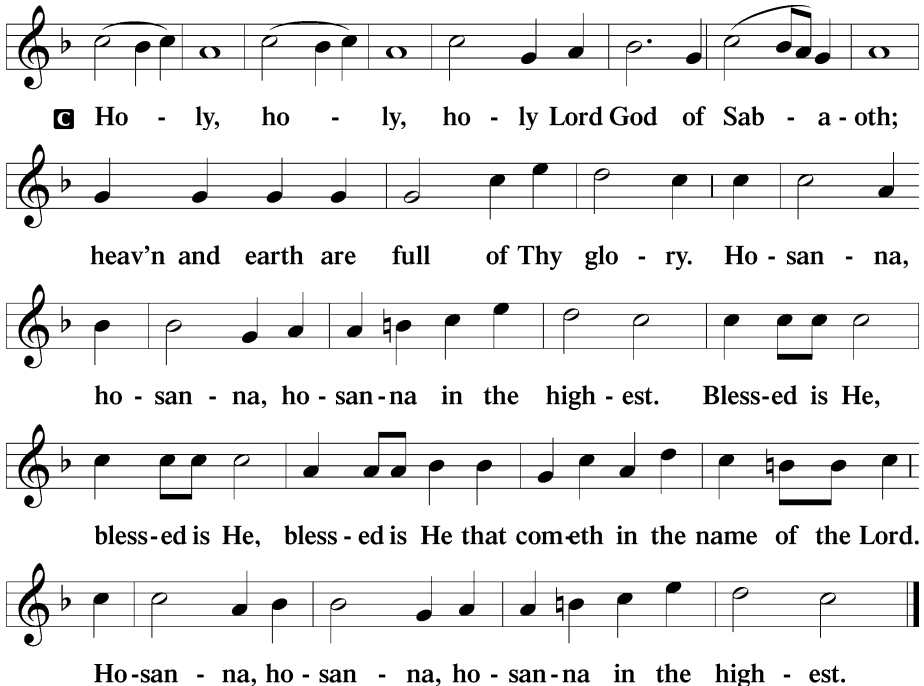


Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in 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 195



The Lord's Prayer

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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

LSB 197

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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

343 Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom-ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound-ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful-fills God's Word!

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813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 Still lift your standard high,
 Still march in firm array,
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend
 Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

6 At last the march shall end;
 The wearied ones shall rest;
 The pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
 The Lord whom we adore:
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 One God forevermore. Refrain

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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.

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

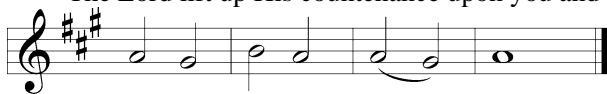
Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

818 In Thee Is Gladness

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayers for Our Members

Sharon Hockemeier, Tenaya Nuttelman	Expectant Mothers
Isaiah Gaunt	Healing
Ellis Junge (<i>Todd and Chelsea's son</i>)	Healing
Norman Abels (<i>Brookestone Meadows - Elkhorn</i>)	Healing
Judy Ahrens	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht (<i>Mount Carmel</i>)	Healing
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Lyle Colsden (<i>Mother Hull</i>)	Healing
Mary Fiddelke	Healing
Pat Flodine (<i>Cambridge Court</i>)	Healing
Vi Fox (<i>Prairie View</i>)	Healing
Verleen Gentry	Healing
Wanda Glanzer	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden (<i>Mother Hull</i>)	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer
Bertha Marienau	Cancer
Kim Vos	Cancer

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Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends

Family of Lynne Saathoff (<i>Verleen Gentry's sister-in-law</i>)	Grief
Family of Deverne Malchow (<i>Joy Barefoot's Father</i>)	Grief
Shaylee Kreutzer (<i>Philip's wife</i>)	Expecting
Elaine Arehart (<i>Zion's Music Teacher</i>)	Expecting
Family of James Sexton (<i>Helmbrecht's friend</i>)	Dying
Scott Baker (<i>Father of Zion Students</i>)	Healing
Jean Brooks (<i>Bruce Brooks & Becky Thornton's sister-in-law</i>)	Healing
Larry Bombeck (<i>Ivan's brother</i>)	Healing
Reg Duke (<i>Westman's brother-in-law</i>)	Healing
James Gentry (<i>Verleen's son</i>)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (<i>Marc's father</i>)	Healing
David Kreutzer (<i>Richard's brother</i>)	Healing
Dillon Malchow (<i>Joy Barefoot's nephew</i>)	Healing
Tim Powers (<i>Kim Wilken's brother</i>)	Healing
Roy Reynolds (<i>Verleen Gentry's son-in-law</i>)	Healing
Randy Solomon (<i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i>)	Healing
Tim Trampe (<i>Don & Gretchen's son</i>)	Healing
Larry Saathoff (<i>Verleen Gentry's brother</i>)	Cancer
Jonah (<i>Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend</i>)	Cancer
Stuart Gronewoller (<i>Lonna's brother-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Linda Heapy (<i>Janel Lange's mother</i>)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (<i>Jeff's dad</i>)	Cancer
Randy Jochum (<i>Ken Hockemeier's brother-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (<i>Pam Uhler's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Pr. Richard Snow (<i>NE District President</i>)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhler (<i>Pam's nephew</i>)	Cancer
Scott Catterson (<i>Jim & Pat's Son</i>)	Deployment
Tim Smallcomb (<i>Wilkens' friend</i>)	Deployment



Zion
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Church

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Vi Fox, in celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Worship Assistants

Sunday, December 12th~ 9:00am

Elder: Bruce Brooks
Usher: Steve Junge
Acolyte: Lindsay Wilkens
Engineer: Zach DeLoach
Announcer: Jesse Florang
Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal

Sunday, December 19th~ 9:00am

Elder: Eric Rosenthal
Usher: Andy Wollberg
Acolyte: Kassiday Halvorsen
Engineer: Jared Nuttelman
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller
Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal

Our Response to the Gospel

Date: 12/5/2021
Offering: \$8,621
Weekly Need: \$7,457.69

This Week at Zion

Sun 12/12	9:00a 10:20a 10:30a 4:00p 6:00p	Divine Service Bible Study/Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM Zion School Christmas Program Divine Service
Mon 12/13	7:00p	Mary Martha Christmas Party
Tues 12/14	1:30p 7:00p <i>Birthdays</i>	Sleeping Mats Bd of Ed Bd of Elders Bd of Trustees <i>Vaughn Albrecht</i>
Wed 12/15	8:30a 5:30p 7:00p 8:00p	Chapel Advent Meal Advent Service Adult Choir
Thurs 12/16	5:15p	Adult Bell Choir
Fri 12/17	<i>Birthdays</i>	Last Day of the Semester <i>Marion Richmond</i> <i>Judy Tadlock</i>
Sat 12/18	9:00a <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	Childrens' Christmas Eve Practice <i>Tony Ahrens</i> <i>Eric & Beth Rosenthal</i>
Sun 12/19	9:00a 10:20a 10:30a 4:00p 5:00p	Divine Service Bible Study/Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM Zion School Christmas Program Divine Service



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, December 12, our evening service is scheduled for **6:00 pm** due to the school Christmas program, which is scheduled for 4:00 pm. Please pass the word to those you normally see at the evening service.

Our Next Advent Vespers service is this Wednesday, December 15, at 7 pm. A light supper will be served by the Board of Education from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

Christmas Eve Service Practice: The Sunday School students will have their final practice next Saturday, Dec. 18th - 9-10:30 am, followed by bowling at the Big Apple from 11-12:30 and pizza and soda afterwards at the church. Call Matt Hodgson (309-627-7732) with any questions.

Calling all Sr. Citizens! Are you ready to share a meal and play some cards? Join us at noon on Monday, December 20th. Bring your "A Game" and a dish to share.

Christmas Break Office Hours will be 9am-1pm Monday-Friday. Office will be closed Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Please plan accordingly.

Our Annual Food Collection is underway and will continue through Christmas. Please place your non-perishable food items in one of the grocery carts. If you can help deliver these items to various relief agencies, please let Holly know (234-3410).

Zion Pie Sales: We still have some remaining pies left to purchase. If you are interested, stop by the office. Thanks!

Zion's 4th Quarter (Oct - Dec) Mission Offerings will support Zion's current students, who are studying for full-time church work. All our students are at Concordia (CUNE):

Peter Kreutzer - Lutheran Teacher's Diploma (LTD)

Jessica Zehendner - LTD

Taylor Zehendner - LTD

Please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex for this offering. Or give via Church Trac by selecting "Missions." Thank you for your support.

Radio Broadcast - The sign-up sheets for the 2022 radio broadcast and altar flowers are up by the mailboxes! The remaining 2021 sheets are still up on the right side. The 28th of November is still available for radio sponsors! Please help Zion spread the Gospel!

Offering Options:

- 1) Place your offering in the basket as you leave
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847. Or place it in the mail slot on the south side of the building.



SCHOOL NEWS



The theme for our school year is "Together by Christ's Love" based on 1 John 4:7-8.

- **K-8th Christmas Program**: is today at 4pm! Please come listen to the students celebrate the birth of Christ! If you have not yet, please consider bringing a treat to share with those in attendance!
- **Registration for 2022-2023 School Year**: Registration is now open for the 2022-2023 school year for current school families and Zion church members on December 6th. Registration will open to the public on Wednesday, January 3rd. Registration papers for early childhood families will be attached to this newsletter. Enrollment has been very competitive in several programs

Turn in your registration forms as soon as possible! Last year we were forced to turn away many due to class size limits. It will not be long before we are filled up! If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office. For 1st-8th grade students - we will send out an automatic reenrollment form via email. To keep your child's spot on the roster, simply complete and submit. This will go out late Dec/early Jan.

- **Friday, December 17th** is the last day of the semester! Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in January!
- **Zion Job Opportunity:**
 - Music substitute teacher needed. Our K-8 music teacher, Mrs. Arehart, is expecting! She will be due sometime in March and we will need a substitute to teach music 2-3 days a week for the fourth quarter of the year. Current teacher certification needed.
 - There is an opening for an Early Childhood Aide in one of our MWF Pre-K classes starting in January! This would be a part time morning position. If you enjoy working with children 3yrs and up, this will be a fun position for you.

If you have any questions about these positions, Contact Mr. Splittgerber (Anthony.splittgerber@zionkearney.org)

- **Zion Basketball** has begun for the 5th-8th grade boys and girls. The schedule is nearly finalized and will be posted on the school website and app.

