

# Divine Service



# First Sunday of Christmas

December 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death***

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12-13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “*brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord*” (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for “*the redemption of Jerusalem*” and “*the consolation of Israel*” (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in “*giving thanks to God the Father through him,*” “*singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,*” including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28-32, 38; Col. 3:15-17).

## Confession and Absolution

### 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*sts. 1, ref. 2-4*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

#### *Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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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

*LSB 184*

**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

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,\*  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.  
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!\*  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.  
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\*  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\*  
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!  
The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the | nations,\*  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation | of our God.

## Gloria Patri

LSB 186



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



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie

LSB 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



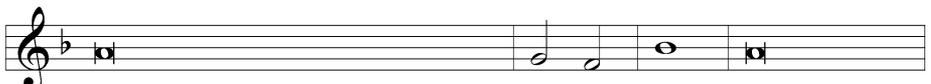
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



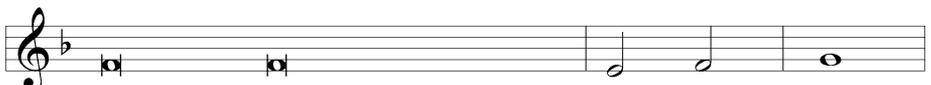
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and



forever. **C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . .

<sup>11</sup>“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, <sup>12</sup>you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. <sup>13</sup>Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup>And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. <sup>15</sup>For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;\*  
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.  
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,\*  
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.  
Sing to the Lord a | new song,\*  
for he has done | marvelous things!

## Epistle

*Colossians 3:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:22–40*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple,

and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,

and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

<sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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*

## 519 In His Temple Now Behold Him



1 In His tem - ple now be - hold Him, See the long - ex -  
 2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Vir - gin pure, be -  
 3 Je - sus, by Your pre - sen - ta - tion, When they blessed You,



pect - ed Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told Him,  
 hold Him lie While His a - ged saints a - dore Him  
 weak and poor, Make us see Your great sal - va - tion,



God has now ful - filled His word. Now to praise Him,  
 Ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Seal us with Your prom - ise sure; And pre - sent us



His re - deem - ed Shall break forth with one ac - cord.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!  
 in Your glo - ry To Your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.

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## Sermon - "A Peaceful New Year"

Luke 2:29-32

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

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Lord's Prayer

196

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.



### 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
2 "To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,  
3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your  
4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by



news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of  
sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your  
God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,



joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.  
Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.  
bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.

5 "These are the signs that you shall mark:  
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.  
There you will find the infant laid  
By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."

6 How glad we'll be to find it so!  
Then with the shepherds let us go  
To see what God for us has done  
In sending us His own dear Son.

7 Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,  
And see what in the manger lies.  
Who is this child, so young and fair?  
It is the Christ Child lying there.

8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,  
Through whom the sinful world is blest!  
You came to share my misery  
That You might share Your joy with me.

9 Ah, Lord, though You created all,  
How weak You are, so poor and small,  
That You should choose to lay Your head  
Where lowly cattle lately fed!

## 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 Δ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

A - men.

## 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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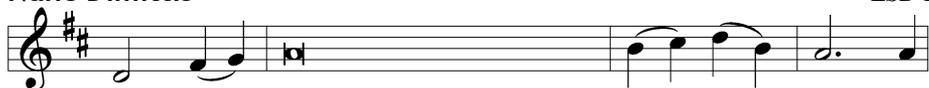
## The Dismissal

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

**G** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

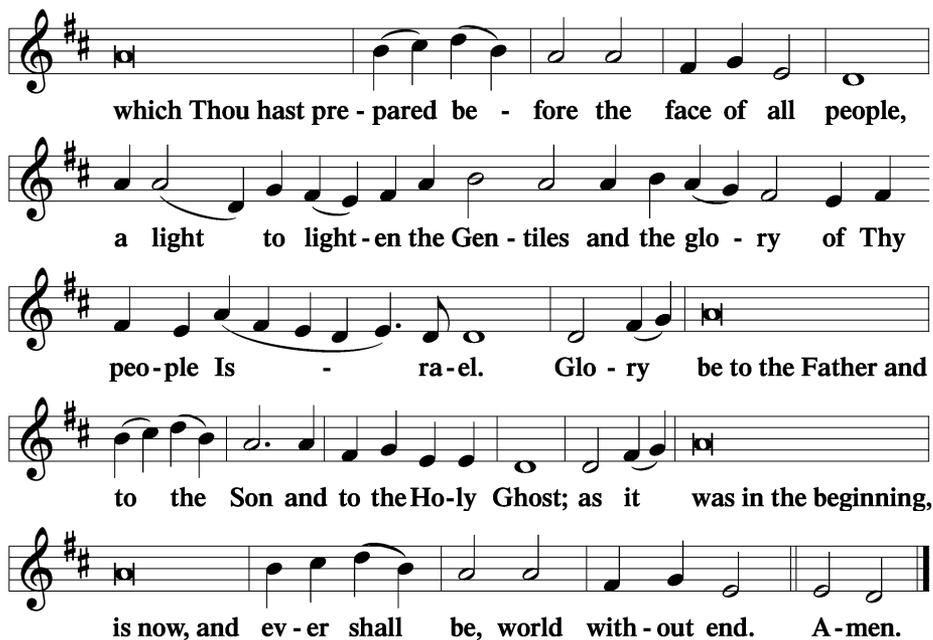
LSB 199



**G** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



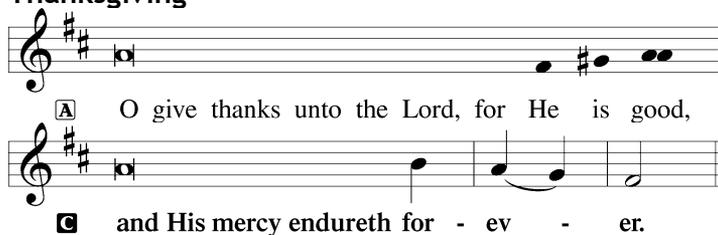
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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

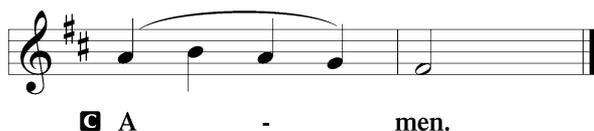
LSB 200



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

## **P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## Salutation

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

Musical notation for the Salutation, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics "And with thy spir - it." written below the notes.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Musical notation for the Benedicamus, featuring a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics "Thanks be to God." written below the notes.

## 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.

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

Musical notation for the Benediction, featuring a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics "A-men, a-men, a - men." written below the notes.

## 937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,  
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and  
va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

Musical notation for the hymn "937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace", featuring a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes.

## Prayers for Our Members

Birth of Wesley Adam Hockemeier ( <i>Son of Jordan and Sharon Hockemeier</i> )	Thanksgiving
Tenaya Nuttelman	Expecting
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
Ellis Junge ( <i>Todd and Chelsea's son</i> )	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer
Bertha Marienau	Cancer
Kim Vos	Cancer

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## Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends

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

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Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by the congregation members that purchased poinsettias!

Today's Radio Broadcast is by Dan & Shirley Oertwig in loving memory of fathers: Fred Oertwig and Virgil Wuehler.

## **Worship Assistants**

### **Sunday, December 26th~ 9:00am**

Elder: Dan Oertwig  
Usher: Mike Wilkens  
Acolyte: Grady Fisher  
Engineer: Shawn Starkey  
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer  
Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal

### **Sunday, January 2nd~ 9:00am**

Elder: Ken Hockemeier  
Usher: Fred Flessner  
Acolyte: Lindsay Wilkens  
Engineer: Jamie Nikodym  
Announcer: Brooke Fisher  
Altar Guild: Shirley Oertwig & Sheryl Fox

### **Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 12/19/2021  
Offering: \$8,471  
Weekly Need: \$7,457.69

## This Week at Zion

<b>Sun</b> <b>12/26</b>	<b>9:00a</b> <b>10:20a</b> <b>10:30a</b>  <b>5:00p</b> <i>Birthdays</i>	<b>Divine Service</b> <b>Bible Study/Sunday School</b> <b>Radio Broadcast 1460AM &amp; 92.1FM</b>  <b>Divine Service</b> Jana Flessner Lyn Hoffman
<b>Mon</b> <b>12/27</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	Dyann Altwine Allison Wilkens
<b>Tues</b> <b>12/28</b>	<b>1:30p</b>  <i>Birthdays</i>	<b>Sleeping Mats</b>  <i>Zach DeLoach</i> <i>Don Engel</i> <i>Jacquelyn Zehendher</i>
<b>Wed</b> <b>12/29</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Chelsea Herrera</i>
<b>Thurs</b> <b>12/30</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Betty Mustard</i>
<b>Fri</b> <b>12/31</b>		
<b>Sat</b> <b>1/1</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Jeanne Wollberg</i> <i>Jeffery Halvorsen</i> <i>Shane Eckhoff</i>
<b>Sun</b> <b>1/2</b>	<b>9:00a</b> <b>10:20a</b> <b>10:30a</b>  <b>5:00p</b> <i>Birthdays</i>	<b>Divine Service</b> <b>Bible Study/Sunday School</b> <b>Radio Broadcast 1460AM &amp; 92.1FM</b>  <b>Divine Service</b> Jamie Nikodym



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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**January Sower:** Please have any January Sower announcements emailed to the office by January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

**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 2022. God works through His word.

**Poinsettias:** For those that purchased a poinsettia, they can be picked up anytime. When you pick them up, please leave the drip tray for church to reuse next year.

**Our Annual Food Collection** is coming to an end. 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!

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give)
- 3) Go to [zionkearney.com](http://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.



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## SCHOOL NEWS



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

- **Registration for 2022-2023 School Year:** Registration opens to the public on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration papers for Early Childhood families are available in the school office. 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! A reenrollment form has been sent out for students who will be in 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> next year! Be sure to check your email and fill it out ASAP and turn it in, along with your registration fee! Please do not assume there will be space for your child if you delay. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office.
- **Children’s Christmas Program:** If you missed the Children’s Christmas Program, it is available for viewing on the school website.
- **Extended Break:** The Christmas Break has been extended to Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will allow the teachers to become acquainted with the new SMARTBoards that will be installed during the break. Please plan accordingly.
- **Zion Basketball** has begun for the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. The schedule has been posted on the app! Be sure to make your calendars!

