

Divine Service



Second Sunday of
Advent

December 5th, 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 Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord

The preaching and Baptism "*of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*" (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to "*see the salvation of God*" (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He "*will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*" (Phil. 1:6). He purifies

us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3–4).

Confession and Absolution

936 Sing Praise to the God of Israel



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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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

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight.”

Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!*

O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.*

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.

But my people did not listen | to my voice;*

Israel would not sub- | mit to me.

Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,*

that Israel would walk | in my ways!

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: *
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Gloria Patri

LSB 186

☐ 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

☐ 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

verse 4, ref

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

Ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

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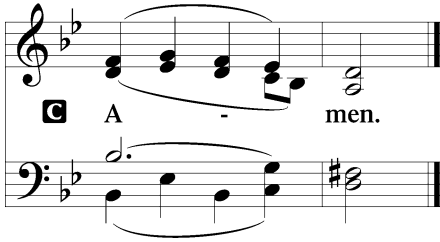
Salutation and Collect of the Day

☐ The Lord be with you.

☐ And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1–7b

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

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 1:2–11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

A 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 3:1–20

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 \neq everlasting. Amen.

Sit

344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in; And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Sermon ~ “Stirred Hearts and Readied Ways”

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.

Adult Choir Offertory Music:

Come O long-expected Jesus,
Born to set your people free.
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all earth Thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

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

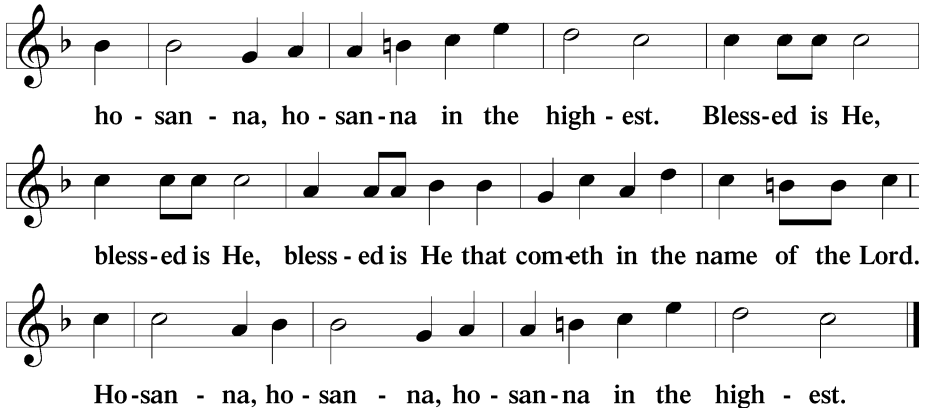
LSB 195



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

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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.

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef and the bass line is in the bass clef. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4. The bass line consists of a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a half note G2. A square box with the letter 'C' is placed below the first measure of the treble staff. The lyrics 'A - men.' are written below the notes.

Agnus Dei

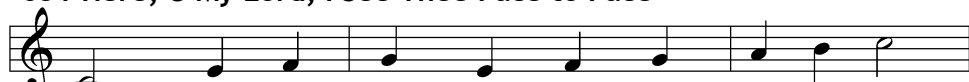
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Five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics 'O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the'. The second staff has the lyrics 'world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that'. The third staff has the lyrics 'tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.'. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the'. The fifth staff has the lyrics 'world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.'. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4. The bass line consists of a half note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, and a half note G2.

Sit

Distribution

631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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349 Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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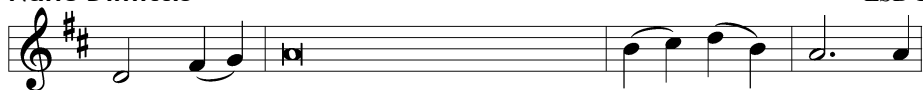
The Dismissal

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

LSB 199



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.



G 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.



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

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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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
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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 Uhlir's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Pr. Richard Snow (<i>NE District President</i>)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (<i>Pam's nephew</i>)	Cancer
Scott Catterson (<i>Jim & Pat's Son</i>)	Deployment
Tim Smallcomb (<i>Wilkens' friend</i>)	Deployment



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Today's Altar Flowers and Radio Broadcast are provided by
Waunita DeLaet, in memory of her husband Ron.

Worship Assistants

Sunday, December 5th~ 9:00am

Elder: Nathan Gaunt
Usher: Fred Flessner
Acolyte: Lexie Eckhoff
Engineer: Jamie Nikodym
Announcer: Brooke Fisher
Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal

Sunday, December 12th~ 9:00am

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

Our Response to the Gospel

Date: 11/28/2021
Offering: \$5,138
Weekly Need: \$7,457.69

This Week at Zion

<p>Sun 12/5</p>	<p>9:00a 10:20a 10:30a</p> <p>5:00p <i>Birthdays</i></p>	<p>Divine Service Bible Study/Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM</p> <p>Divine Service <i>Bailey Bates</i> <i>Adam Herrera</i></p>
<p>Mon 12/6</p>		
<p>Tues 12/7</p>	<p>1:30p</p>	<p>Sleeping Mats</p>
<p>Wed 12/8</p>	<p>8:30a 5:30p 7:00p 8:00p</p> <p><i>Birthdays</i></p>	<p>Chapel Advent Meal Advent Service Adult Choir</p> <p><i>Bret Ward</i></p>
<p>Thurs 12/9</p>	<p>5:15p <i>Birthdays</i></p>	<p>Adult Bell Choir <i>Victoria Crow</i> <i>William Hansen</i> <i>Alexandra Splittgerber</i></p>
<p>Fri 12/10</p>	<p><i>Anniversaries</i></p>	<p><i>David & Kay Banner</i></p>
<p>Sat 12/11</p>	<p>9:00a 10:00a-2:00p</p>	<p>Childrens' Christmas Eve Practice Youth Group Cookie Decorating</p>
<p>Sun 12/12</p>	<p>9:00a 10:20a 10:30a 4:00p 6:00p</p>	<p>Divine Service Bible Study/Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM Zion School Christmas Program Divine Service</p>



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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

Next Sunday, 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 8, at 7 pm. A light supper will be served by the Elders and the Trustees 5:30 - 6:30 pm. This week we will consider how the Son of God, who once dwelt among His people in a tent made of animal skins, has made His eternal dwelling place among us in our human skin in order to bring us back to life with God.

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.

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).

Sunday School Christmas Eve Service: The Sunday school classes plan to lead the Christmas Eve service once again. Depending on the number of children participating, we are going to have practice on the following dates:

Dec. 4th - 9-10:30am

Dec. 11th - 9-10:30am

Dec. 18th - 9-10:30am

Unfortunately, we will not be able to go caroling at the care homes because of Covid, but we will have a fun event for everyone to join in. Please let us know if your child will join us and if you are willing to help.

Thank You,

Matt Hodgson - (308)627-7732 - matthodgson1@hotmail.com

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.**



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 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.

- **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)

- **K-8th Christmas Program:** is Sunday, December 12th at 4pm. The dress rehearsal on Dec. 10th at 12:30p is also open to families that want to avoid large crowds. Please come listen to the students celebrate the birth of Christ!

- In the past, refreshments have followed the Christmas Program (K-8th). **All families are asked to please provide one or two dozen cookies and bars to share with those in the attendance.** Please drop off refreshments in the Fellowship Hall or Office on Friday, December 10th.
- **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.

