

# The Festival of Our Lord's Nativity

25 December 2022 ~ 10:00 a.m.

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### A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Please sign our guest book in the narthex and let us know how we can be of service to you. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to visit with you about our desire for true unity in Christ and how that is connected to our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service.

## The Living and Life-Giving Word of God Dwells Among Us in the Flesh

The Lord sends out His ministers of the Gospel to make disciples "of all the nations," so that "all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." The Lord has "bared his holy arm" in the incarnate Christ (Is. 52:7, 10). The child in the manger, born of the Virgin Mary, is the very Word of God, the only begotten Son of the Father, "whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world" (Heb. 1:2). As "all things were made through him" (John 1:3), so are all things redeemed and made new in Him. In His body of flesh and blood, we behold "the radiance of the glory of God" (Heb. 1:3), "glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). He dwells among us in peace, that we might have life and light and salvation in Him. For by His Word of the Gospel, we are born again as the children of God, bearing His name and sharing His eternal life.

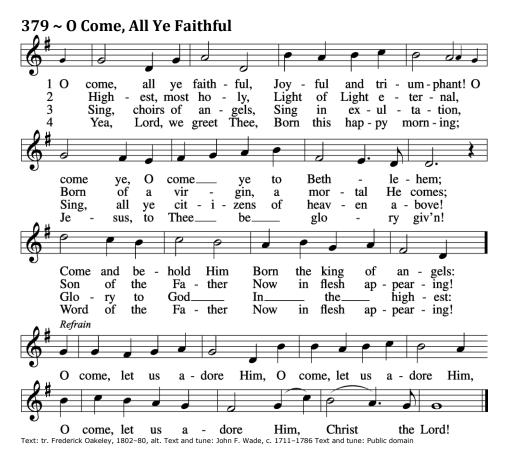


# **Serving Zion Today**

<u>Organist</u>: Teresa Leising <u>Elder</u>: Eric Rosenthal <u>Usher</u>: Mike Wilkens <u>Crucifer</u>: Gradyn Fisher <u>Engineer</u>: Reilly Fisher <u>Announcer</u>: Brooke Fisher

Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal & Shirley Helmbrecht

**Duet: Nathan and Miriam Gaunt** 



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,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Confession of Sins LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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 LSB 185

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

# Service of the Word

#### Introit

(Psalm 98:1-4; Antiphon: Isaiah 9:6)

For 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.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | mar<u>velous</u> things!\*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*

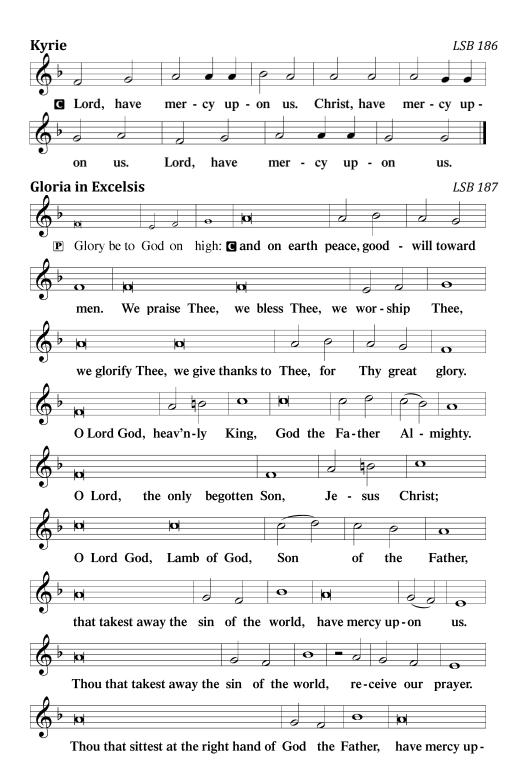
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

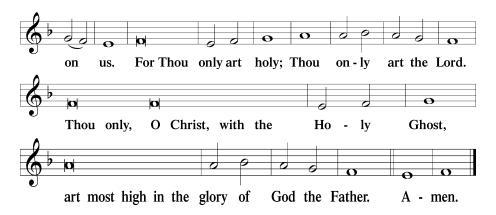
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\* All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\* break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!



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





## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **Old Testament Reading** ~ *Isaiah 52:7-10*

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

<sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy;

for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- 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 ~ Hebrews 1:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

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

## <u>Alleluia Verse with Gospel Processional (Please stand)</u> The congregation will echo the Alleluias after Pastor

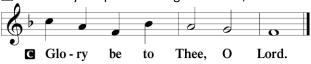
Alle-luia. Alle-luia. Alle-luia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His | glory,\*
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and | truth.

Alle-luia, Alle-luia, Alle-luia,

## Holy Gospel ~ John 1:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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



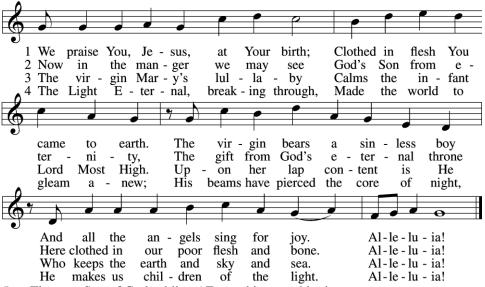
#### Nicene Creed

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.





5 The very Son of God sublime | Entered into earthly time

To lead us from this world of cares

To heaven's courts as blessèd heirs. Alleluia!

6 In poverty He came to earth | Showing mercy by His birth;

He makes us rich in heav'nly ways

As we, like angels, sing His praise. Alleluia!

7 All this for us our God has done | Granting love through His own Son.

Therefore, all Christendom, rejoice

And sing His praise with endless voice. Alleluia!

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## **Sermon – O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is** based on LSB 372:1 & Hebrews 1:1-6

O Jesus Christ, Thy manger is

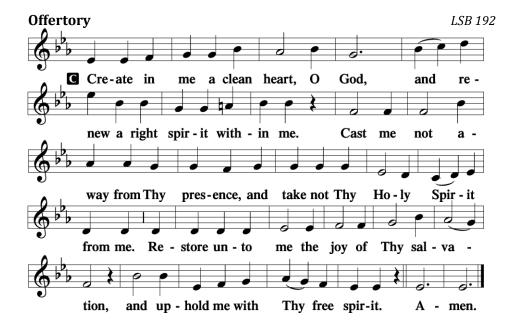
My paradise at which my soul reclineth.

For there, O Lord, Doth lie the Word

Made flesh for us; herein Thy grace forth shineth.

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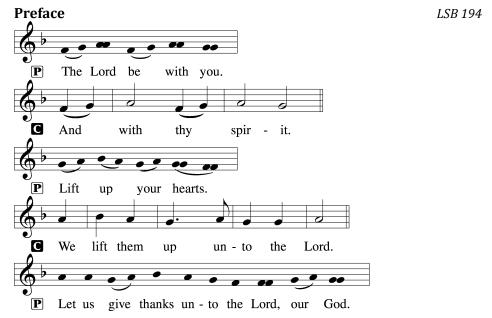
Stand



## Prayer of the Church

## The Offering

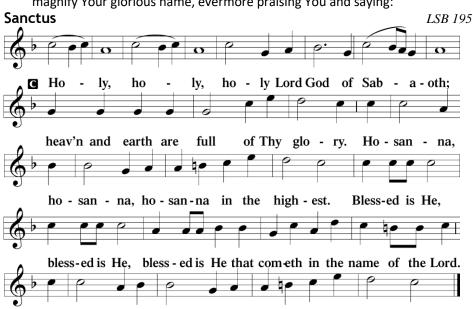






### **Proper Preface**

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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 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.

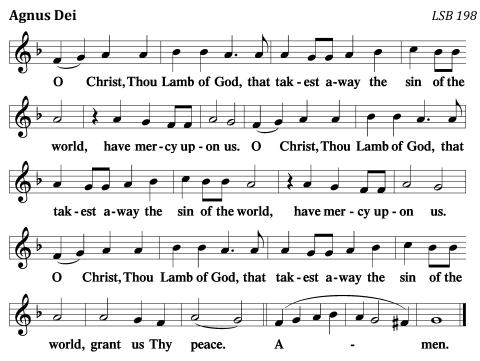
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 Amen.



#### THE DISTRIBUTION

#### 370 ~ What Child is This?

#### - Miriam and Nathan Gaunt

### 380 ~ Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



## 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

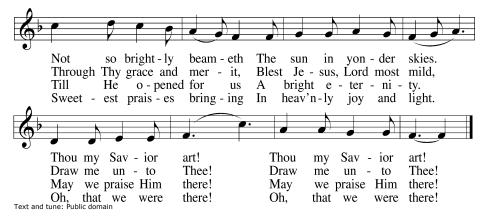
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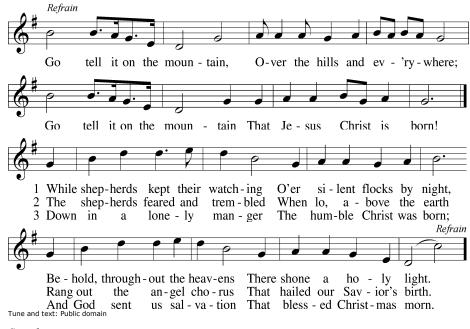
- 2 Come from on high to me;
- 3 Now through His Son doth shine
- 4 Oh. where shall joy be found?
- I can - not rise to Thee. The Fa-ther's grace di - vine.
- Where but on heav'n-ly



He from whom joy stream - eth wea-ried spir -Cheer my it, Death was reign-ing o'er us Where the an - gels sing - ing Poor in man-ger lies: a O pure and ho - ly Child; Through sin and van - i - ty With all His saints u - nite,



#### 388 Go Tell It on the Mountain



Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal LSB 199

- 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.



## Post-Communion Collect

and His mercy endureth for

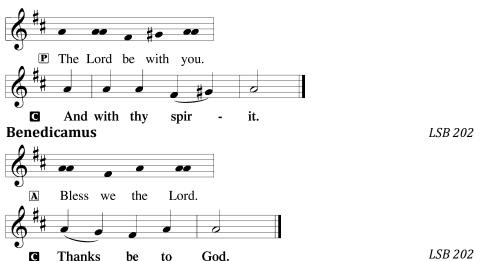
## P Let us pray.

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.

er.

C Amen.

Salutation LSB 201





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Prayers for Our Members		
Norman Abels (Brookestone Meadows-Elkhorn)	Healing	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing	
Wanda Glanzer	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Linda Luhn	Healing	
Don Trampe	Healing	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Bertha Marienau	Cancer	

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends		
Lana Fattig (Eric's wife)	Expecting	
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's	
Greg Blum (Junge Family Friend)	Healing	
Elaine de la Motte (Carol Herron's sister-in-law)	Healing	
Deb Engles (Lorelie's sister)	Healing	
Paul Hanneman (Lorelie's brother)	Healing	
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing	
Joshua Junge (Steve's nephew)	Healing	
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing	
LeRoyce Margaritz (Wanda Glanzer's brother)	Healing	
Tim Powers (Kim Wilken's brother)	Healing	
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family)	Healing	
Aaron Russell (Becky Thornton's son-in-law)	Healing	
David & Carol Shiers (Jessica's parents)	Healing	
Rev. Richard Snow (Nebraska District President)	Healing	
Pat Snyder (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing	
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing	
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer	
Robin Baker (Former Zion member)	Cancer	
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer	
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer	
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer	
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer	
Cindy Pietsch (Ellen Koopman's sister-in-law)	Cancer	
Rick Schnacker (Marilyn Fuqua's nephew)	Cancer	
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer	
Ray Vang (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Cancer	

## Response to the Gospel

Date: 12/18/2022 Offering: \$7,994 Weekly Need: \$7,500

### Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate as you enter or 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.

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

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored by everyone who purchased poinsettias.

## **Worship Assistants**

## Sunday, January 1st - 9:00am

Elder: Eric Rosenthal

Acolyte: Lexie Eckhoff

Usher: Fred Flessner
Engineer: Reilly Fisher

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller | Altar Guild: Shirley Oertwig & Sheryl Fox

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This Week at Zion

Sun 12/25	10:00a	Divine Service
Christmas	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
Day		1460AM & 92.1FM
	Birthdays	Brandon Fletcher
		Kaitlyn Kaufman
		Justin Ronning
Mon 12/26	Birthdays	Jana Flessner
		Lyn Hoffman
Tues 12/27	Birthdays	DyAnn Altwine
		Allison Wilkens
Wed 12/28	Birthdays	Zachariah DeLoach
		Don Engel
		Jackie Zehendner
Thurs 12/29	Birthdays	Chelsea Herrera
Fri 12/30	Birthdays	Betty Mustard
Sat 12/31		Heiden Family Christmas - FH
Sun 1/1	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast - 1460AM & 92.1FM
	Birthdays	Jeanne Wollberg
		Jeff Halvorsen
		Shane Eckhoff

## Announcements for December 25th, 2022

<u>Poinsettias:</u> will be available for pick up after today after the service. Please leave the water trays so we can use them again next year.

Office Closed: The office will be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. Office hours will remain 8a-4p.

<u>Sunday School:</u> There will be no Sunday school Christmas Day or New Year's Day. It will start again on January  $8^{th}$ .

New Church Directory: The parish staff have determined it is time for our new pictorial church directory. We are scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-8:30pm. We will need volunteers to help make this a smooth process. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Holly and she will direct you to the right person.

<u>Year End Reports:</u> Chairman Elect Don Helmbrecht would like all Boards and committees to submit a brief yearly report to be turned in to the Church office by the end of January. The most convenient way to submit these is by email. school@zionkearney.org

<u>Missions Information Director</u>: Zion needs someone to help publicize the name, nature and needs of the many mission projects and workers that we support at various times of the church year. If you are willing and able to help, this please contact Pastor DeLoach.

Ark Encounter Trip: Pastor DeLoach would like to make arrangements for a group of Zion's members to visit the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum sometime in late May or early June. The Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Please give Pastor your name and number if you are interested in this trip. You can text or email him or you can put your information on an attendance card and give it to him after the service. Thank you!

<u>Bible Reading Cards</u>: A new set of Bible reading cards for the new year can be picked up in the church entryway. Each card is a tool to keep track of your Bible reading progress as you mark each chapter you have read in 2022. God works through His word.

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers: The sign-up sheets for the 2023 radio broadcasts and flowers are on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. If you want a certain date, sign up ASAP.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

<u>Christmas Break:</u> There will be no school from Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

<u>Basketball Schedules:</u> Both boys and girls basketball schedules are finalized and posted on the app. The first game will be here on January 10<sup>th</sup>, starting with the girls at 4:30pm.

**Extra Pies:** There are plenty of extra pies left over from our sale. Contact the office for availability and pricing.