

Divine Service



First Sunday after Christmas

January 1st, 2022

Zion Lutheran Church

Kearney, Nebraska

Welcome to Zion!

Guests please record your attendance on a card in the pew rack and let us know how we can be of service to you.

Holy Communion at Zion

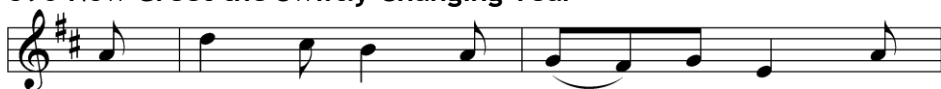
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation as Jesus has given it. As he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. *All communicants* need to register in the narthex prior to the service.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune until they are able to speak with our pastor first. He is happy to visit with you about the Christian faith and how to receive the Lord's Supper for your good and for the good of others. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

The Lord Jesus Comes in the Flesh to Fulfill the Law for Us and Save Us from Our Sins

Circumcision is the covenant God made with Abraham and his seed. It sealed God's promises and blessings in the flesh, but it also signified the burden of the Law. When the Lord Jesus came in the flesh to redeem His people, He subjected Himself to the Law in order to fulfill the Law and release all men from its captivity. *"He was called Jesus"* (Luke 2:21), because He came to save His people from their sins. He would shed His blood on their behalf, as He did already when *"he was circumcised"* (Luke 2:21). As He also sacrificed Himself upon the cross, you are *"justified by faith"* in His blood (Gal. 3:24). Therefore, *"you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise"* (Gal. 3:29), not by the circumcision of your flesh, but in the flesh and blood of Christ Jesus, the true seed of Abraham. *"Baptized into Christ,"* you belong to Him and are clothed and covered by His righteousness (Gal. 3:27). Holy Baptism is the true circumcision made without hands, by which the Lord Jesus puts His name on you and blesses you (Num. 6:22, 27).

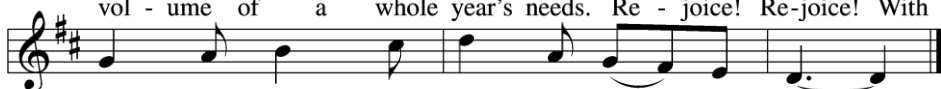
896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year



1 Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year With
 2 Re - mem - ber now the Son of God And
 3 This Je - sus came to end sin's war; This
 4 His love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds The



joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere. Re - joice! Re-joice! With
 how He shed His in - fant blood. Re - joice! Re-joice! With
 Name of names for us He bore. Re - joice! Re-joice! With
 vol - ume of a whole year's needs. Re - joice! Re-joice! With



thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of grace.
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- 5 With Him as Lord to lead our way
 In want and in prosperity,
 What need we fear in earth or space
 In this new year of grace!
- 6 "All glory be to God on high,
 And peace on earth!" the angels cry.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
 Another year of grace.

△7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
 To all our pleas incline Your ear;
 Upon our lives rich blessing trace
 In this new year of grace.

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Invocation

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.

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

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

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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.

Introit

Jeremiah 31:15–17; antiphon: Hosea 11:1

When Israel was a child, I | loved him,*

and out of Egypt I | called my son.

Thus says the LORD: “A voice is heard in | Ramah,*

lamentation and bitter | weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her | children;*

she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they | are no more.”

Thus says the LORD: “Keep your voice from | weeping,*

and your | eyes from tears,

for there is a reward for your work, de- | clares the LORD,*

and they shall come back from the land of the | enemy.

There is hope for your future, de- | clares the LORD,*

and your children shall come back to their own | country.”

When Israel was a child, I | loved him,*

and out of Egypt I | called my son.

Gloria Patri

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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

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



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

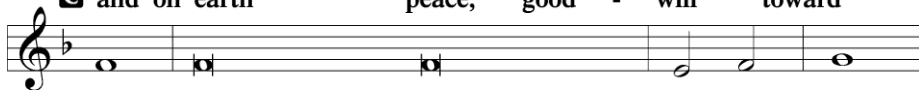
Gloria in Excelsis

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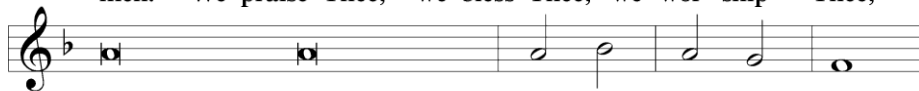
P Glory be to God on high:



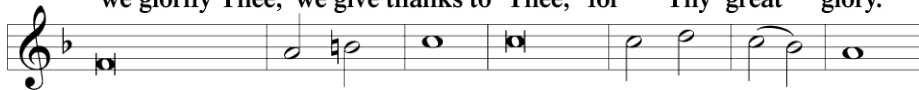
C and on earth peace, good - will toward



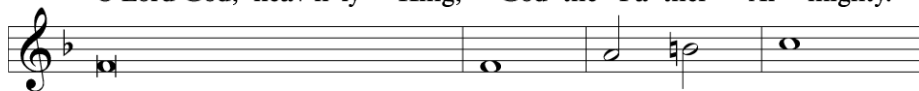
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



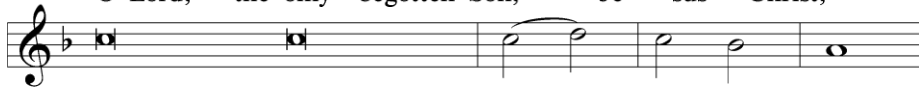
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



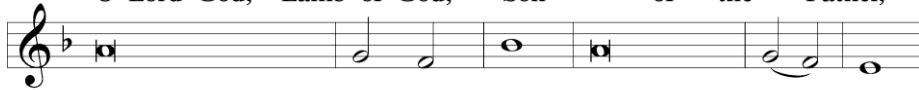
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



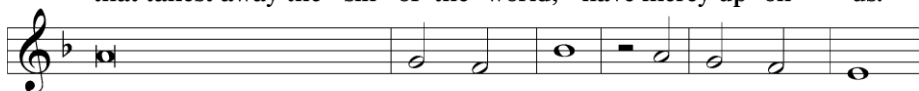
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



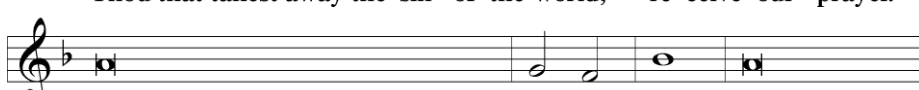
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



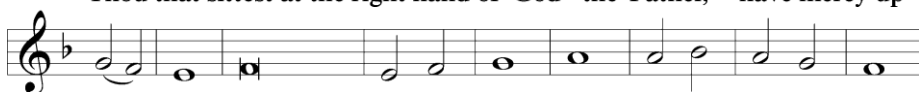
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



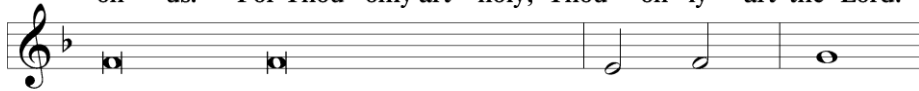
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



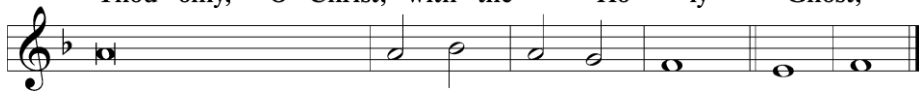
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



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 spirit.

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 Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63:7–14

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,
according to all that the LORD has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely.”
And he became their Savior.

⁹In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit;
therefore he turned to be their enemy,
and himself fought against them.

¹¹Then he remembered the days of old,
of Moses and his people.

Where is he who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is he who put in the midst of them
his Holy Spirit,

¹²who caused his glorious arm
to go at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,

¹³who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.

¹⁴Like livestock that go down into the valley,
the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

So you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

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

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13–23

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

¹⁹But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” ²¹And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

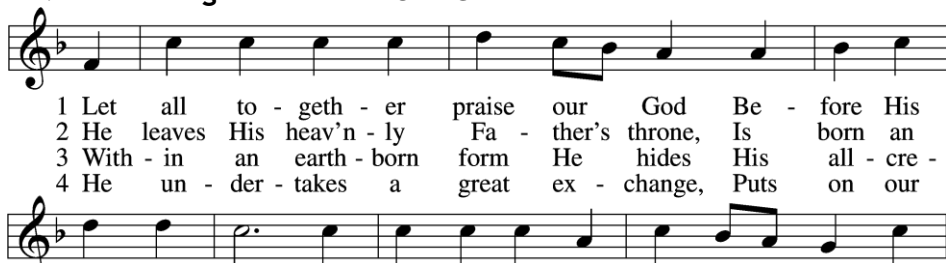
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

389 Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our

glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
 splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.
 glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

5 He is a servant, I a lord:

How great a mystery!

How strong the tender

Christ Child's love!

No truer friend than He,

No truer friend than He.

△7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,

Lord Jesus, we adore

And praise to God the Father yield

And Spirit evermore;

We praise You evermore.

6 He is the key and He the door

To blessèd paradise;

The angel bars the way no more.

To God our praises rise,

To God our praises rise.

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Sermon

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Offertory

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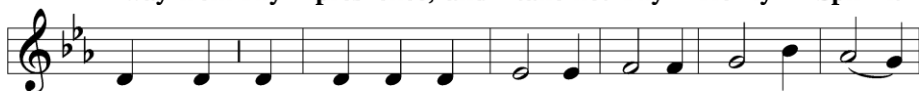
☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



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

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Consecration of the Offering

After the prayers please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. As you prepare to receive the sacrament you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn.

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



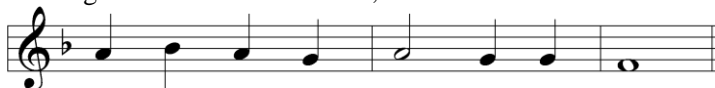
C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

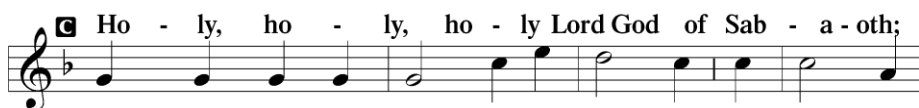


C It is meet and right so to do.

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

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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.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

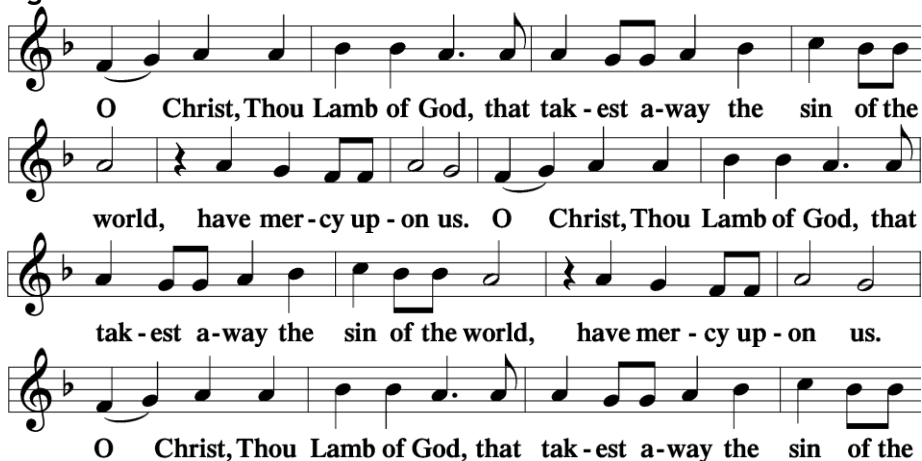
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con -
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
 As at the rail on bended knee
 Our hungry mouths from Him receive
 The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
 A priestly food and priestly meat;
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
 His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim
 Our voices join the endless hymn,
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

sts. 1-6



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Soon bears us all away; Our hope for years to come,
We fly forgotten as a dream Be Thou our guard while troubles last
Dies at the op'ning day. And our eternal home!

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376 Once in Royal David's City



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



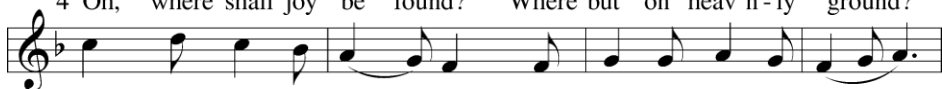
was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
feels for all our sad-ness, And He shares in all our glad-ness.
leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.
stars His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

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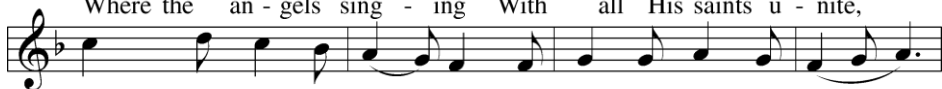
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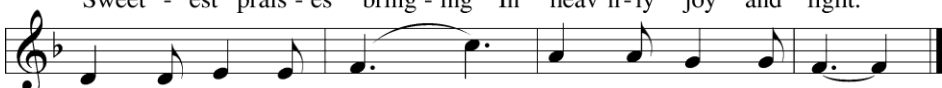
1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



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



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

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The Dismissal

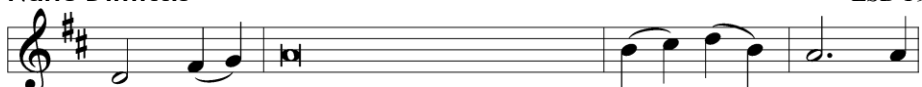
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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



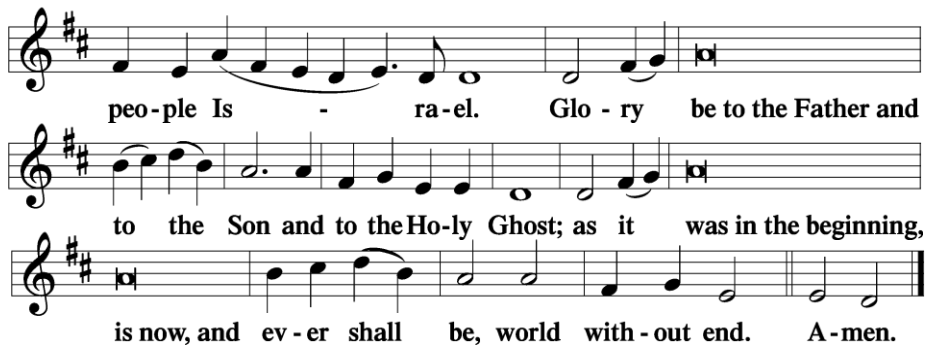
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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



Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

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P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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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 Amen, amen, amen.

381 Let Our Gladness Have No End



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!
 3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!
 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!



For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!
 God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!
 From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!
 He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save



us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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Prayers for Our Members

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
Pat Flodine (<i>Cambridge Court</i>)	Healing
Vi Fox (<i>Prairie View</i>)	Healing
Wanda Glanzer	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden (<i>Mother Hull</i>)	Healing
Linda Luhn	Healing
Diane Plummer	Healing
Debra Schinkel	Healing
Don Trampe	Healing
Robin Baker	Cancer
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer
Bertha Marienau	Cancer

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends

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

Response to the Gospel

Date: 12/25/2022

Offering: \$

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.

<p>Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by the Sikes Family, in memory of Wayne and Dorothy Ann.</p>
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Worship Assistants

Sunday, January 1st - 9:00am

Elder: Eric Rosenthal	Usher: Fred Flessner
Acolyte: Lexie Eckhoff	Engineer: Reilly Fisher
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller	Altar Guild: Shirley Oertwig & Sheryl Fox

Sunday, January 8th - 9:00am

Elder: Ken Hockemeier	Usher: Steve Junge
Acolyte: Miriam Gaunt	Engineer: Eric Rosenthal
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer	Altar Guild: Shirley Oertwig & Sheryl Fox

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This Week at Zion

Sun 1/1	9:00a 10:30a 10:30a 5:00p <i>Birthdays</i>	Divine Service Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM Divine Service <i>Jeanne Wollberg</i> <i>Jeffrey Halvorsen</i> <i>Shane Eckhoff</i>
Mon 1/2	<i>Birthdays</i>	No School - Christmas Break <i>Jamie Nikodym</i>
Tues 1/3	1:30p	No School - Christmas Break Sleeping Mats
Wed 1/4	8:30a 5:45p <i>Birthdays</i>	School Resumes Registration Opens to Public Chapel Midweek <i>Todd Koopman</i>
Thurs 1/5	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Aaron Hockemeier</i>
Fri 1/6	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Alivia Peebles</i>
Sat 1/7	10:00a <i>Birthdays</i>	Takedown Christmas Décor <i>Emily Hartman</i> <i>Titus Gaunt</i> <i>Rev. Bill Ohlmann</i> <i>Emma Rosenthal</i>
Sun 1/8	9:00a 10:30a 10:30a 5:00p <i>Birthdays</i>	Divine Service Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM Divine Service <i>Bailey Hockemeier</i> <i>Don Trampe</i>

Announcements for January 1st, 2022

Zach DeLoach Nicaragua Mission Trip: Dear brother's and sister's in Christ,

I wanted to take the time to thank God for each and every one of you for supporting me on the Nicaragua mission trip that I was just a part of. Your support and prayers have meant the world to me, and the trip did not disappoint!

The Nicaragua mission was full of the giving and receiving of Christ's word, and the love and hope that comes with that. The community of Masatepe welcomed us with open arms and treated us very well.

We were so blessed to meet so many incredible people, whose examples of faith are inspiring. There is one such example that I wish to share with you, as it greatly impacted me.

There is a community member in Masatepe whose name is Don Beto. The coffee shop we stayed at which provided good jobs and a place of bible study to the community, was named Beto's in honor of this man. He is now 76 years old, but for about 55 years, he has owned his own clothing production business, which is entirely employed now by rehabbing alcoholics. Beto works there, offering guidance and ministry to the workers and everyday, goes door to door in his community to pray for families and encourage them to attend the local church and, "have their sins forgiven." Beto encouraged all of us in a bonfire chat to, "never put God in a box." He explained to us that we are a good creation, that God made us for his purposes and plans. That we can have immense comfort in that we have such a loving creator who even when we fall away, sends His only Son to us on the cross to redeem us and show us that we are not in charge, but that He is and that He is good.

So this new year, I would simply like to thank you all for being God's creation, for reflecting his encouraging nature upon me, and for allowing me to go on the mission through. For we are called to spread the Gospel in everything we say and do. As Christ says in Acts 1:7 as he ascends into heaven: "He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Cool things that happened on the trip:

1. Many service projects where we got to renovate the coffee shop and pineapple farm.
2. My pal Val got baptised, and 20 seconds later it rained for 2 min and then stopped!
3. We prayed over struggling alcoholics in the community and then enjoyed a rousing game of soccer! (I was on defense)
4. All of the wisdom and grace shown to us and offered to us by the community! It was such an amazing group of people!
5. Disconnecting. It felt good to be walking with just the people you saw everyday and with God.
6. All of the food!!! Don't get me started!!!!

May God the Creator, Savior, and All Powerful King be with you always,
Zach DeLoach

Office Closed: The office will be closed January 2nd.

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday school on New Year's Day. It will start again on January 8th.

New Church Directory: The parish staff have determined it is time for our new pictorial church directory. We are scheduled for February 7th-9th 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.

Year End Reports: 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

Missions Information Director: 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!

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.

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

Basketball Schedules: Both boys and girls basketball schedules are finalized and posted on the app. The first game will be here on January 10th, 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.