Divine Service



Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 26th, 2023 Zion Lutheran Church Kearney, Nebraska

H Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we can know how we can best of serve. 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 explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. 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.

By the Cross of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of Our God and Father

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, "he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats" (Matt. 25:32). "To those on his right," who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father (Matt. 25:34). Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him (Matt. 25:35–40). But "those on his left," who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart "into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep "as a shepherd seeks out his flock" (Ezek. 34:11–12). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, "the fat and the strong," but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds "the lean sheep" (Ezek. 34:16, 20). In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that "in Christ shall all be made alive" by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:20–26).



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- 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.

- \mathbf{P} I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. C

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

- \mathbf{P} O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with \mathbf{C} 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.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained P 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

Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*

the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;* let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*

and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

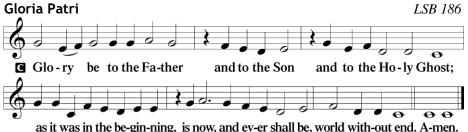
My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*

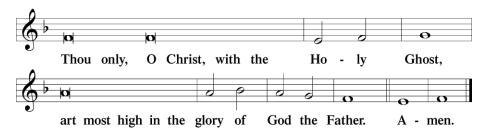
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!*

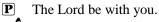
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.







Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

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

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb. Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



³¹[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

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.

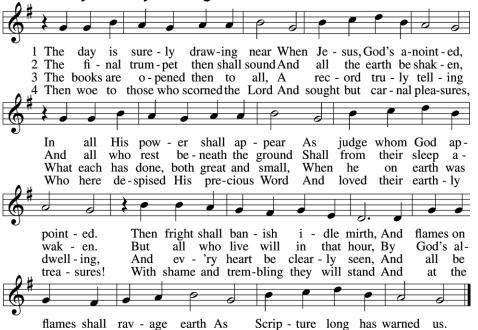
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.





5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

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May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit

 Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.

 Then we shall see Him face to face,
 With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.

Scrip - ture long has warned us. changed at His com-mand - ing. thoughts and words and ac - tions. Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;

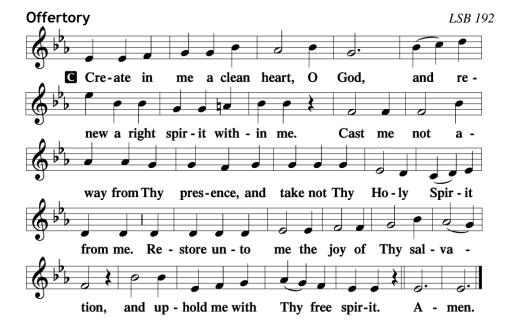
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.

 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

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Sermon

Stand



Prayer of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you,".

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The Offering

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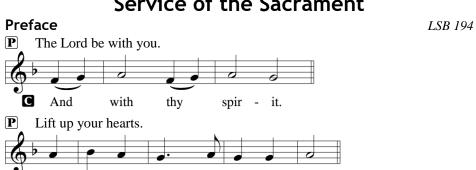
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up

The altar is set for the Lord's Supper as the offering is gathered. You may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn as you prepare to receive the sacrament.

Stand

Service of the Sacrament



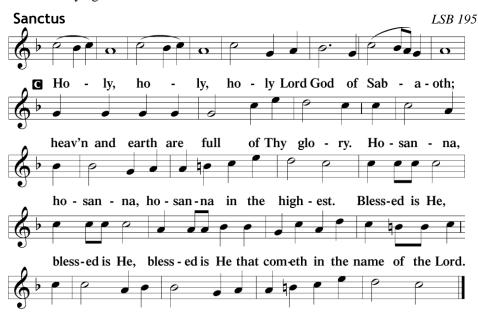
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Lord.



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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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;

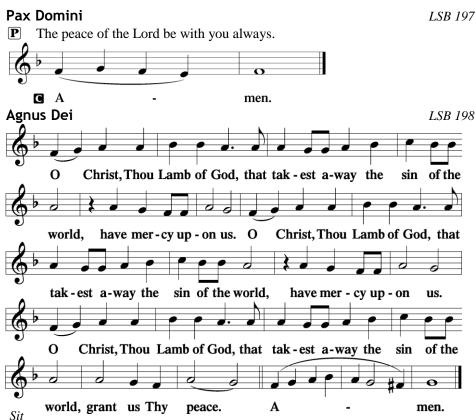
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

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

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."



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534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten 1 Lord, en - throned in 2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all 3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick-en rock with $\overline{\mathbf{o}}$ the dead, You strong de - fend - er, from a - lone, our Beth - le - hem. Here as there Your an - gels hail You. You were slain, In its full ness un - di - min-ished loud ho - san - na Heav'n and earth with stream - ing side, $\overline{\mathbf{o}}$ Lift -Your peo-ple's Al-le - lu ing up head. ia, Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al-le - lu ia. er Shall for - ev more re main. Al-le - lu ia. Wor - ship You, Al-le - lu the Lamb who died. ia, Je le - lu - ia, al-le - lu ia! true al sus. and al le - lu - ia, al-le - lu ia! We in wor - ship le - lu - ia, al-le - lu -Cleans-ing souls from al ia! le - lu - ia, al-le - lu -Ris'n. a1 as cend - ed, liv - ing bread! Je sus, true and liv - ing bread! join with them; We in wor ship join with them. ev -'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.

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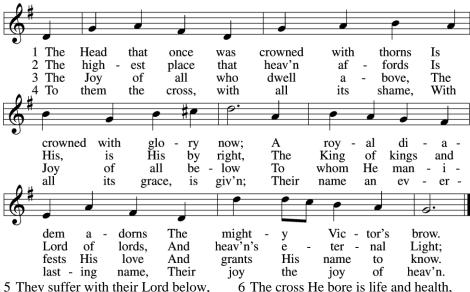
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5 They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above, Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love.

Though shame and death to Him: His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

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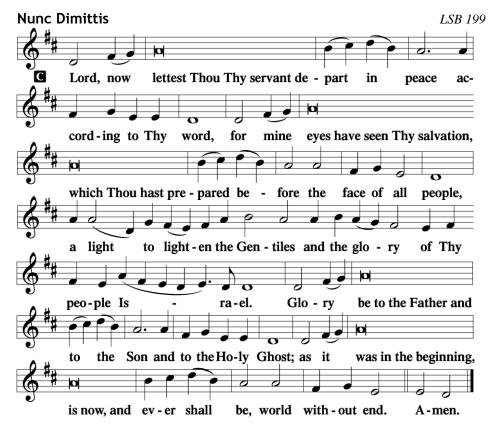


The Dismissal

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

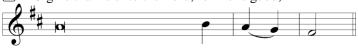
 → in peace.
- C Amen.

Please stand



Thanksgiving LSB 200

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



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.



G A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



Bless we the Lord.

LSB 202

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 \div give you peace.



336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



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Prayers for Our Members		
Norm Abels (Brookestone Meadows-Elkhorn)	Hospice	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Jade Florang	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing	
Bob Glanzer	Healing	
Wanda Glanzer	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Lennis Hodgson	Healing	
Linda Luhn	Healing	
Diane Plummer	Healing	
Norrine Rockwell (St. Luke's)	Healing	
Debra Schinkel	Healing	
Don Trampe	Healing	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Bertha Marienau	Cancer	

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Frier	nds
Makenzie Brooks (Bruce and Joni's daughter-in-law)	Expecting
Tenaya Nuttelman (Jared's wife)	Expecting
Amy Nuttelman (Chris' wife)	Expecting
Naomi Wollberg (Matthias Wollberg's wife)	Expecting
Andrew Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Military
Roger Young (Tiffany Davis' father)	Parkinson's
Don Axeman (Bartels' friend)	Healing
Joan Bentley (Kreutzer's friend)	Healing
Elaine de la Motte (Carol Herron's sister-in-law)	Healing
Norm Erickson (Judy Zehendner's father)	Healing
Jerry Foote (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Randy Fritson (Carol Herron's friend)	Healing
Lorin Hartmann (Marla's father)	Healing
Robert Haubold (Don Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Healing
David Heapy (Janel Lange's father)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing
Luetta Lammers (Ruby Hatfield's sister)	Healing
Michelle Lewis (Joni Brooks' friend)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilkens' brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Joanne Staton (Kristian Arevalo's grandmother)	Healing
Virginia Vest (Sue Bartels' cousin)	Healing
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer
Diane Brandt (Junge's and Helmbrecht's friend)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's niece)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (Rich & Carol's sister-in-law)	Cancer
Helen Lange (Bartels' friend)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Lindsey Muniz (Steve & Fran's niece)	Cancer
Milton Naprstek (Marilyn Fuqua's brother)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer
Ray Vang (Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law)	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 11/26/2023 Offering: \$4,306.30 Weekly Need: \$7,500

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
- 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 Todd & Ellen Koopman, In memory of their parents.

Sunday, November 26th - 9:00a

Elder: Ken Hockemeier Usher: Mike Wilkens Acolyte: Abigail Burger Engineer: Zach DeLoach

Announcer: Brooke Fisher Altar Guild: Brooke Fisher & Tracy Schake

Sunday, December 3rd - 9:00a

Elder: Nathan Gaunt
Acolyte: Jamie Wilkens
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller

Shirley Helmbrecht

Wednesday, December 6th - 7:00p

Elder: Nathan Gaunt Usher: Fred Flessner
Acolyte: Jarren Blattner Engineer: Eric Rosenthal
Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

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This Week at Zion

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Sun 11/26	9:00a	Divine Service	
	10:30a	Voter's Meeting in Fellowship Hall	
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast	
		1460AM & 92.1FM	
	5:00p	Divine Service	
	Anniversaries	Chris & Sarah Hoehner	
Mon 11/27			
Tues 11/28	1:30p	Sleeping Mats	
	Anniversaries	Paul & Rachael Burger	
		Mike & Melinda Dulitz	
Wed 11/29	8:30a	Chapel	
	5:00p	Midweek	
	7:00p	Adult Choir	
	Birthdays	Hendrix Herrera	
		Chris Hoehner	
Thurs 11/30			
Fri 12/1	Birthdays	Mike Dulitz	
		Makenna Starkey	
Sat 11/2	1:00p	Christmas Decorating	
Sun 11/3	9:00a	Divine Service	
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School	
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast	
		1460AM & 92.1FM	
	5:00p	Divine Service	
	Anniversaries	Justin & Katrina Ronning	

Announcements for November 26th, 2023

<u>Voter's Meeting:</u> There will be a voter's meeting following worship NEXT Sunday. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Business will include election of officers and board members.

<u>Christmas Decorating:</u> Help!!! Your church needs you! Please join us in decorating the sanctuary to celebrate our Savior's birth this Saturday, December 2, at 1:00 pm. Men are needed especially right at 1:00 pm to put up the tree. Thank you!

<u>Children Christmas Rehearsal</u> - The rehearsal dates for the Children's Christmas Eve Service will be 12/9, 12/16, and 12/23. The rehearsals will begin at 9:00 am. If your child plans to participate, please tell their Sunday School teacher, so we can plan accordingly.

<u>School Foundation Advent Meal:</u> The Zion School Foundation will be hosting an Advent Meal at <u>Holy Cross</u> on <u>December 6th from 5pm-6pm</u>. They will be serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches with all the trimmings. Please help support Zion Lutheran School!

<u>Poinsettias to beautify God's house:</u> during the two weeks prior to our Savior's birth can now be purchased. The cost is \$17.00, and checks can be made out to Mary Martha. The poinsettia order sign-up envelope will be with Holly in the office during the week, and in the Fellowship Hall during adult Bible study on Sunday. Questions? Please contact Carol DeLoach at 308/627-2279.

<u>Annual Food Collection</u>: We are starting our annual food collection this week. It will go from now until Christmas. Please only donate non-perishables and unopen items! If you are able to gather the items and take them to the Jubilee center, contact the office.

<u>Universal Church Directory App:</u> The directory app is ready! Holly sent out your Unique Identifier Codes. It will show up as Universal Church Directory. Please sign up ASAP!

<u>4th Quarter Missions:</u> Zion's fourth quarter mission project, October through December, will be supporting Zion students studying to be Church Workers: Peter Kreutzer (Concordia) LTD

Jessica Zehendner (Concordia) LTD

Those wishing to donate, please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex and place them in the offering plate.

SCHOOL NEWS

<u>K-8 Christmas Program</u> will be on Dec. 10th at 4pm. Everyone is also welcome to attend the dress rehearsal on Dec. 8th at 12:30pm. Come listen to the students celebrate the birth of Christ! Refreshments to follow. Parents are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies and/or treats to share with those in attendance.

<u>Extra Pies:</u> We have a lot of extra pies left! Contact Holly if you would like to buy some.

<u>Give Where You Live:</u> This year Zion will be participating in Give Where You Live Campaign. It will be December 7th (giving day), but donations will be accepted beginning November 9th. To contribute online go to: https://www.givewhereyoulive.net/organization/ZionLutheranSchool. If you would rather give in person feel free to stop by the office. Please share this with family and friends.