

# *Divine Service*



## *Third Sunday in Advent*

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Kearney, Nebraska

## *A 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.

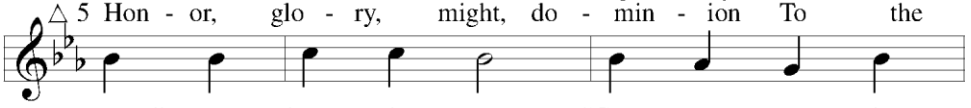
### *The Coming of the Christ Brings True Rejoicing in His Forgiveness*

When he preaches repentance, John the Baptist points us to Christ Jesus. John was sent by God *“as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him”* (John 1:7). He baptizes with water in order to *“make straight the way of the Lord,”* who shall redeem His people from their sins (John 1:23). That Lord Jesus *“who comes after”* John now stands among us and makes Himself known to us (John 1:26–27). He has been anointed by the Holy Spirit *“to bring good news to the poor”* and *“to bind up the brokenhearted”* (Is. 61:1). By the washing of the water with His Word and Spirit, He clothes His Church with *“the garments of salvation”* and adorns her with His own righteousness *“as a bride adorns herself with her jewels”* (Is. 61:10). Therefore, we *“rejoice always”* in the Lord, *“pray without ceasing”* and *“give thanks in all circumstances”* (1 Thess. 5:16–18). For *“the God of peace,”* who has called you by the Gospel, will surely *“sanctify you completely,”* so that *“your whole spirit and soul and body”* will *“be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Thess. 5:23–24).

### 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
 4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the  
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say, "Cast a - way the  
 earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
 par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
 world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us  
 Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
 sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
 tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
 with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.  
 liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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*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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

*Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7*

## Introit

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.  
Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\*  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to | folly.  
Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell | in our land.  
Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,\*  
and our land will yield its | increase.  
Righteousness will go be- | fore him\*  
and make his foot- | steps a way.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us  
pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*sts. 3, ref*

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11*

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. . . . <sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of

righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

**P** 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

*1 Thessalonians 5:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Stand

### Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

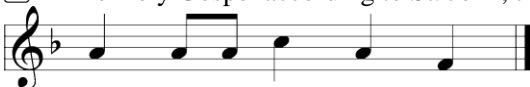


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*John 1:6–8, 19–28*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<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>19</sup>This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup>He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup>John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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



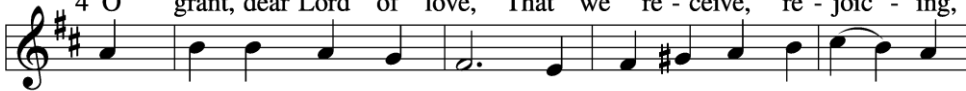
**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

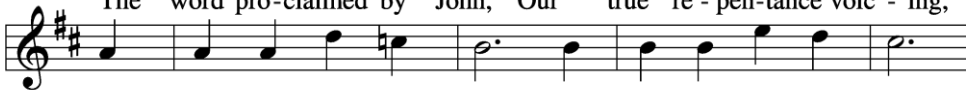
### 346 When All the World Was Cursed



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,  
2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,  
3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,  
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.  
Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.  
Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.  
The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,  
By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,  
Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,  
That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.  
He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:  
Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.  
Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

## Sermon - "Tell Them Who You're Not"

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### 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,".*

*Sit*

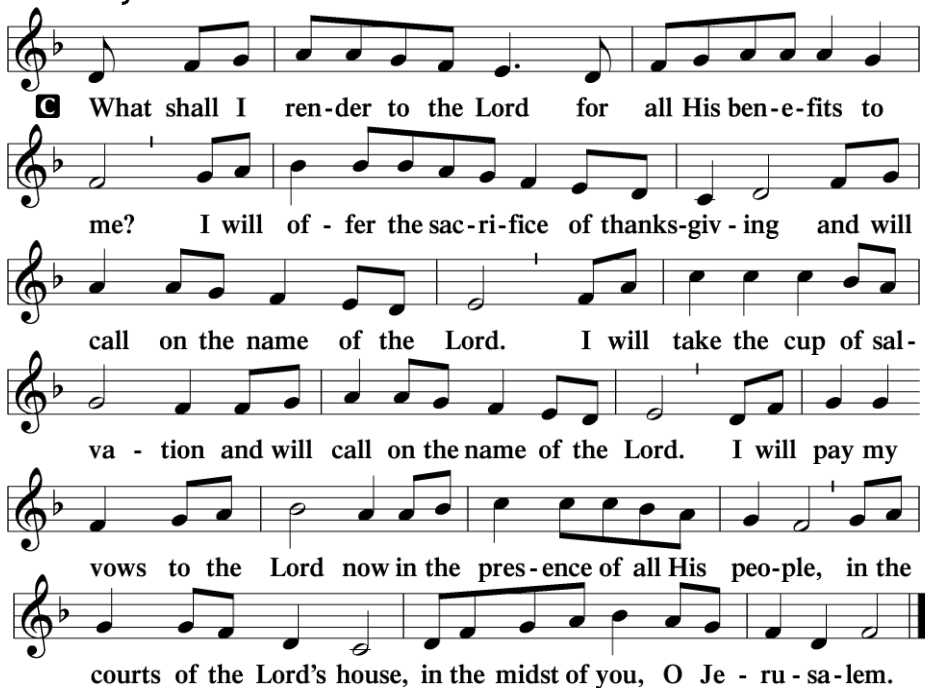


## The Offering

*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.*

### Offertory

LSB 159



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*Stand*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, 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 161

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 163*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



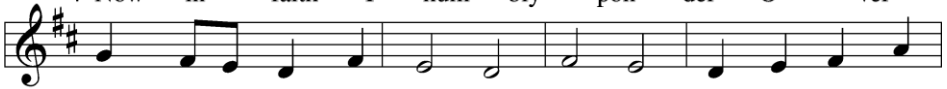
*Sit* sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution

## 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



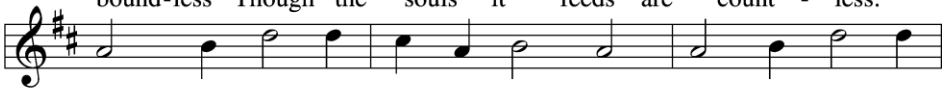
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



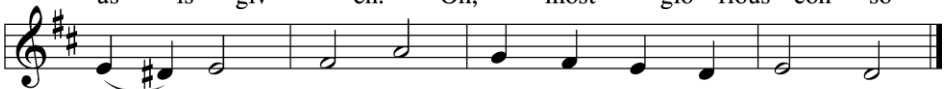
splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
 Peace beyond all understanding,  
 Joy into all life expanding:  
 Humbly now, I bow before You;  
 Love incarnate, I adore You;  
 Worthily let me receive You  
 And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
 Let me be a fit partaker  
 Of this blessed food from heaven,  
 For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
 You once left Your throne in heaven  
 On the cross for me to languish  
 And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forego all joy and gladness  
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
 By this blood redeemed and living,  
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
 Let me gladly here obey You.  
 By Your love I am invited,  
 Be Your love with love required;  
 By this Supper let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep love's  
 treasure.  
 Through the gift of grace You give me  
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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## x849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



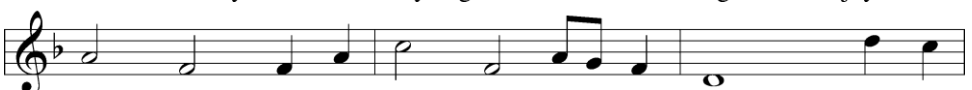
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
 With the pier - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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### 354 Arise, O Christian People



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -  
 2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the  
 3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on  
 4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your  
 best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this  
 high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty  
 side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The  
 heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The  
 soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That  
 Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from  
 low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -  
 heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -  
 now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.  
 bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.  
 ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.  
 glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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## 914 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - dian - ce of the  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed  
 3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,  
 4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us  
 all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed  
 dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:  
 work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our  
 With the Fa - ther's "Let there be..." Light and life burst  
 "Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will  
 Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.  
 from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!  
 shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."  
 all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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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*





### 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.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
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## Prayers for Our Members

Norm Abels ( <i>Brookestone Meadows-Elkhorn</i> )	Hospice
Judy Ahrens	Healing
DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Lyle Colsden ( <i>Mother Hull</i> )	Healing
Fred Flessner	Healing
Pat Flodine ( <i>Cambridge Court</i> )	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Bob Glanzer	Healing
Wanda Glanzer	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden ( <i>Mother Hull</i> )	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Linda Luhn	Healing
Norrine Rockwell ( <i>Kinship Pointe</i> )	Healing
Debra Schinkel	Healing
Don and Gretchen Trampe ( <i>Prairie View</i> )	Healing
Diane Plummer	Healing
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer
Bertha Marienau	Cancer

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## Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends

Makenzie Brooks ( <i>Bruce and Joni's daughter-in-law</i> )	Expecting
Tenaya Nuttelman ( <i>Jared's wife</i> )	Expecting
Amy Nuttelman ( <i>Chris' wife</i> )	Expecting
Naomi Wollberg ( <i>Matthias Wollberg's wife</i> )	Expecting
Andrew Powers ( <i>Kim Wilkens' brother</i> )	Military
Roger Young ( <i>Tiffany Davis' father</i> )	Parkinson's
Don Axeman ( <i>Bartels' friend</i> )	Healing
Joan Bentley ( <i>Kreutzer's friend</i> )	Healing
Norm Erickson ( <i>Jackie Zehendner's father</i> )	Healing
Jerry Foote ( <i>Carol Herron's friend</i> )	Healing
Randy Fritson ( <i>Carol Herron's friend</i> )	Healing
Lorin Hartmann ( <i>Marla's father</i> )	Healing
David Heapy ( <i>Janel Lange's father</i> )	Healing
Roger Hoffman ( <i>Marc's father</i> )	Healing
Luetta Lammers ( <i>Ruby Hatfield's sister</i> )	Healing
Michelle Lewis ( <i>Joni Brooks' friend</i> )	Healing
Tim Powers ( <i>Kim Wilkens' brother</i> )	Healing
Randy Solomon ( <i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i> )	Healing
Joanne Staton ( <i>Kristian Arevalo's grandmother</i> )	Healing
<b>Emily Zimmer (<i>Leah Baker's friend</i>)</b>	<b>Healing</b>
Diane Brandt ( <i>Junge's and Helmbrecht's friend</i> )	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner ( <i>Ruby Hatfield's niece</i> )	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen ( <i>Jeff's dad</i> )	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer ( <i>Rich &amp; Carol's sister-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Helen Lange ( <i>Bartels' friend</i> )	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair ( <i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i> )	Cancer
Lindsey Muniz ( <i>Steve &amp; Fran's niece</i> )	Cancer
Milton Naprstek ( <i>Marilyn Fuqua's brother</i> )	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir ( <i>Pam's nephew</i> )	Cancer

## Response to the Gospel

Date: 12/10/2023

Offering: \$8,161.30

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](http://zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give)
- 3) Go to [zionkearney.com](http://zionkearney.com) and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847

Today's Radio Broadcast by Pastor & Carol Gaunt,  
All glory to God.

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

### Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - 9:00a

Elder: Bruce Brooks	Usher: Andy Wollberg
Acolyte: Colton Zehendner	Engineer: Jared Nuttelman
Announcer: Brooke Fisher	Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal & Shirley Helmbrecht

### Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - 7:00p

Elder: Bruce Brooks	Usher: Andy Wollberg
Acolyte: Isaiah Gaunt	Engineer: Jared Nuttelman
	Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

### Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:00a

Elder: Dan Oertwig	Usher: Mike Wilkens
Acolyte: Jacob Halvorsen	Engineer: Eric Rosenthal
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller	Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal & Shirley Helmbrecht

### Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00p

Elder: Dan Oertwig	Engineer: Eric Rosenthal
Usher: Mike Wilkens	Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal & Shirley Helmbrecht

### Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:00p - Christmas Eve

Elder: Dan Oertwig	Usher: All Captains
Acolyte: Addison Helmbrecht	Engineer: Eric Rosenthal
	Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal & Shirley Helmbrecht

### Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:00a - Christmas Day

Elder: Eric Rosenthal	Usher: Mike Wilkens
Acolyte: Grace Burger	Engineer: Zach DeLoach
Crucifer: Landen Eckhoff	Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal & Shirley Helmbrecht
Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller	

## This Week at Zion

<b>Sun 12/17</b>	<b>9:00a</b> <b>10:30a</b> <b>10:30a</b>  <b>1:30p-6:00p</b> <b>5:00p</b> <i>Birthdays</i>	<b>Divine Service</b> <b>Adult Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</b> <b>Radio Broadcast</b> <b>1460AM &amp; 92.1FM</b> <b>Hockemeier Family-Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Divine Service</b> <i>Marion Richmond</i> <i>Judy Tadlock</i>
<b>Mon 12/18</b>	<b>12:00p</b> <i>Anniversaries</i> <i>Birthdays</i>	<b>Sr. Citizens Potluck</b> <i>Eric &amp; Beth Rosenthal</i> <i>Tony Ahrens</i>
<b>Tues 12/19</b>	<b>1:30p</b>	<b>Sleeping Mats</b>
<b>Wed 12/20</b>	<b>5:00p</b> <b>5:30p</b> <b>7:00p</b> <b>8:00p</b> <i>Birthdays</i>	<b>Midweek</b> <b>Advent Meal - Stewardship &amp; Youth</b> <b>Advent Service</b> <b>Adult Choir</b> <i>Cameron Junge</i>
<b>Thurs 12/21</b>	<i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>Reese &amp; Jade Florang</i> <i>Dennis &amp; Gwen Holtz</i> <i>Dale &amp; Lynette Johnson</i>
<b>Fri 12/22</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<b>Office Closed</b> <i>Miles Hockemeier</i> <i>Pr. James DeLoach</i>
<b>Sat 12/23</b>	<b>9:00a</b> <i>Birthdays</i>	<b>Christmas Eve Practice</b> <i>Dennis Bartels</i> <i>Tiffany Davis</i>
<b>Sun 12/24</b>	<b>9:00a</b> <b>10:30a</b> <b>10:30a</b>  <b>5:00p</b>  <b>7:00p</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> <b>Adult Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</b> <b>Radio Broadcast</b> <b>1460AM &amp; 92.1FM</b>  <b>The Eve of Our Lord's Nativity</b> (Communion Service) <b>Children's Christmas Eve Service</b>
<b>Mon 12/25</b>	<b>10:00a</b> <i>Birthdays</i>	<b>The Festival of Our Lord's Nativity</b> <i>Justin Ronning</i>

## Announcements for December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Advent Midweek Services:

Join us at 7 pm on Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> to consider “The Clothing of the King.” Our King, Jesus Christ, first wrapped in the rags of a swaddle, then hangs naked on the cross to clothe us in the riches of his righteousness.

Advent Midweek Meals: Before our last Advent midweek service there will be a meal served beginning at 5:30 pm. This week Zion’s Stewardship and Youth Boards will be serving a variety of soup.

Children Christmas Rehearsal - The last Christmas Eve service practice will this Saturday from 9a-10:30a.

Men’s Bible Class & Meal: The Men’s Bible Class will be having a holiday dinner this Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00p in the Fellowship Hall. The dinner will consist of smoked brisket, salads, hors d’oeuvres and dessert. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex and at the office. This will give us an idea of how much food we will need.

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 2024. God works through His word.

Annual Food Collection: This is the last week to bring food in for the collection. If anyone is able to take the donations to the Jubilee Center, contact Holly.

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers: The sign-up sheets for the 2024 radio broadcasts and flowers are on the bulletin board by the mailboxes. If you want a certain date, sign up ASAP.

4th Quarter Missions: 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.

# *Advent Services*

*Wednesday,*

*December 20 - 7pm*



# Christmas Services

*Christmas Eve Divine Service*

*With Holy Communion*

*Sunday, December 24th-5pm*

*Children's Christmas Eve Candlelight*

*Sunday, December 24th -7pm*

*The Festival of Our Lord's Nativity*

*Monday, December 25th-10 am*



*Joy to the world*

