

# *Divine Service*



## *The Fourth Sunday in Advent*

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Kearney, Nebraska

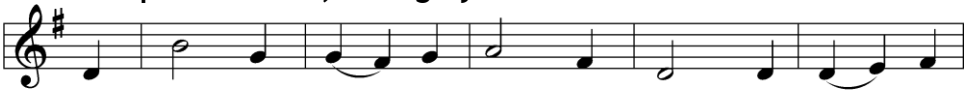
## *A Warm Welcome to Our Guests!*

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 Lord Builds a House for David: Jesus Christ Who Comes in the Flesh***

When King David “*lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,*” he piously supposed that he would build a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1–2). But the Lord would turn it around: He would establish a house for David and an everlasting throne. This He has done not only for David, but also for all His people, in the Son of David, Jesus Christ, “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary” (Apostles’ Creed). That holy child, the incarnate “*Son of the Most High,*” receives “*the throne of his father David*” and begins to reign “*over the house of Jacob forever*” (Luke 1:32–33). Having given Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, His body is the true and eternal temple of God in which His people have their own place of peace and rest. That is “*the mystery that was kept secret for long ages*” but is now “*made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God*” in order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25–26).

### 341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
 rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -  
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bid! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
 play, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your  
 vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.  
 all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.  
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
 Sov - reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.  
 Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
 To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!  
 E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

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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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 19:1, 4c, 5–6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a, b*

Show, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;\*  
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.  
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his  
| handiwork.\*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,\*  
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,\*  
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

**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, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;\*  
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.

### Kyrie

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**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. 5, ref*

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. Refrain

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

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
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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.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, <sup>2</sup>the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. <sup>7</sup>In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” <sup>8</sup>Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . .

<sup>16</sup>And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

**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

*Romans 16:25–27*

<sup>25</sup>Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— <sup>27</sup>to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

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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

Luke 1:26–38

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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

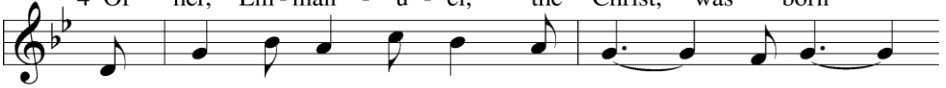
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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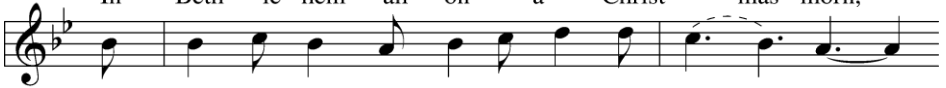
## 356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



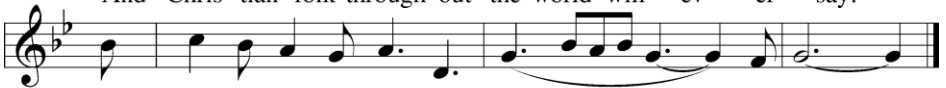
1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.  
 In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."  
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!

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## Sermon

*Stand*

### 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.



# 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

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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

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## Preface

**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

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**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

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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

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**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  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

333 Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



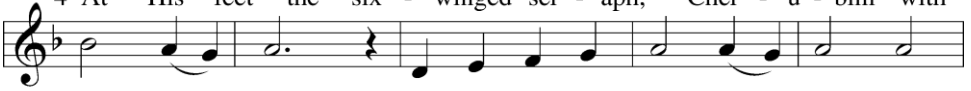
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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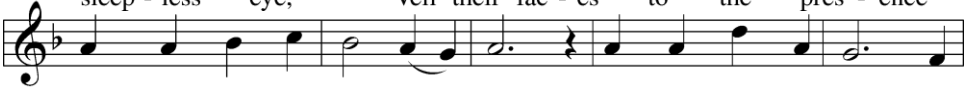
## 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



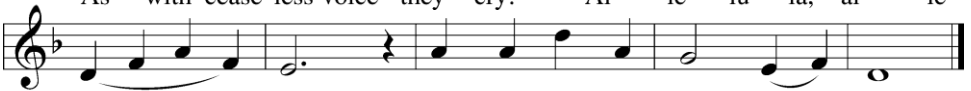
1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt. Tune: French, 17th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

### 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 Text and tune: Public domain

### 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from  
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are  
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of  
 4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,  
 hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty,  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

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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*

# Thank the Lord

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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

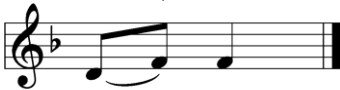


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**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** A - men.

## Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.



# 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.

Text: Valentin Thilo, 1607–62; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt. Tune: New Catechismus Gesangbüchlein, 1598, Hamburg, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

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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
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
<b>Paisley Mitchell (<i>Bartels' great-granddaughter</i>)</b>	<b>Healing</b>
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
Emily Zimmer ( <i>Leah Baker's friend</i> )	Healing
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: 12/17/2023

Offering: \$9,322.30

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,  
In memory Of Lawrence and Velma Fritz.

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

### 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	

### Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 9:00a

Elder: Ken Hockemeier	Usher: Steve Junge
Acolyte: Addison Splittgerber	Engineer: Zach DeLoach
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer	Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal & Shirley Helmbrecht

## This Week at Zion

<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>
<b>Tues 12/26</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Jana Flessner</i> <i>Lyn Hoffman</i>
<b>Wed 12/27</b>	<b>5:30p</b> <b>7:00p</b> <b>8:00p</b> <i>Anniversaries</i> <i>Birthdays</i>	<b>Advent Meal - Stewardship &amp; Youth</b> <b>Advent Service</b> <b>Adult Choir</b> <i>Fred &amp; Jana Flessner</i> <i>DyAnn Altwine</i> <i>Allison Wilkens</i>
<b>Thurs 12/28</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Zachariah DeLoach</i> <i>Don Engel</i> <i>Jakie Zehendner</i>
<b>Fri 12/29</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Chelsea Herrera</i>
<b>Sat 12/30</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Betty Mustard</i>
<b>Sun 12/31</b>	<b>9:00a</b> <b>10:30a</b> <b>10:30a</b>  <b>5:00p</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> <b>Adult Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</b> <b>Radio Broadcast</b> <b>1460AM &amp; 92.1FM</b> <b>Divine Service</b>

### Announcements for December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Office Closed:** The office will be closed Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holiday, as well as New Year's Day.

**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.

**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.

**1st Quarter Missions:** The first quarter (January-March) missions will support Lutherans for Life. To donate to this worthy cause, you give online via ACH or use a specially marked envelope located in the narthex. Either way, please clearly designate your gift to this mission.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**24-25 Registration:** A Google form was sent out for 24-25 registration for any students who will be 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> next year. Contact Holly if you need the link. Registration will open to the public on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# 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*

