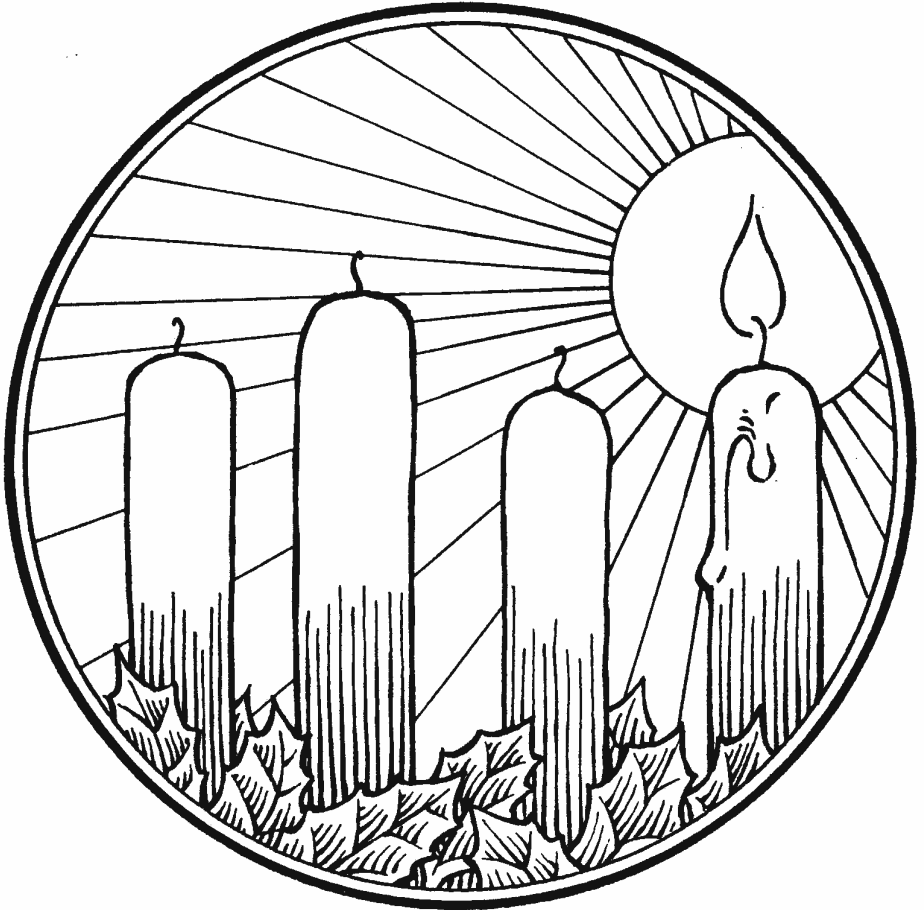


Divine Service



First Sunday in Advent

December 3rd, 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 Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us

Although we pray that God “*would rend the heavens and come down*” (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves “*have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment*” (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for “*a long time, and shall we be saved?*” (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are “*enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,*” and so He will “*sustain you to the end*” (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although “*heaven and earth will pass away,*” His words “*will not pass away*” (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He “*send out the angels*” to gather us and all of His elect “*from the ends of the earth*” to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spite The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day △ 6 All glory to the Son,
Let sin's dark deeds be gone, Who comes to set us free,
The sinful self be put away, With Father, Spirit, ever one
The new self now put on. Through all eternity.

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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

Introit

Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
righteous and having sal- | vation.

To you, | O LORD, *
I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame; *
let not my enemies exult | over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame; *
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

**Glorify 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.**

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; *
righteous and having sal- | vation.

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. 1, ref

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

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

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

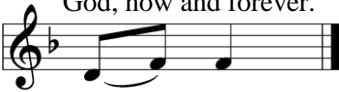
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,

who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

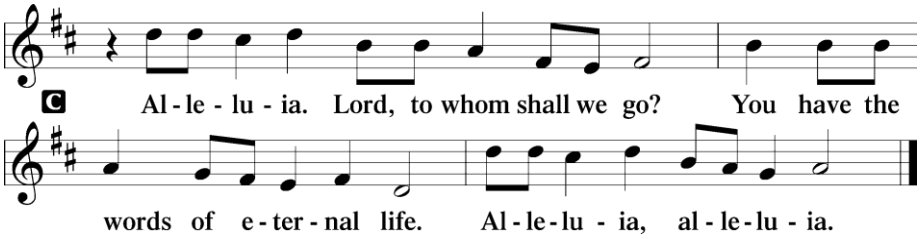
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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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

Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.




C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

- 5 God the Father was His source, 7 From the manger newborn light
 Back to God He ran His course. Shines in glory through the night.
 Into hell His road went down, Darkness there no more resides;
 Back then to His throne and crown. In this light faith now abides.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son △ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won. Glory to the Son, our king,
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole Glory to the Spirit be
 All our ills of flesh and soul. Now and through eternity.

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,**

**being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

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.*

Zion Adult Choir - "Come, O Long Expected Jesus"

Offertory

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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

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P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

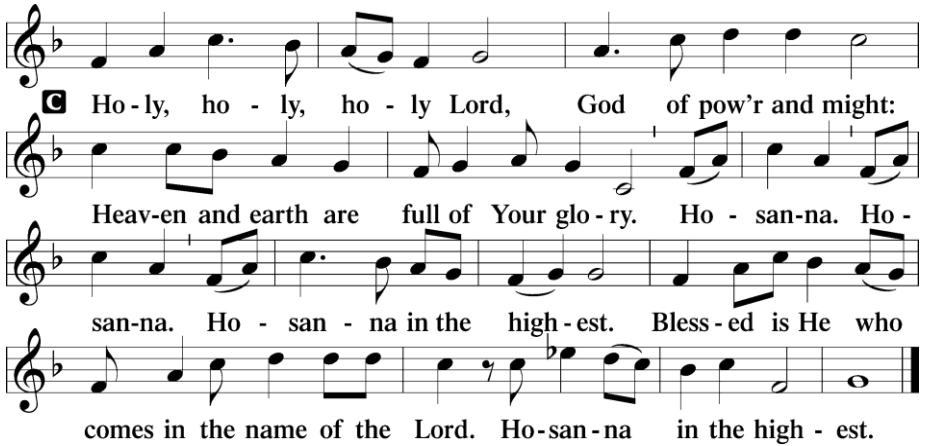
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

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.

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

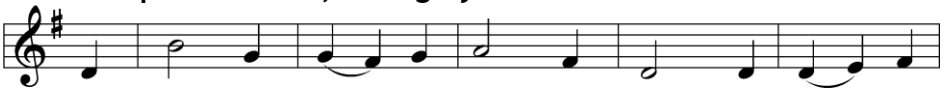


sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

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 - bide! 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
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



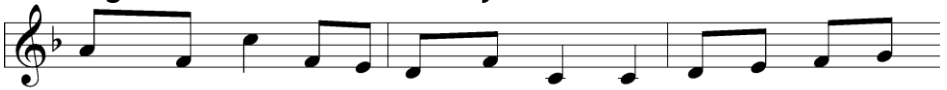
va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal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



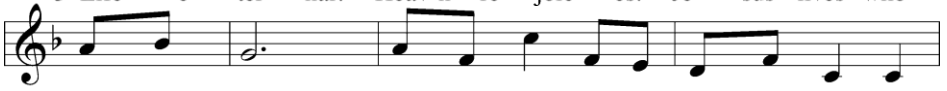
To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

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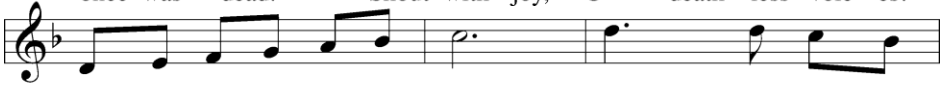
671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory



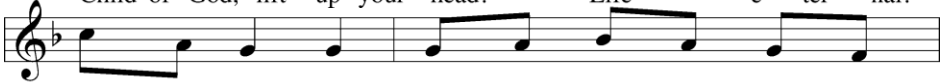
1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
 3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who



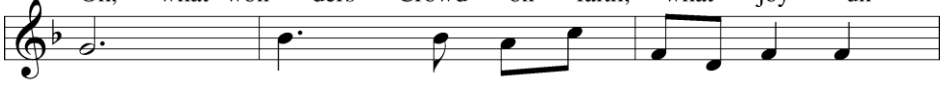
rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
 once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!



To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
 Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!



clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall
 Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come
 Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -



cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
 waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
 known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
 Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

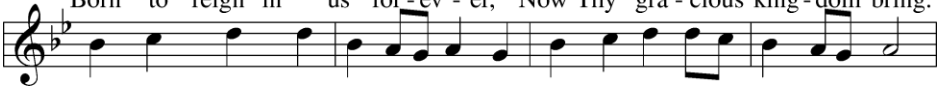
338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



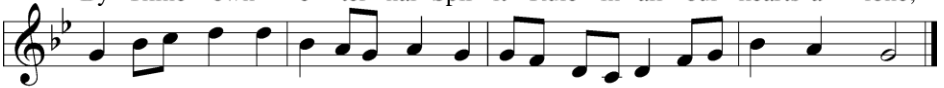
1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
 2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
 By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
 The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
 Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - ple and the best.
 Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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The Dismissal

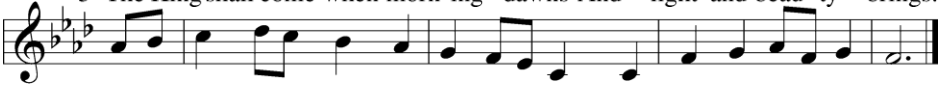
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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Judy Ahrens	Healing
DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Lyle Colsden (<i>Mother Hull</i>)	Healing
Fred Flessner	Healing
Pat Flodine (<i>Cambridge Court</i>)	Healing
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Debra Schinkel	Healing
Don and Gretchen Trampe (<i>Prairie View</i>)	Healing
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer
Bertha Marienau	Cancer

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
Elaine de la Motte (<i>Carol Herron's sister-in-law</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
Robert Haubold (<i>Don Helmbrecht's brother-in-law</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
Howard Quandt (<i>Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's family</i>)	Healing
Randy Solomon (<i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i>)	Healing
Joanne Staton (<i>Kristian Arevalo's grandmother</i>)	Healing
Virginia Vest (<i>Sue Bartels' cousin</i>)	Healing
Jonah (<i>Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend</i>)	Cancer
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 & 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 & Fran's niece</i>)	Cancer
Milton Naprstek (<i>Marilyn Fuqua's brother</i>)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (<i>Pam's nephew</i>)	Cancer
Ray Vang (<i>Don & Shirley Helmbrecht's brother-in-law</i>)	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 11/26/2023

Offering: \$5,914.20

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 and Altar Flowers are sponsored
by Waunita DeLaet, in memory of Ron.

Sunday, December 3rd - 9:00a

Elder: Nathan Gaunt

Usher:

Acolyte: Jamie Wilkens

Engineer: Eric Rosenthal

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller

Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal &

Shirley Helmbrecht

Wednesday, December 6th - 7:00p

Elder: Nathan Gaunt

Usher:

Acolyte: Jarren Blattner

Engineer: Eric Rosenthal

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

Sunday, December 10th - 9:00a

Elder: Keith Nuttelman

Usher: Steve Junge

Acolyte: Amelia Halvorsen

Engineer: Jamie Nikodym

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Altar Guild: Beth Rosenthal &

Shirley Helmbrecht

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This Week at Zion

Sun 12/3	9:00a 10:30a 10:30a 1:00p-5:00p 5:00p <i>Anniversaries</i>	Divine Service Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM DeLaet Family - Fellowship Hall Divine Service <i>Justin & Katrina Ronning</i>
Mon 12/4		
Tues 12/5	1:30p <i>Birthdays</i>	Sleeping Mats <i>Adam Herrera</i>
Wed 12/6	8:30a 5:00p 5:30p 7:00p 8:00p	Chapel Midweek Advent Meal - Board of Ed Advent Service Adult Choir
Thurs 12/7	All Day	Give Where You Live Campaign (see under School News)
Fri 12/8	12:30p	K-8 Christmas Program Rehearsal
Sat 12/9	9:00a <i>Birthdays</i>	Christmas Eve Practice <i>Victoria Crow</i> <i>Alexandra Splittgerber</i>
Sun 12/10	9:00a 10:30a 10:30a 4:00p 5:00p <i>Anniversaries</i>	Divine Service Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM K-8 School Christmas Service Divine Service <i>David & Kay Banner</i>

Announcements for December 3rd, 2023

Advent Midweek services begin Wednesday, December 6th!

Join us at 7 pm on each Wednesday of Advent to consider "The Clothing of the King." Clothing in the Bible is more than a tangential detail. In fact, clothing often has significant implications for revealing God's plan of redemption, for our Creator is also the first tailor, seamstress, and cobbler. The biblical authors use both metaphorical and actual descriptions of priestly and royal garments to point us to the one true Priest and King, Jesus. And it's this King, first wrapped in the rags of a swaddle, who then hangs naked on the cross to clothe us in the riches of his righteousness. This midweek Advent Sermon Series tells the stories of the clothing of the King. Stories that describe a wardrobe at once splendid and sin-stained, with fabrics that reveal who we are and cover us all the same. The clothing of the King is tattered and worn and glorious in its incorruptibility. It isn't ours, yet he gives it to us freely. May this series be a warm comfort during this time of year as we reflect on the good news of Christ's incarnation and our longings for Christ to return once again. In the narthex there are limited copies of a devotional booklet, which follows our theme. If you need additional an additional copy, please contact Holly in the church office.

Advent Midweek Meals:

Before each Advent service there will be a meal served beginning at 5:30 pm. This week Zion's Board of Education will provide a taco bar and enchiladas in exchange for a free-will offering.

Children Christmas Rehearsal - Christmas Eve service practice will be on 12/9, 12/16 and 12/23. Please let your Sunday school teacher or Matt Hodgson know if your children will be attending.

We will have an appreciation party after the practice on December 16th. We will be going bowling at the Big Apple and then returning to the church for pizza and soda. We are sending a note out with the Sunday school children to get a better count of who will be attending or you can let their Sunday school teacher know.

Annual Food Collection: Our annual food collection this week. It will go from now until Christmas. Please only donate non-perishables and unopen items! Special thanks to Judy Wellman for delivering the food to the Jubilee Center!

Men's Bible Class & Meal: The Men's Bible Class will be having a holiday dinner on Thursday, December 21st 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.

Universal Church Directory App: The pictorial app is ready! Please contact Holly if you need help downloading the app on your device.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

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

K-8 School Christmas Program 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.

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

Give Where You Live: 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.