Divine Service



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28th, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church

Kearney, Nebraska

H Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we can know how we can best of serve. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, True God in the Flesh, Cleanses Our Consciences from Sin

As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up "a prophet" like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. "To him you shall listen," because the Word of the Lord is "in his mouth" (Deut. 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks "a new teaching with authority" (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters synagogue" of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out "even the unclean spirits" (Mark 1:21–27). By His Word of the cross, He removes the accusations of the Law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, "from whom are all things and for whom we exist." Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, "through whom are all things and through whom we exist" (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9–12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.

819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good 1 Sing God, the high - est good, The praise to au - thor of What God's al might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress: \mathbf{O} God, in mer cy for - sake 4 He nev - er shall His flock, His cho-sen gen er -5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise The God who tion, of love der - stood keep ning shade ing. $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ morn - ing glow or eve hear Say - ior help - less - ness us. Our saw our He their rock, tion; is their ref uge and Let all who His glo ry. know pow'r pro - claim Our need for His sal - va tion. With heal - ing balm our His With - in eve is nev sleep ing. the king - dom er And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and Their peace and their sal - va tion. As with a moth - er's Cast 'ry loud the won - drous sto ry. ev i - dol souls He fills And faith less stills: ev -'ry mur mur of His might All things are just and good and right: praise the Lord, Who is by one and a11 a - dored: band: der hand, He leads His own, His cho sen from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone: To God all praise and glo ry! To God all praise and glo ry! To God all praise and glo ry! To God all ry!

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Stand

Invocation LSB 184

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- P In the name of the Father and of the \(\frac{1}{2}\) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathbf{C}
- Our help is in the name of the Lord, P
- \mathbf{C} who made heaven and earth.

God

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

praise

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution LSB 185

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon: v. 10

Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*

whose sin is | covered.

Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,* and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;*

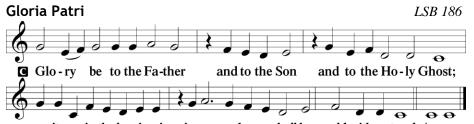
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;*

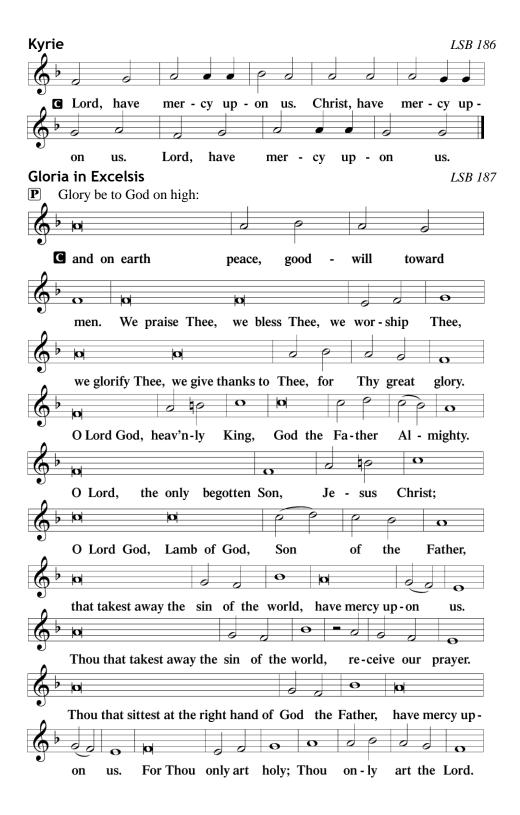
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

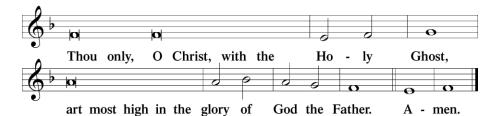
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as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

15"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.""

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

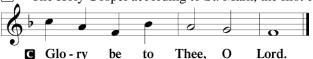
Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel Mark 1:21–28

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



²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He

commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. P



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints.

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

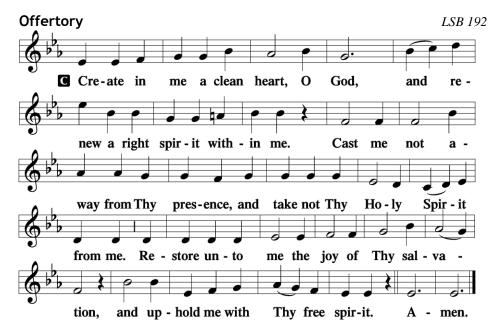
→ everlasting. Amen.



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Sermon

Stand



Prayer of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you,". Shaking hands is not required unless one is comfortable doing so. Please respect your neighbor's needs.

Sit

Consecration of the Offering

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

Stand

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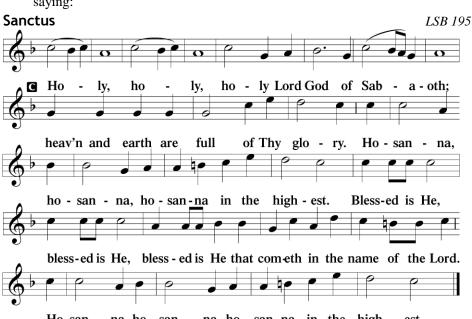
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Lord.



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your 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:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Lord's Prayer

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

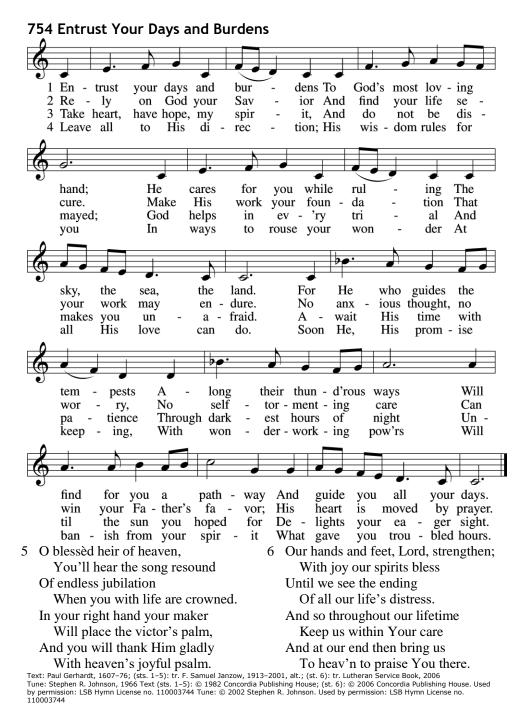
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

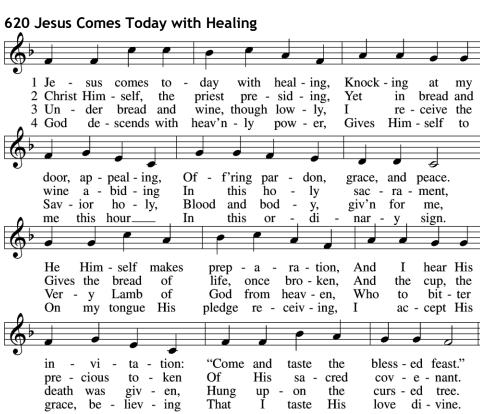
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197



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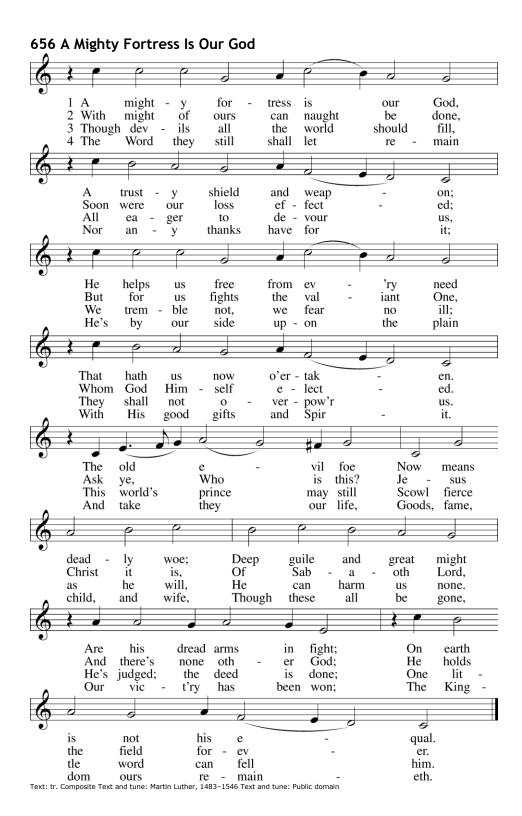


5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, 6
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,

Fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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sins 2 Lord. Ι con-fess my

bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for

4 Search not how this takes place, This won-drous mys-ter-y;



un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful con-trite heart is sure to find Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more 6

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined

May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

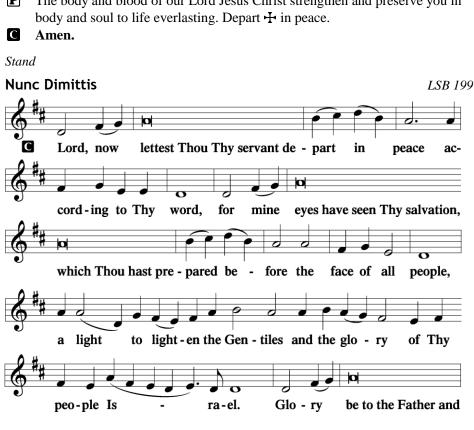
to For - give-ness at Your hands. In blest re - al - i - ty. Than what we think could be.

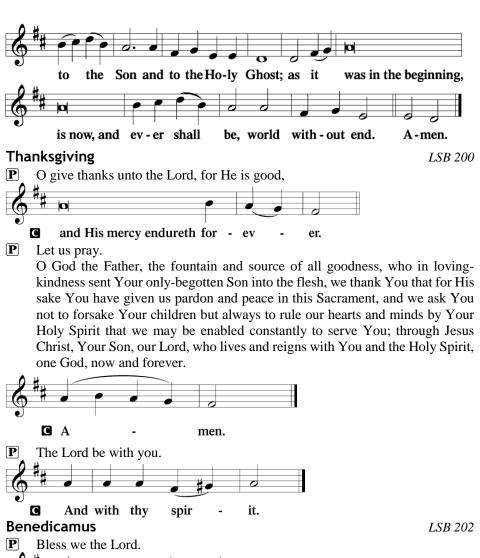
Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) in peace.







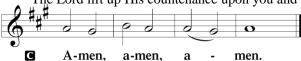
Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and

→ give you peace.





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Prayers for Our Members		
Angela France	Expecting	
Norm Abels (Brookestone Meadows-Elkhorn)	Hospice	
Judy Ahrens	Healing	
Gary Albers	Healing	
DyAnn Altwine	Healing	
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Fred Flessner	Healing	
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing	
Jade Florang	Healing	
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing	
Jan Hatfield	Healing	
Ruby Hatfield	Healing	
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing	
Lennis Hodgson	Healing	
Linda Luhn	Healing	
Betty Mustard	Healing	
Don Richmond	Healing	
Norrine Rockwell (Kinship Pointe)	Healing	
Debra Schinkel	Healing	
Gretchen Trampe (Prairie View)	Healing	
Diane Plummer	Healing	
Jill Bates	Cancer	
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer	
Phyllis Wells	Cancer	
Bertha Marienau	Hospice	

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

Response to the Gospel

Date: 1/21/2023 Offering: \$5,761.30 Weekly Need: \$7,500

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearnev.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847

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Worship Assistants

Sunday, January 28th- 9:00a

Usher: Mike Wilkens Elder: Dan Oertwig Acolyte: Landen Eckhoff Engineer: Zach DeLoach Announcer: Brooke Fisher Altar Guild: Shirley Oertwig &

Sheryl Fox

Sunday, February 4th - 9:00a

Elder: Eric Rosenthal Usher: Fred Flessner Acolyte: Addison Splittgerber Engineer: Jared Nuttelman Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller Altar Guild: Rachael Burger & Carolyn Westman

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This Week at Zion

Sun 1/28	9:00a	Divine Service
	10:30a	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30a	Radio Broadcast
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	5:00p	Divine Service
Mon 1/29	Birthdays	Carol Gaunt
Tues 1/30	1:30p	Sleeping Mats
	Birthdays	Jan Hatfield
Wed 1/31	8:30a	Chapel
	5:00p	Midweek
	7:00p	Adult Choir
Thurs 2/1		100 th Day of School
Fri 2/2	Birthdays	Joni Brooks
		Austyn Plummer
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Announcements for January 28th, 2024

Adult Choir: On Wednesday, the Adult Choir will meet again at 7pm in the balcony. Starting on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th), they will meet after service at 8pm.

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.

<u>Bible Reading Cards</u>: 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Crusader</u>: The most recent school newsletter is full of all the events going on in January and February. Look for it in your church mailbox.





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