

# *Divine Service*

*I praise you, for I am  
Fearfully  
and  
Wonderfully  
Made.*



*The Second Sunday after Epiphany  
(Life Sunday)*

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
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 know how we can best serve you. 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.

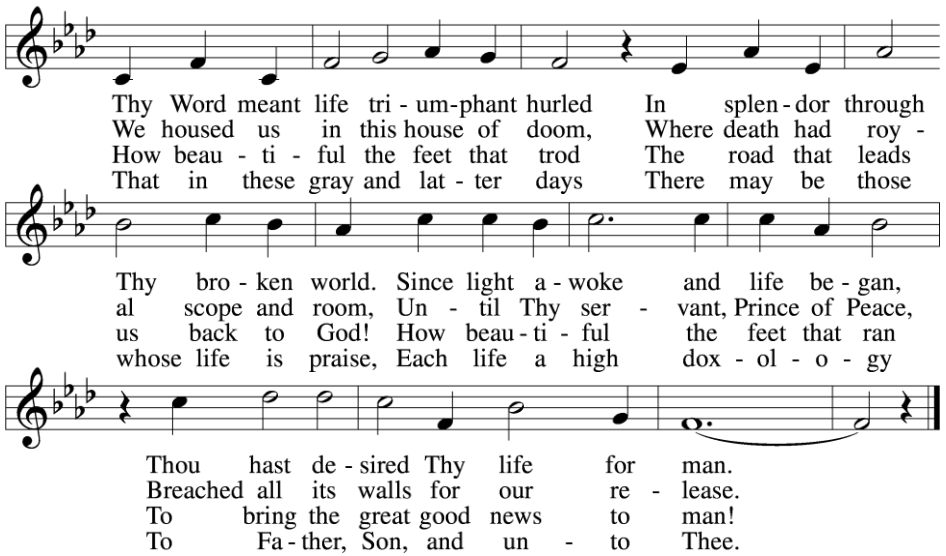
## *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*

Our Life Sunday 2026 theme is based on Psalm 139:13-14: **“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”**

This Word of God reveals the care and intention that God takes in the creation of each and every human being. It teaches us that from the very first moments of our conception, God’s hands are upon us, carefully and lovingly crafting each one of us through our fathers and mothers. And while each person is created by God with their own unique characteristics and personalities, the care that God takes in creating each person shows us that every person, from the moment of fertilization on, is precious to God regardless of their age, size, condition, or ability.

## 834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing  
2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el  
3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to  
4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that  
fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -  
will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -  
breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark  
it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news  
less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.  
ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.  
de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.  
to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um-phant hurled In splen - dor through  
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -  
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads  
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those

Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,  
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,  
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran  
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy

Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.  
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.  
 To bring the great good news to man!  
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

*LSB 151*

**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.*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

**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.**

## Absolution

*LSB 151*

**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 139*

## Psalm of the Day (spoken responsively)

**P** <sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

**C** <sup>2</sup>**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

**P** <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

**P** <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**C** <sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high; I cannot attain it.**

**P** <sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**C** <sup>8</sup>**If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

**P** <sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**C** <sup>10</sup>**even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.**

**P** <sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"

**C** <sup>12</sup>**even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.**

**P** <sup>13</sup>For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

**C** <sup>14</sup>**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

**P** <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**C** <sup>16</sup>**Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there were none of them.**

**P** <sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

**C** <sup>18</sup>If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

I awake, and I am still with you.

**P** <sup>19</sup>Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!

O men of blood, depart from me!

**C** <sup>20</sup>They speak against you with malicious intent;  
your enemies take your name in vain!

**P** <sup>21</sup>Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?

And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

**C** <sup>22</sup>I hate them with complete hatred;  
I count them my enemies.

**P** <sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

**C** <sup>24</sup>And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

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.

## Kyrie

LSB 152

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

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

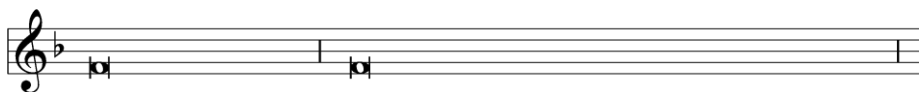
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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

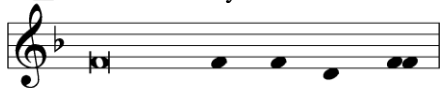
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

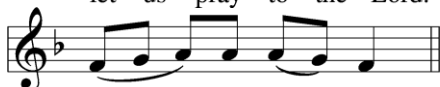
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



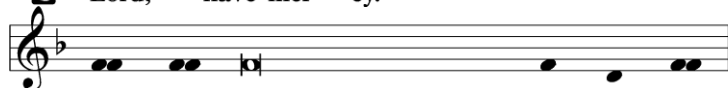
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



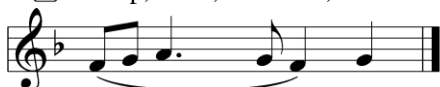
let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



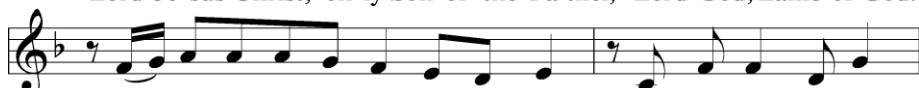
**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



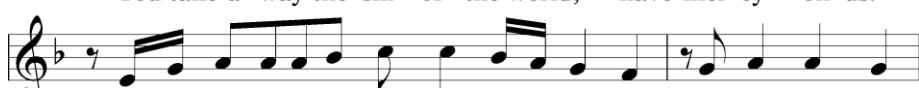
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



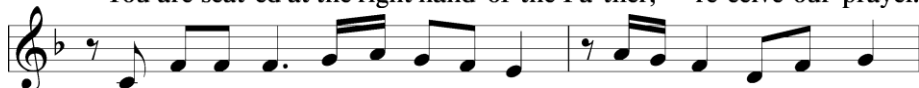
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

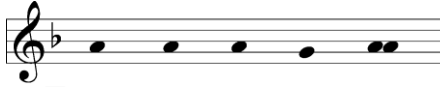


You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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.

*Please be seated*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.  
<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God."  
<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>he says:  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:  
“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

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 1:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

*Please stand in reverence to Christ*

### 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 1:29–42a

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

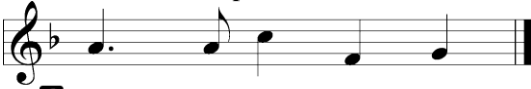


**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

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



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

## 790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## Sermon - "It's a Wonderful Life"

*Please 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.

*Please be seated*

## Prayers 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.*

### 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.*

### Offertory

LSB 159

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.

# Service of the Sacrament

LSB 160

## Preface



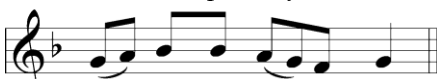
**P** The Lord be with you.



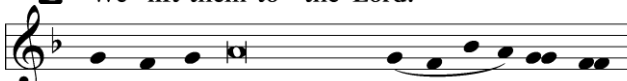
**C** And al - so with you.



**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; 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:

## 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.



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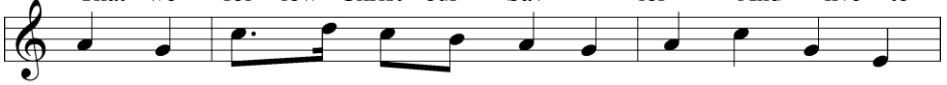
### 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



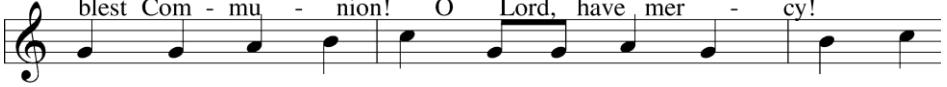
In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



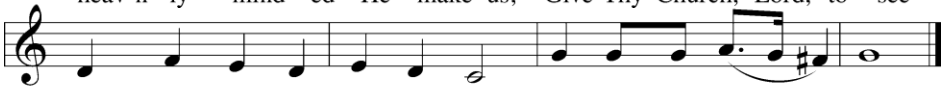
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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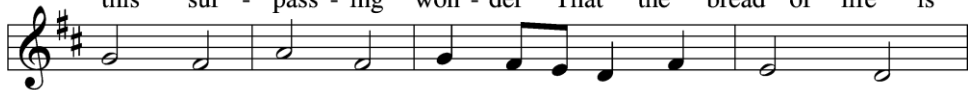
### 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



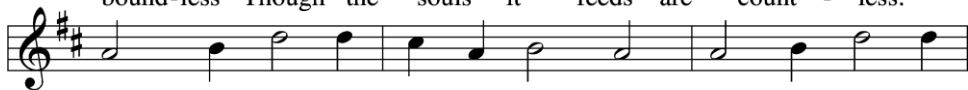
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



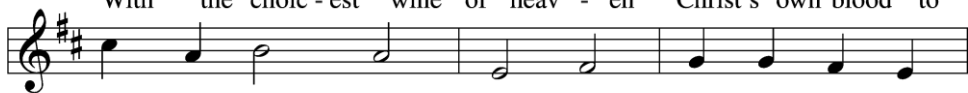
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



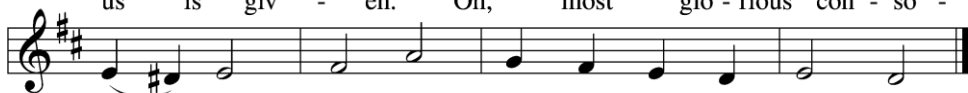
splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



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.

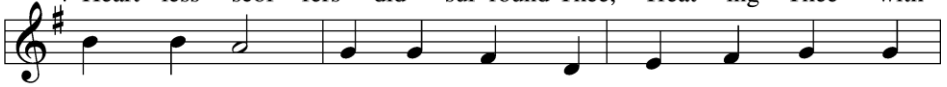
7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
 You once left Your throne in heaven  
 On the cross for me to languish  
 And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forego all joy and gladness  
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
 By this blood redeemed and living,  
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

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.

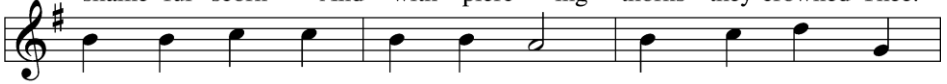
# 420 Christ, the Life of All the Living



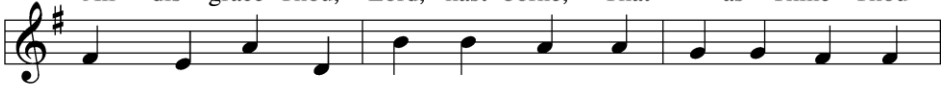
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



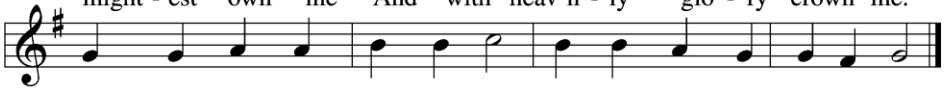
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ings,  
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
 That from pain I might be free; For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
 Thence I gain security; I will thank Thee evermore,  
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
 Me to comfort in my anguish. For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, For that last triumphant cry,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee. And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

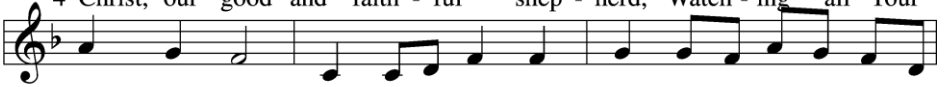
6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
 And hast borne it patiently,  
 Even death by crucifixion,  
 Fully to atone for me;  
 Thou didst choose to be tormented  
 That my doom should be prevented.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-81; (sts. 1-2, 5, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.; (sts. 3-4, 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis Tune: Das grosse Cantional, 1687, Darmstadt Text and tune: Public domain

# 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



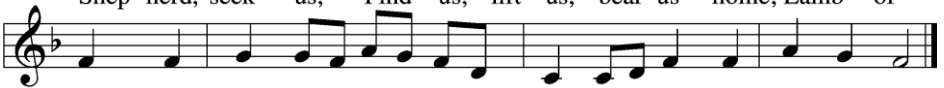
A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads and carries us;  $\Delta$  6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
 To the Father's home on high, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life and resurrection,  
 Christ, the life that cannot die. Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
 Mediator to the Father, Praise and thanks and adoration  
 Sacrifice and great High Priest: And unending worship be  
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, To the Father and the Spirit  
 There to share Your wedding feast. And to You eternally.

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*Please stand*

## The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

# Thank the Lord

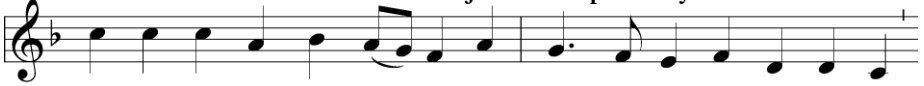
LSB 164



**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

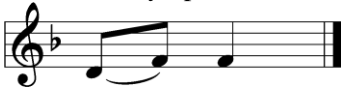


with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

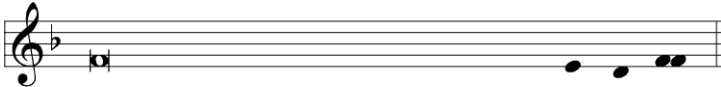
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

LSB 166



**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.

# 877 God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,  
△ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your  
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,  
pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,  
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,  
grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.  
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.  
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.  
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

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## Prayers for Our Members

Kristen Peterson	Expecting
Tenaya Nuttelman	Expecting
Gary Albers ( <i>St. Luke's</i> )	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht ( <i>Mt. Carmel</i> )	Healing
DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Dave Banner	Healing
Jim Catterson	Healing
Rich Crow	Healing
<b>Abigail DeLoach</b>	<b>Healing</b>
Pat Flodine ( <i>Homestead</i> )	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Bob Glanzer	Healing
Jerry Hansen	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden ( <i>Mother Hull</i> )	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Gwen Holtz ( <i>Mt. Carmel</i> )	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Marion Richmond	Healing
Betty Schmidt	Healing
Lincoln Baker	Cancer
Jill Bates	Cancer

## Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends

<i>Family and Friends of Jeanette Phelps (Mary Fiddelke's sister)</i>	Grief
Shaylee Kreutzer ( <i>Kreutzer's daughter-in-law</i> )	Expecting
Amy Nuttelman ( <i>Chris' wife</i> )	Expecting
Kaylee White ( <i>Emily Vos' friend</i> )	Expecting
Naomi Wollberg ( <i>Matthias' wife</i> )	Expecting
Joan Bentley ( <i>Kreutzer's friend</i> )	Healing
Randy Fritson ( <i>Carol Herron's friend</i> )	Healing
Barb Glover ( <i>Shirley Helmbrecht's sister</i> )	Healing
Sharon Jones ( <i>Rhonda Nielson's mom</i> )	Healing
Cadence Markowski ( <i>Steve Junge's grandniece</i> )	Healing
Melissa Sims ( <i>Jade Florang's friend</i> )	Healing
Randy Solomon ( <i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i> )	Healing
Joanne Staton ( <i>Kristian Arevalo's grandmother</i> )	Healing
Ruth Sturgeon ( <i>Joyce Hartman's aunt</i> )	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell ( <i>Willers' friend</i> )	Cancer
Emily Brachley ( <i>Hodgson's friend</i> )	Cancer
Paul Brooks ( <i>Bruce &amp; Becky Thornton's brother</i> )	Cancer
Mike & Sherrie Crow ( <i>Rich's brother &amp; sister-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner ( <i>Ruby Hatfield's niece</i> )	Cancer
Jerry Glover ( <i>Shirley Helmbrecht's brother</i> )	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen ( <i>Jeff's dad</i> )	Cancer
Heather Hawke ( <i>Ken &amp; Ellen Hockemeier's niece</i> )	Cancer
Steven Junge ( <i>Steve &amp; Fran's nephew</i> )	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer ( <i>Rich &amp; Carol's sister-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Sharon Kreutzer ( <i>Rich's mom</i> )	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair ( <i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i> )	Cancer
Jennelle Pietsch ( <i>Ellen Koopman's sister-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Carlie Russell ( <i>Sue Bartels' friend</i> )	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir ( <i>Pam's nephew</i> )	Cancer

## Response to the Gospel

Date: 1/11/2025

Offering: \$7,281.10

Weekly Need: \$9,400

### 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 is sponsored by Linda Nuttelman,

In memory of Craig.

Last Week's Radio Broadcast was sponsored by Wes & Mary Fiddelke,

In memory of their father's birthdays.

## **Worship Assistants**

### **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:00a**

Elder: Dan Oertwig

Usher: Andy Wollberg

Acolyte: Colton Zehendner

Engineer: Eric Rosenthal

Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Altar Guild: Sue Bartels & Shirley Oertwig

### **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>- 9:00a**

Elder: Eric Rosenthal

Usher: Mike Wilkens

Acolyte: Brynne Fisher

Engineer: Matt Hodgson

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller

Altar Guild: Sue Bartels & Shirley Oertwig

## This Week at Zion

<b>Sun 1/18</b>	<b>9:00a</b> <b>10:30a</b> <b>10:30a</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>Divine Service</b> <i>Holden Schake</i>
<b>Mon 1/19</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Mary Ann Mertz</i>
<b>Tues 1/20</b>	<b>1:30p</b> <b>7:00p</b> <i>Birthdays</i>	<b>Sleeping Mats</b> <b>Church Council</b> <i>Jane Schmid</i>
<b>Wed 1/21</b>	<b>8:30a</b> <b>4:30p</b>	<b>Chapel</b> <b>Midweek Bible Stories</b>
<b>Thurs 1/22</b>		
<b>Fri 1/23</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Nikki Halvorsen</i> <i>Adam Helmbrecht</i> <i>Lexie Eckhoff</i>
<b>Sat 1/24</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Trevor Edwards</i>
<b>Sun 1/25</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>

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## Announcements for January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Weekly Devotion Help for January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** The "Hymn of the Day" (HOD) for next Sunday is LSB 839 "O Christ, Our True and Only Light". Go to <https://www.zionkearney.com/worship> to access a Bible study based on the hymn. We are also taking part in our synod's "Memory Verse Challenge" as we all memorize the same Bible verse each week:

"He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." - 1 John 2:2

**2026 Radio & Flowers Signups:** If there is a date you would like to sponsor for either the radio broadcast or altar flowers, sign up by the mailboxes ASAP.

**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 2026. God works through His word.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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. Life Sunday is a perfect opportunity to make a gift.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**New Teacher Search:** Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Peterson, is expecting twins! We are excited for her but will miss her as she will be staying home with the babies next year. The Board of Ed is now beginning the search for a new fourth grade teacher. If you know of any candidates, contact Mr. Splittgerber.

**Extra Pies:** There are extra pies for sale! Contact Holly in the office for inventory and pricing!

**Apple Mart Register Receipts:** Save receipts dated September 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. With the register receipts, Zion earns points for dollars spent at Apple Market. The points are redeemed for school items. It is easy to earn money for your school! Turn in the receipts in the blue box by the south door at Zion or at Apple Market. If you have any questions please stop by the office.