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Our Holy Lord Atones for Unclean Lips
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¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” (Isaiah 6:1-7).

God is holy. We are not. The LORD’s glory exposes our loss of the image of God. God’s holiness exposes us for what we are: by nature, sinful and unclean; sinful in thought, word, and deed. Isaiah 6:1-7 illustrates this reality.

Through a vision the Prophet Isaiah entered the presence of God’s heavenly council. Our LORD, who rules heaven and earth, sat upon a throne, his robe filling the temple, and surrounded by six-winged seraphim, who called to one another responsively: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts (sabaoth or armies); the whole earth is full of his glory!” The foundations of the temple thresholds shook and the hall was filled with the smoke of incense upon the hot coals, which were brought into the temple on the Day of Atonement.

Isaiah acknowledges his sinfulness, “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” Sinner Isaiah should be consumed by the glory of his holy God. But God is merciful. He sends a seraph, who forgives Isaiah by touching his mouth with the burning coal connected with God’s holy word: “your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

Each Lord’s Day we sinners enter God’s house where he serves us in the Divine Service. Like Isaiah our lips are unclean from the shameful words we have spoken—the crude, careless, loveless, bickering, grumbling, jealous, selfish, ungrateful words to our spouse, parents, and family, or about our superiors, co-workers, or fellow saints. We, too, confess our sins and admit that we deserve nothing but God’s temporal and eternal punishment.

But God has mercy on us for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who poured out his blood in his death on the cross to purify us and atone for all our sins. He has risen from the dead to be present among us and speak his word of forgiveness into our ears. His robe of righteousness covers our sins via his word connected to water in Holy Baptism. He touches our lips, not with a burning coal, but with his holy body and blood under bread and wine, where we sing the Sanctus with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven: “Holy, Holy, Holy, LORD God of Sabaoth!” We then depart with holy lips and lives liberated for faith in God and love to our neighbor.

ADULT CHOIR & HANDBELLS

Handbells and Choir will begin Wednesday, February 9th in the balcony. Handbells will meet at 6 pm and Choir at 7 pm. Choir will meet every Wednesday. The schedule for handbells is still in the works.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Men’s Bible Study will meet on Thursday, February 18th at 7:00pm.

MARY MARTHA

Mary Martha will change their regular meeting time this month to February 21 at 7:00pm to avoid meeting on Valentine’s Day. This will be our circle meeting. There is just one circle this year. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited. Just bring your bibles and money for mites.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Zion will have an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm. Lenten Services will be each Wednesday at 7:00 pm.



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 2021. God works through His word.

MISSIONS

The first quarter (January-March) missions will support Lutherans for Life. If you are lead to donate to the missions please use the special marked envelopes located in the narthex. Please make sure that the missions are clearly marked and placed in the offering plate.

AMAZON.COM PURCHASES

Did you know you can support Zion when you shop at Amazon? Simply go to smile.amazon.com and designate Zion as your charity. Amazon will then donate 0.5% of your eligible orders to Zion. Call the office if you have questions.

| Date | Radio |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 2-6 | |
| 2-13 | |
| 2-20 | Lavern Stuehm memorials |
| 2-27 | Jerry & Nancy Dulitz Anniversary |

There are spots available to sponsor a radio broadcast. It is \$162.25 to sponsor. Please consider sponsoring or going in with another family to fill the open spots. Radio broadcasts are very important because there are so many more people making use of this resource for worship during the pandemic. The sign-up sheet is located in the hallway by the mailbox or call the church office at 308-234-3410. Please help Zion spread the Gospel over the airways.

FEBRUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider signing up for altar flowers to beautify the sanctuary during the worship services. All dates are available and we are able to enjoy them during the service times.

| Date | Flowers |
|------|---------|
| 2-6 | |
| 2-13 | |
| 2-20 | |
| 2-27 | |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|------|
| Joni Brooks | 2/2 |
| Miriam Gaunt | 2/5 |
| Janel Lange | 2/5 |
| Thomas Altwine | 2/7 |
| Philip Kreutzer | 2/7 |
| Darcy Willers | 2/8 |
| Pauline Jacobson | 2/9 |
| Randall Ahrens | 2/10 |
| Tanner Oertwig | 2/10 |
| Heath Schake | 2/10 |
| Morgan Dulitz | 2/13 |
| Katherine Nuttelman | 2/16 |
| David Banner | 2/17 |
| Devon Altwine | 2/18 |
| Trevor Altwine | 2/18 |
| Joyce Hartman | 2/19 |
| Jarren Blattner | 2/21 |
| Madison Vetter | 2/21 |
| William Herron | 2/22 |
| Charles Zehendner | 2/22 |
| Arlee Abels | 2/24 |
| Asher Splittgerber | 2/24 |
| Teresa Leising | 2/25 |
| Emily Baker | 2/27 |
| Margene Stevens | 2/27 |
| Lyle Colsden | 2/28 |



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Gerald & Nancy Dulitz | 2/28

Happy Anniversary!

OUR MEMBERS RESIDING IN CARE FACILITIES

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| Cambridge Court -4107 Central Ave | Pat Flodine |
| Country House Residence-5605 K Ave. | |
| Mt. Carmel - 412 West 18th | |
| Northridge - 5410 17 th Ave. | Vaughn Albrecht Norrine Rockwell |
| Prairie View - 1705 Prairie View Place | Vi Fox |
| Mother Hull-125 East 23 rd | Charles Marineau Lyle Colsden Evelyn Heiden |
| St. John's 3410 Central Ave | Hazel Stickney |
| St. Luke's 2304 2 nd Ave | |
| Christian Homes - Holdrege, NE | Phyllis Willuweit |
| Brookstone Meadows - Elkhorn, NE | Norman Abels |

Where our Triune God strengthens us through His mercy in faith toward Him and in fervent love toward one another.



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School News

- ✝ **Early Childhood Opening:** Mrs. Carol DeLoach, one of our esteemed early childhood teachers will step down following this year. God has worked thru Carol for the past 11 years. She has been a great blessing to Zion and its students! Now we pray that Lord will continue to bless the early childhood program with another top-notch teacher! If you or someone you know would be interested in teaching 3 or 4 year old and have experience in this field, please let us know!
- ✝ **No School:** There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, February 17 & 18 for Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- ✝ **Peace Auction:** All Zion Lutheran School families should have received our P.E.A.C.E. Auction and Dinner donation letter. We ask for your support on this important fundraiser. A lot of help is required to have a successful auction. There are many ways to volunteer! If you are interested in helping out with the auction in any way, please stop by the office or email zionkearney@hotmail.com.
- ✝ **Registration for 2022-2023 School Year:** Be sure to turn in your \$175/student fee K-8 students before March 1st. Half of it will go towards tuition if turned in by then.
- ✝ **Zion Basketball** is well under way! Here is the rest of the schedule:

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| February 8 | GB 5:00/BB 6:00 HOME vs. Emmanuel-Faith York |
| February 12 | Staplehurst Tournament TBD |
| February 25-27 | C-Club Tournament @ Concordia Seward time TBD |
- ✝ **Scrip Cards** - Scrip cards are still available during this time. Visit the office during normal hours to purchase your gift cards.

The theme for our school year is "Together by Christ's Love" based on 1 John 4:7-8.

2022

CALENDAR YEAR

FEBRUARY

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 | 31 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| | | 7:00pm Board of Stewardship | 5:30 Midweek | Boys Basketball 2 GI | | |
| 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School 10:30AM Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 5:00 Divine Service | | 1:30 Sleeping Mats 7:00 Board of Elders 7:00 Board of Trustees 7:00 Board of Ed. B&G Basketball HOME | 8:30 Chapel 5:30 Midweek 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir | | | Boys & Girls Basketball @ Staplehurst |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School 10:30AM Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 5:00 Divine Service |  | 1:30 Sleeping Mats 7:00 Church Council | 8:30 Chapel 5:30 Midweek 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir | No School - Parent Teacher Conferences | | |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School 10:30AM Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 5:00 Divine Service | 12:00 Senior Citizens 7:00p Mary Martha | 1:30 Sleeping Mats | 8:30 Chapel 5:30 Midweek 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
| 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Adult Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School 10:30AM Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM 5:00 Divine Service | | 1:30 Sleeping Mats | 8:30 Chapel 5:30 Midweek 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Ash Wed. Service 8:00 Adult Choir | | | |

