## The Second Sunday in Advent *Populus Zion* December 8, Year of Our ↔ Lord 2024



#### The Lord Comes on the Last Day

The day on which our Lord returns will be a "great and awesome day" (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will "set them ablaze" (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: ". . . straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us "through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures" (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus' coming. Then, by God's grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.



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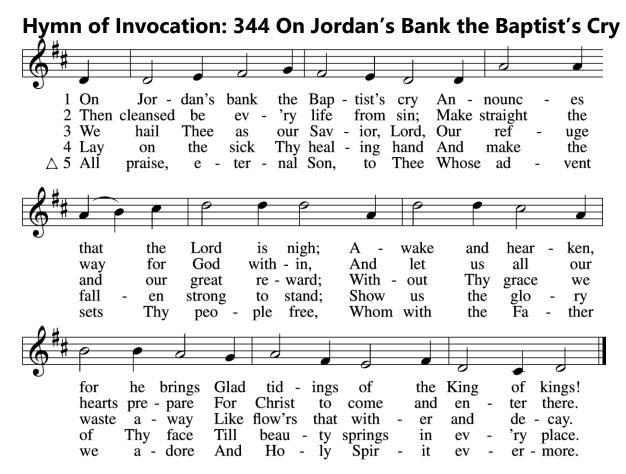
#### **WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS**

As a way to celebrate and remember the vibrant history of the Christian Church–among many other reasons–we utilize the historic liturgy. This may be new and strange to you, or this may be comfortable and familiar. We invite you to sit next to one of our members who will happy to assist you as you receive God's gifts of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation alongside us.

#### HOLY COMMUNION AT ZION:

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at the Lutheran altar. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. The Bible teaches we cannot be partakers from two differing tables (1 Cor. 10:15-18), and that communion can be taken to our judgment rather than our forgiveness (1 Cor. 11:27-32). It is our earnest desire at Zion that communion be taken according to our Lord's intent (Matthew 26:26-28). Members of Zion, out of love for their neighbor, can be of great assistance in this endeavor to bring others into the truth of this supper by encouraging visitors to speak with the pastor if they desire Holy Communion.

## + Confession and Absolution +



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#### Stand

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

- ▶ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

#### **G** 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,
- **G** 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.

- 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.

## + Service of the Word +

#### Introit

Psalm 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11b; 30:29,30

- Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes."
- **C** The LORD will cause his majestic voice to be heard, and you shall have gladness of heart.
- P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- C Restore us, O God;

#### let your face shine, that we may be saved!

P Turn again, O God of hosts!

Look down from heaven, and see.

- G But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Say to the daughter of Zion,

"Behold, your salvation comes."

**C** The LORD will cause his majestic voice to be heard, and you shall have gladness of heart.





# Salutation and Collect of the Day The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it.



P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Sit Old Testament Reading

#### Malachi 4:1–6

<sup>1</sup> "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts

of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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

#### **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

Psalm 50:2–3a, 5

Dut of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes; he does not keep silence;

#### G "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

#### Epistle

#### Romans 15:4–13

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,

and sing to your name."

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

<sup>11</sup>And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples extol him."

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,

even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;

in him will the Gentiles hope."

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

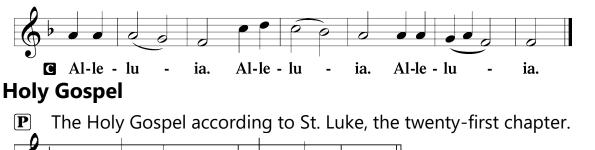
**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

#### Alleluia

Luke 21:25-36

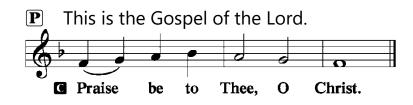




<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."



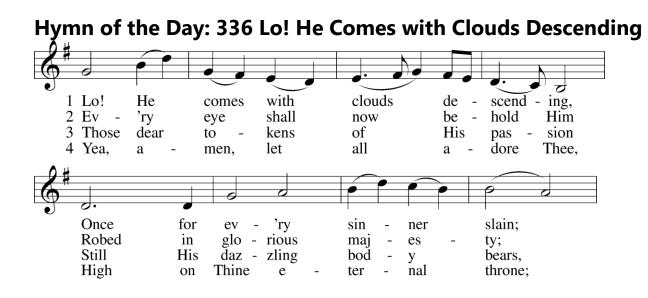
#### Nicene Creed

 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.

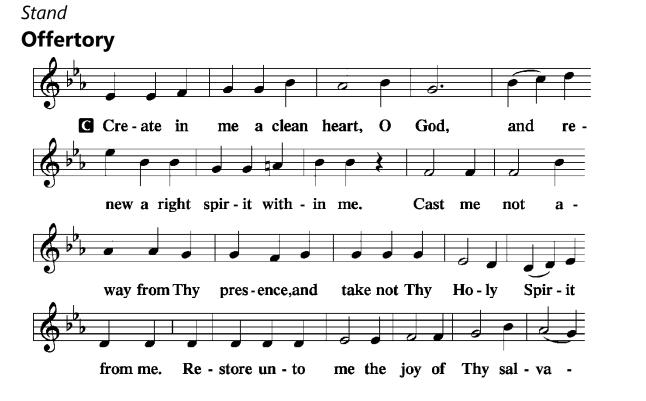






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#### Sermon





#### **Prayer of the Church**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:CLord, have mercy.

PFor the whole Church of Christ and this congregation, that amid the tumult and trouble of these times, we would be a people with uplifted heads and hearts, looking for the day of our redemption, let us pray to the Lord:

#### CLord, have mercy.

Prove the fearful and distressed, that almighty God would guard our hearts against fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, and that He would strengthen our faith in joyful anticipation of Christ's coming again in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

#### CLord, have mercy.

P For the tempted, that the Lord would preserve us from dissipation, drunkenness and every sin that would harm our faith and cause us to fear His coming in glory; and that He would strengthen our faith as we joyfully await His return, let us pray to the Lord:

#### CLord, have mercy.

PFor harmony, that God would defeat the plans of all who would stir up violence, destroy the weapons of those who delight in bloodshed, and according to His will, end all conflicts in our nation and world, let us pray to the Lord:

#### CLord, have mercy.

■ For the Holy Spirit, that by God's Word He would search our hearts to root out all evil that would lead to strife and discord so that we may be at peace with all people; and for zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring peace beyond understanding, let us pray to the Lord:

#### CLord, have mercy.

Pror the sick, the suffering, the grieving and all who have requested our prayers, *[especially\_\_\_\_\_\_,]* that our Rising Sun might overshadow them with His healing wings and shine His light upon them, let us pray to the Lord:

#### CLord, have mercy.

PFor all who commune this day; for repentance and firm trust in Christ; for right discernment of His holy body in the Supper; and that God would fill us with joy and peace in believing so that, forgiven and abounding in hope, we may be able to stand with a clean conscience before His judgment throne, let us pray to the Lord:

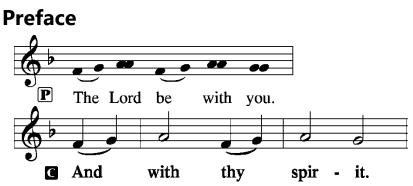
#### CLord, have mercy.

**P** This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer Laurie Timmerman.

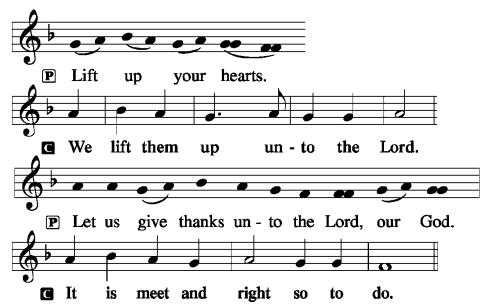
G Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Laurie from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep her in the certainty of her salvation that she has by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold Laurie in our prayers this week and let her know that we love her in Jesus Christ.

▶ Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your Son You have revealed to us that heaven and earth will pass away, that our bodies will rise again, and that we will all appear before His judgment seat. We implore You, keep us in Your Word by Your Holy Spirit. Establish us in the true faith, defend us from all sin and preserve us in every temptation. Do not let our hearts be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness or the cares of this life, but lead us to trust fully in Your grace and so watch, pray and await with joy the glorious coming of Your Son, in whom we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

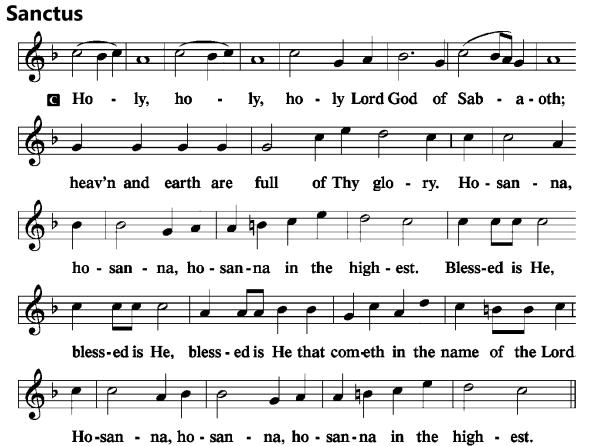
#### C Amen.



+ Service of the Sacrament +



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, 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:



#### Lord's Prayer

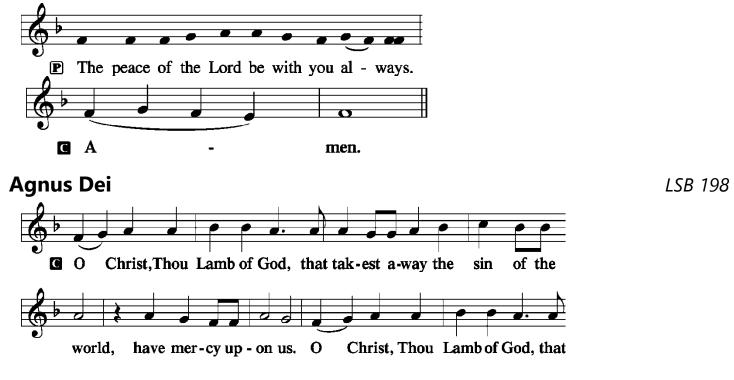
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

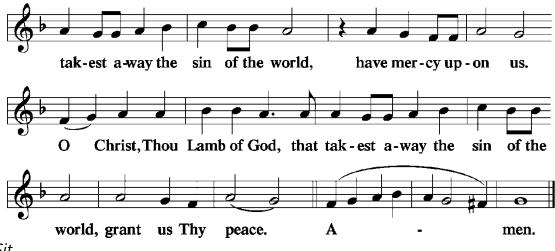
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."





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Sit

#### Distribution

Those participating in communion are asked to exit the pew on the outer aisle. When coming forward to receive communion we ask that 7 people from each side approach the altar. The Chalice and Individual Cups are offered at the Supper; you can specify which cup you would like to receive from. Please exit down the center aisle, placing your cup in the basket near the font.

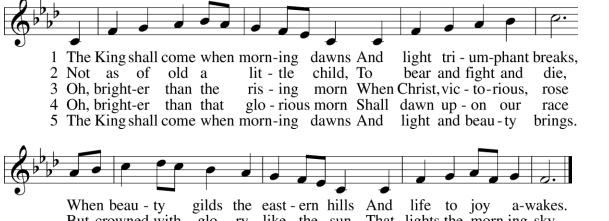
**Distribution Hymn: 354 Arise, O Christian People** 

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#### **Distribution Hymn: 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns**

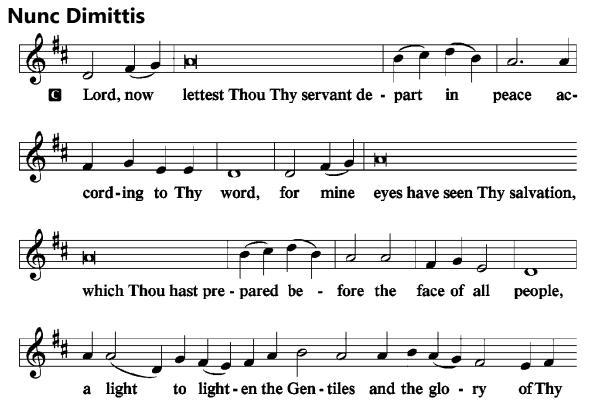


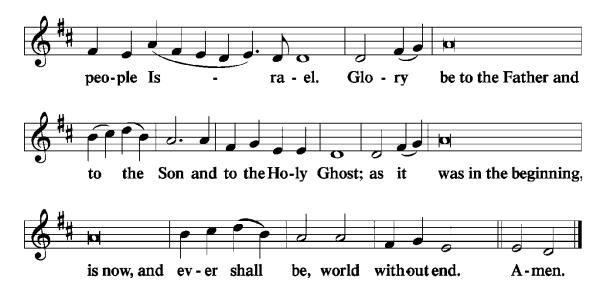
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky. And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes. The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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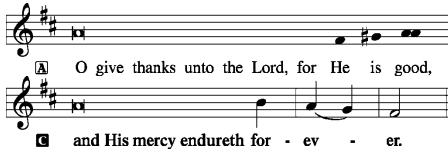
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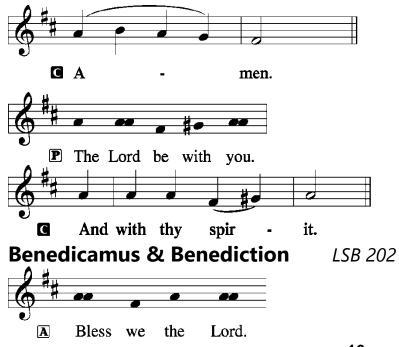
#### Thanksgiving

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#### 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.





Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Joy-less is the day's re-turn Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Day-spring from on high, be near; Till they in - ward light im - part, More and more Thy - self dis-play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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### **MISSION OF THE MONTH – LCMS Disaster Response**

Earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, floods and tornados—Lord have mercy! In the midst of chaos, the Church — together with the generous gifts of faithful Lutherans — brings peace and calm through acts of mercy and the comforting Word of Christ. The Church continues to come alongside those who are rebuilding their lives, sticking around well after most other groups have returned home. To learn more about how your gifts are used, please visit <u>https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response</u>

#### **Prayer Family**

Laurie Timmerman 126 Maplewood Dr. Gwinner, ND 58040

#### Cleaners

**Dec. 8-14:** Dennis & Cindy Linderkamp, Randal & Michelle Brockman

## **Ushers for the Month of December**

8<sup>th</sup> Randal 11<sup>th</sup> Ron 15<sup>th</sup> Open 18<sup>th</sup> Andrew 22<sup>nd</sup> Greg 24<sup>th</sup> Grover 25<sup>th</sup> Randal 29<sup>th</sup> Ron

## FB Live for the Month of December

8<sup>th</sup> Open 11<sup>th</sup> Cindy 18<sup>th</sup> Andrew 22<sup>nd</sup> Greg 24<sup>th</sup> Krista 25<sup>th</sup> Open 29<sup>th</sup> Cindy

## **Pastor's Study Hours**

Tuesday: 8:30-11:30 am 1-2 pm Wednesday: 10-11:30 am 1-2:30 pm Thursday: 8:30-11:30 am 1-3 pm Friday: 8:30-11:30 am 1-2 pm

## This Week in the Congregation of Zion

Today8:45 amCatechesis & Sunday School10:00 amDivine Service with Holy Communion

- Tues. 10th3:30 pmYouth Catechesis
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Catechesis
  - 3:45 pm Youth Catechesis
  - 5:30 pm Advent Supper
  - 6:00-6:15 pm Confession & Absolution
  - 6:30 pm Advent Vespers

Sun. 15th8:45 amCatechesis and Sunday School10:00 amDivine Service with Holy Communion2:00 pmCircuit Confessions Study @ Redeemer/Lisbon

## **Attendance & Giving at Zion**

#### Sunday, December 1:

Worship Attendance: 60 Catechesis: 10

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Category	La	Last Week		December		Goal	YTD Received		YTD Needed		Goal	
General Fund	\$	4,045.00	\$	4,045.00	\$1	3,124.83	\$ 3	130,245.63	\$14	5,382.77	\$	(15,137.14)
Misc. Income	\$	0.25	\$	0.25			\$	174.75				
Building Fund	\$	70.00	\$	70.00			\$	7,105.93				
Cemetery Fund							\$	1,965.00				
Memorial Fund							\$	3,490.00				
Vehicle Fund												
ND Missions	\$	420.00	\$	420.00	\$	2,166.67	\$	20,482.27	\$ 2	4,000.00	\$	(3,517.73)
<b>Mission of Month</b>	\$	75.00	\$	75.00			\$	12,331.20				
Parking Lot	\$	200.00	\$	200.00			\$	600.00				

Zion's Income Goal: \$157,498.00 ND Mission Goal: \$26,000.00

#### Did you know.... We offer the convenience of electronic giving?

#### Simply follow these easy steps:

1) Visit the church website at www.ziongwinner.org

- 2) Click on the **Online Giving** tab at the top of the page,
- 3) Click on the Sign In/Sign Up button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile

and to schedule your recurring contributions.

# **Prayer and Petitions**



## December 8, 2024

Please let Pastor know if you want a request added or removed

#### **Remembering Our Shut-Ins**

Donna Olson at Beverly Ann, Lisbon Iris Meyer and Corrine Haussler, at Forman Villas Wayne Arnst, at Maryhill Manor, Enderlin

#### **Remembering Those Who Serve**

Mark McFarland: US Army in New York Rick Gaden: National Guard Nate Utecht: US Navy in Washington DC Chris Mathias, Jason Asche, Bob Orn, Sam Helm: Volunteer Fire & Rescue

## **Noteworthy News...**



CHRISTIANITY & OTHER WORLD RELIGIONS... Judaism, Islam, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Hinduism, Buddhism, Atheism, Scientology. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by

Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a World Religions 101 series with Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago. You can listen to this multi-part series at <u>issuesetc.org/worldreligions</u>.

**Early bird registration for Higher Things** youth conference, 2025, is now open. The dates are July 8-11, at Concordia University, Seward, Neb. On site housing/registration is \$565, and off-site housing/registration is \$460. Please speak with pastor if you are interested in this conference. The theme for 2025 is, "All Things New."

**Advent meals-** There is a sign up on the kitchen bulletin board for providing food for the Advent meals.

**Poinsettias'-** The Ladies of the LWML are purchasing two poinsettias to place on either side of the altar. There are plenty more places to set them, if you would like to purchase and donate.

**Special Service Offerings:** Advent Services: Parking Lot Fund; Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: Wittenberg Chapel.

**Community Giving Tree:** The Sargent County Food Pantry is coordinating the 2024 Giving Tree, to help those in our county who can use a little help this Christmas. Please choose a tag, purchase the gift listed, wrap the gift and return it (along with the tag) the church by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Your gifts will be delivered in time for Christmas. Please consider taking a tag (or several!) and blessing someone this Christmas.

Check your mailboxes. Your December church newsletter and Advent Devotions, along with maybe some other "mail" can be found.