



In This Issue...

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Having Joy in the Denial of Self

Advent is upon us. It is a season of repentance, intensified prayer, and fasting. Repentance from sin is always important, of course, for without repentance from sin there cannot be faith in Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and the true joy this brings. Repentance for sin is a denial of ourselves, of the ways of our own flesh. Self-denial for its own sake will only produce self-righteousness, pride, and the despising of others. Self-denial for the sake of another will produce fruit. Self-denial for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, will produce the good fruit of righteousness that is pleasing to God our Father.

Jesus makes it abundantly clear: If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done (Matthew 16:24-27).

We fast from the desires of the flesh not inherently sinful, so we are better equipped by the Holy Spirit to fast from the desires of the flesh that are sinful. Fasting from food makes us better equipped to fight against the sin of gluttony (overindulgence on food), making us realize that we do not live by bread alone but by all of God's word. Prayer in the Holy Spirit equips us from the word of God to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus with works that are truly pleasing to our heavenly Father.

Continued blessings in Christ Jesus this Advent,

Pastor

- Having joy...
- Christmas Schedule
- Mission of the Month
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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

<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response>

December Birthdays

- 3 – Logan Essig
- 5 – Michelle Brockman
- 6 – Brian Orn
- 7– Ellie Helm
- 11 – Jay Enderson
- 16 – Andrew Greenmyer
Grover Riebe
- 18 – Hollie Asche
- 19 – Jan Riebe
- 20 – Sam Helm
- 22– Greg Nelson
- 24 – Emma Brockman
- 30– Carissa Stroh
- 31 – Howie Neustel



**Thank you for your
generous support of
the Food Pantry during
this season and
throughout the year!**

Pastor's Study Hours

Tuesday: 8:30-noon 1-3:30 pm

Wednesday: 8:30- 9, 10-noon,

1:30-4:30 pm (Redeemer)

Thursday: 8:30-noon, 1-2:30 pm

Friday: 8:30-noon

Parish Assistant Office Hours

Krista has no set office hours. Please feel free to leave a written message on the desk, or send an email.

I try and copy bulletins on Wednesday.

Email: secretary@ziongwinner.org

Come and Receive...

Advent Services

Wednesdays
December 3rd, 10th & 17th
6:30pm
Soup Supper @5:30pm

Children Recite and Sing
Sunday, January 4th, 10 am



Christmas Eve

Candlelight
Service of
Lessons and
Carols

5:00pm



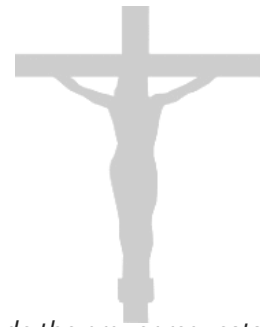
Christmas Day

Divine Service
with
Holy Communion

10:00 am

...God's Gifts for You

The Congregation at Prayer



The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Invocation:

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

The Small Catechism: Christian Questions w/Answers

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Nov. 30-Dec. 6 | Q&A 10-12 |
| Dec 7-13 | Q&A 13-15 |
| Dec 14-20 | Q&A 16-18 |
| Dec 21-27 | Q&A 19-20 |

Readings:

Advent 1 (Nov. 30-Dec. 6) *Ad Te Levavi*

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Psalm 24 | |
| Old Testament: | Jeremiah 23:5-8 |
| Epistle: | Romans 13:11-14 |
| Gospel: | Matthew 21:1-9 |

Advent 2 (Dec 7-13) *Populus Zion*

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| Psalm 50:1-15 | |
| Old Testament: | Malachi 4:1-6 |
| Epistle: | Romans 15:4-13 |
| Gospel: | Luke 21:25-36 |

Advent 3 (Dec 14-20) *Gaudete*

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|----------------|---------------------|
| Psalm 85 | |
| Old Testament: | Isaiah 40:1-11 |
| Epistle: | 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 |
| Gospel: | Matthew 11:2-11 |

Advent 4 (Dec 21-27) *Rorate Coeli*

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|----------------|----------------------|
| Psalm 111 | |
| Old Testament: | Deuteronomy 18:15-19 |
| Epistle: | Philippians 4:4-7 |
| Gospel: | John 1:19-28 |

Hymn of the Month:

LSB 345

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

Prayers:

In our Prayers this week at Zion:

Use your weekly bulletin and include the prayer requests listed in each week's bulletin.

The 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.**

Morning Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

Blessing:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Word of the Month

Terms Relating to Worship and God's House

Salutation

"The Lord be with you" (2 Tim. 4:22), followed by the response, "And also with you," or "And with your Spirit."

See page 172.

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89 Text and tune: Public domain



Acolytes

Lydia or Elder

Prayer Families

December 7

Reed Nelson
13443 80th St SE
Milnor, ND 58060

December 14

Adam Neustel
116 Main St.
Gwinner, ND 58040

December 21

Howie Neustel
116 Main St.
Gwinner, ND 58040

December 28

Kelly & Liz Neustel, Sadie & Harry
116 Main St.
Gwinner, ND 58040



Ushers

3rd: Brian 7th: Andrew
10th: Greg 14th: Grover
17th: Randal 21st: Ron
24th: Brian 25th: Andrew
28th: Greg



3rd: Andrew 7th: Greg
10th: Brian 14th: Krista
17th: Evan 21st: Cindy
24th: Andrew 25th: Greg
28th: Brian

Note: If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, we ask that you please contact another member to switch with.

Counters

3rd: Michelle Brockman & Bob Orn
7th: Jim Asche & Brian Orn
10th: Sam Helm & Jason Asche
14th: Gary Drevlow & Michelle Brockman
17th: Bob Orn & Jim Asche
21st: Brian Orn & Jason Asche
24th: Sam Helm & Gary Drevlow
25th: Michelle Brockman & Bob Orn
28th: Jim Asche & Brian Orn

Cleaners List

7-13

- Kelly & Liz Neustel
- David & LaVonne Nelson
- Geneva Waswick

14-20

- Dennis & Cindy Linderkamp
- Randal & Michelle Brockman
- Spencer & Emma Brockman

21-27

- Gary & Kay Drevlow
- Jay & Karen Enderson
- Joey & Cindy Enderson

28-Jan 3

- Tim & Jo Anne Rehborg
- Allen & Diane McDaniel



****Please remember to sign your name on the chart on the bulletin board by the kitchen noting which area***

December 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|------------------------|---|---|--|------------------------|----------|
| | 1 Pastor's Day off | 2 9 a.m. Pastors Circuit Winkle @ Immanuel in Wahpeton | 3 9:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 p.m. Private Confession/Absolution 6:30 pm Advent Evening Prayer | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15 am: Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study | 8 Pastor's Day off | 9 | 10 9:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 p.m. Private Confession/Absolution 6:30 pm Advent Evening Prayer | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15 am: Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study | 15 Pastor's Day off | 16 LWML- Christmas Potluck @ noon | 17 9:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 p.m. Private Confession/Absolution 6:30 pm Advent Evening Prayer | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15 am: Coffee 11:30 am- Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Circuit Confessions Study @ Holy Cross/Lidgerwood | 22 | 23 | 24 5 p.m. Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Lessons and Carols | 25 10 a.m. Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Divine Service w/Communion | 26 Pastor's Day off | 27 |
| 28 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am- Bible Study | 29 Pastor's Day off | 30 | 31 | | | |