



“Then they opened their treasures  
and offered Him gifts:  
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”  
Matthew 2:11



**ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI**

*(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)*

**IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!**

**First Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 11 & 15, 2023**

**WELCOME TO ZION.** It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

**LITURGY: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT**

*CW pg. 26*

**PRELUDE MUSIC:** "Joseph Dearest Joseph Mine"  
"Kings from the East Came Riding"  
"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

**OPENING HYMN:** *CW 481*

**"O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made"**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**481 O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made**

1 O God, your hand the heav - ens made And  
2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine; All  
3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims; True

all that they con - tain; The world ap - peared at  
tal - ents you have sent. In - spire us now to  
stew - ards we would be. En - dow us with a

your com - mand, And in it now you reign.  
use well Your king - dom to ex - tend.  
deep de - sire To live un - self - ish - ly.

The rest - less sea, the land, the sky Your  
We hold each gift a trust from you Nor  
A full ac - count - ing we must give And

hand - i - work de - clare; The touch of your cre -  
claim it as our own; We grate - ful - ly ac -  
see you face to face; Let us ap - proach your

a - tive pow'r Is pres - ent ev - 'ry - where.  
knowl - edge, Lord, All things are yours a - lone.  
throne with joy, Sup - port - ed by your grace.

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Tune: KINGSFOLD (CM D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.



P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

*The congregation may kneel.*

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (✠) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



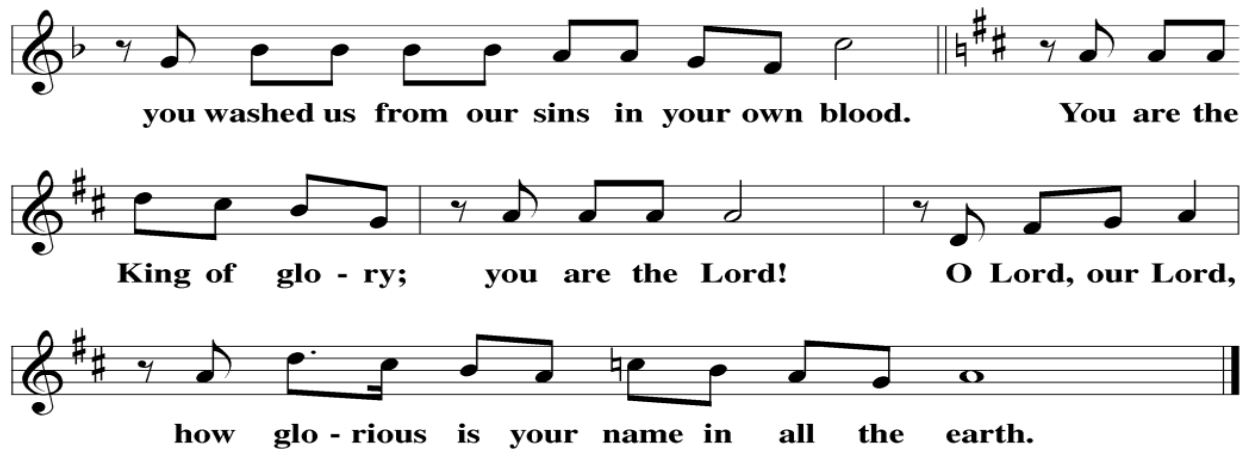
P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through You Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



## THE WORD

### First Lesson

### Exodus 30:34-38

<sup>34</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Take fragrant spices, gum resin, shechelet, and helbanum, fragrant spices with pure frankincense. Use an equal weight of each ingredient, <sup>35</sup> and make incense from it, a blend made with the skill of a perfume maker, seasoned with salt, pure and holy. <sup>36</sup> Grind some of it very fine, and put some of it in front of the Testimony in the Tent of Meeting where I will make myself known to you. It shall be most holy to you. <sup>37</sup> When you make incense for yourselves, you shall not make any with this recipe. You shall regard it as holy to the Lord. <sup>38</sup> Whoever makes any fragrance like that for himself shall be cut off from his people.” (EHV)



*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



O my people, hear my teaching;  
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,  
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;  
we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

*Refrain*

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob  
and established the law in Israel,  
so the next generation would know them,  
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God  
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**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.**

*Refrain*



## Second Lesson

## Philippians 4:15-20

<sup>15</sup> You Philippians know that in the beginning of your experience with the gospel, when I left Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. <sup>16</sup> Even while I was in Thessalonica, you sent help more than once for my needs. <sup>17</sup> Not that I am seeking a gift, but I am seeking the fruit that adds to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have been paid in full, and I have more than enough. I am fully supplied since I've received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will fully supply your every need, according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever! Amen. (EHV)

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



## WORD OF GOD

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## Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



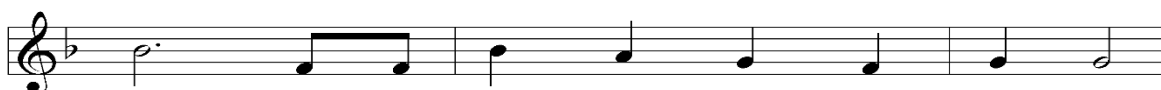
to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;  
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my  
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened  
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low  
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your  
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y  
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure  
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den  
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing  
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
 You give peace and words of par - don.  
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: WERDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.



*<sup>11</sup> After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

**“THEN THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES  
AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS:  
GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.”**

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:     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 SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Musical notation for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God'. It consists of five staves in C major with a treble clef. The notes are: Staff 1: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5; Staff 2: D5, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4; Staff 3: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5; Staff 4: D5, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4; Staff 5: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. The lyrics are: 'C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.'

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *CW 315*  
*CW 304*

"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"  
"Jesus Sinners Does Receive"



# 315 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
 2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;  
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
 Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.  
 An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.  
 Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:  
 The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.  
 My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.  
 Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.  
 Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, abr., alt.

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595-1662.





1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the  
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his  
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way  
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope  
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -  
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms  
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By your blood and bitter passion,  
 For these words I do believe—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
 Even I have been forgiven.  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to him I cleave—  
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1699, alt.



## THANKSGIVING



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-news 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!

## Benediction

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.



## COMMITMENT

**456                      Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go**

1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly  
 2 Oh, let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill The task your  
 3 May I find you at my right hand; Your eyes see  
 4 Give me to bear your eas - y yoke And ev - 'ry  
 5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy What - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, De - ter - mined on - ly  
 wis - dom has as - signed And do your good and  
 tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at  
 mo - ment watch and pray And still to things e -  
 you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know In all I think or speak or do.  
 per - fect will— In all my works your pres - ence find!  
 your com - mand And of - fer all my works to you.  
 ter - nal look And has - ten to your glo - rious day.  
 course with joy And close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.

Tune: LAKEWOOD (LM) Barry L. Bobb, b. 1951. © 1981 Barry L. Bobb. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

**POSTLUDE: “March of the Kings”**

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Accompanist: Dottie Bober

Sun. Liturgist: Pastor Ross Ulrich

Sun. Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman



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**SECURITY UPDATE:** Zion Church Council has decided that starting on **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** for security reasons they will be **locking the school door entrance at 9:10 a.m.** If you get to church after 9:10 a.m. please use the other church entrances. Thank you.

**PLAYGROUP AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Come join parents and littles, children kindergarten or younger and their parents, to come have fun. They are meeting on Monday mornings from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Albain Rd. Join for snacks, play and Christian fellowship. Contact Chelsea Kowalski at 507-766-5679 for any questions.

**BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:**

Dear Members of Zion,

Did you know that we have a capital campaign going on RIGHT NOW?

Within the past 14 months Zion has received two estate gifts totaling approximately \$80,000 and an additional \$25,000 through member offerings. These donations have helped seed a couple exciting projects and complete others. A list of projects that have been completed include:

- New furniture has been purchased for the west foyer (some furniture still pending delivery)
- A new security system has been installed. This project included the installation of multiple cameras on the property, both inside and outside of the building, a keyless entry system, and more
- Generator backup switches have been installed on each church own parsonage/teacherage
- Professional design services for handicap bathroom remodeling plans
- Miscellaneous repairs to church owned properties

Here is a list of projects that will be approved **as the funds are available**. It is important to note that the current plan is to only pursue these projects once funds are collected through the capital campaign. This will remain true unless the repair becomes urgent or emergency in nature.

- A major update to the restrooms to make them handicap accessible
- A backup generator allowing worship services and school to continue during times without power
- Repair and/or replacement of the roof

These are all very exciting projects that will serve Zion well for many years. As you consider a year end gift, please consider giving to these important projects and **mark your donations as "Capital Campaign"**.

Thank you for your support as Zion undertakes some large and much needed projects.

Sincerely, Board of Stewardship

**THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP** is planning to hold a marriage retreat in March 17-19, 2023. WELS Pastor Randy Hunter will lead the discussions. We would start on Friday evening and run through Sunday at noon. A worship service will be conducted on Sunday morning. We need to get an approximate number of persons who would attend. If you sign up, it does not mean you are locked into attending. We are trying to make the best arrangements for rooms and meeting rooms. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Vagt.



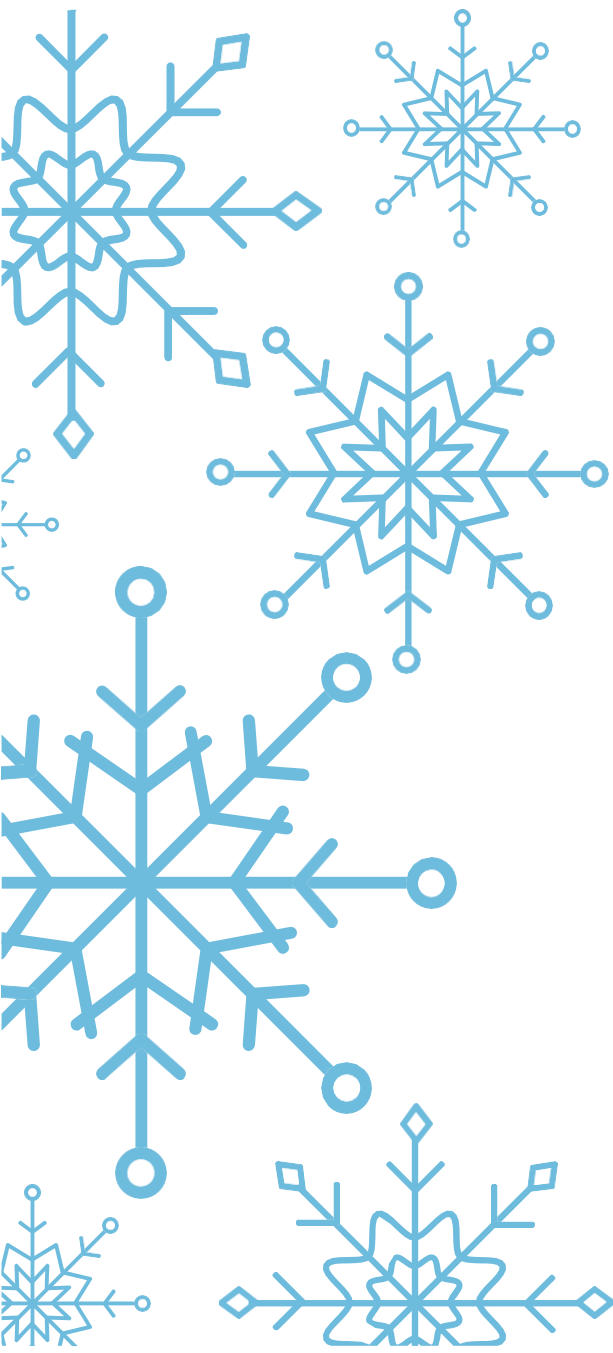
## COMING UP AT ZION ....

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)  
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class  
 Monday NO School/Office Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Class  
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service  
 Friday Zion School away basketball game at Cross of Glory  
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Youth Group  
 10:15 a.m. Open Forum – NO Adult Bible Class

## JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

	Jan. 1	Jan. 4 & 8	Jan. 11 & 15	Jan. 18 & 22	Jan. 25 & 29
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>			Pastor Ulrich		
<b>LIVE STREAM HELPERS</b>		Steve Sordahl	Rob Krueger	<b>NEED HELPER</b>	Miller Sordahl
<b>USHERS</b>	<u><b>Jan. 1</b></u> Joe Koch Dave Bengé Joe Schmeling	<u><b>Jan. 8</b></u> Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Alan Bober	<u><b>Jan. 11</b></u> Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Alan Bober  <u><b>Jan. 15</b></u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick	<u><b>Jan. 22</b></u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf	<u><b>Jan. 25</b></u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf  <u><b>Jan. 29</b></u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny





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Join Us  
for an Informational  
Luncheon and Fellowship

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# Friends In Faith

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Sunday, January 22nd 11:30am  
Zion Lutheran Auditorium

ALL WOMEN OF THE  
CONGREGATION ARE  
INVITED

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