



# Zion Lutheran Church

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Divine Service

Saturday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m.

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Welcome! We are so glad you joined us this season of Advent, as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May the Holy Spirit richly bless and be with us all at this special time of year. If you have any announcements or prayer requests please let us know.

It is the mission of our church to share the love of Christ. Romans 5:5 says “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” May the Lord be with us as we hear the Gospel and receive the Sacraments for the strengthening of our faith and making disciples of all nations!

Holy Communion: The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, 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 or an usher. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17- 34

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Third Sunday in Advent  
December 12 & 13, 2020

Hymn of Invocation: LSB 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;  
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: v. 7*

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

**that glory may dwell in our land.**

Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

**and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness will go before him

**and make his footsteps a way.**

**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.**

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

## Kyrie

LSB 204



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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day: Advent 3

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations. . . .

For I the LORD love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Gradual**

*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

**Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

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Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



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



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . .

This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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

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

## 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.

*Sit*

### Hymn of the Day: LSB 344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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## Sermon “John’s Testimony”

The offering is received at the back of the sanctuary. Please stand for the prayers.

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation! Keep Your saints from every folly that would turn them from Your words of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** You sent John to proclaim the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Richly and daily forgive our sins and the sins of all believers. Bless Matthew, our Synod president; Scott, our district president; Mark, our circuit visitor; and all pastors in Christ. Gather and preserve Your Holy Christian Church by Your voice, and send us faithful preachers who will not deny but confess Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Dear Father, be the source of strength and comfort in every home. Bless the children of our families, that every darkness would be lightened by Your Son’s gracious visitation. Sanctify them completely, that their whole spirit, soul and body may be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give wisdom and success to our nation and its leaders. Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us and those newly elected. Preserve our land and its citizens in peace and harmony, and protect all who serve in harm’s way. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Receive our thanks in every circumstance for Your kindness in Christ Jesus and the certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Him. We pray especially for Lois, Sally, Dave, Donald, Beulah, Kelly, Calvin, Ruth, Ronnie, Yvonne, Anita, Bridget, Vern, Rodney, Ken, Lucas, Harriet, Matthew, Ruth, Lyle, Becky, Tom, and Al. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give us faith to believe the New Testament in Your blood, to seek Your Holy Supper for the forgiveness of our sins, and to confess Your truth with honest hearts in communion with one another at this altar today. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

### **Preface**

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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 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."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

# Agnus Dei

LSB 210



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

- 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** Amen.

**Hymn to Depart: LSB 346 When All the World Was Cursed**



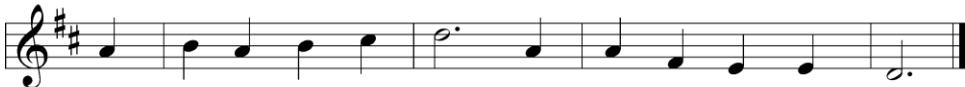
1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,  
 2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,  
 3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,  
 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.  
 Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.  
 Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.  
 The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,  
 By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,  
 Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,  
 That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.  
 He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:  
 Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.  
 Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

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**Holy Communion Distribution:** During this time, we are practicing a walk-thru style for the distribution of Holy Communion. What this means is that every family will approach the rail one at a time. The Usher/Elder will acknowledge you and you may come forward to your respective rail. When at the rail, it is appropriate to bow out of reverence to the Lord. Then the Pastor and Elder will distribute the Sacrament to you. Once you have received the Sacrament you dismiss yourself and return to your pew, placing the receptacle in the tray as you go. The Pastor will speak a blessing for the entire congregation at the end of the

distribution. If you have any questions, you may ask the Pastor or the Elders and they will assist you. Thank you for your understanding and patience, and the Lord be with you!

**Individual Communion in the Sanctuary is being offered by appointment. Please contact the Pastor for further details.**

### **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*The Coming of the Christ Brings True Rejoicing in His Forgiveness*

When he preaches repentance, John the Baptist points us to Christ Jesus. John was sent by God “*as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him*” (John 1:7). He baptizes with water in order to “*make straight the way of the Lord,*” who shall redeem His people from their sins (John 1:23). That Lord Jesus “*who comes after*” John now stands among us and makes Himself known to us (John 1:26–27). He has been anointed by the Holy Spirit “*to bring good news to the poor*” and “*to bind up the brokenhearted*” (Is. 61:1). By the washing of the water with His Word and Spirit, He clothes His Church with “*the garments of salvation*” and adorns her with His own righteousness “*as a bride adorns herself with her jewels*” (Is. 61:10). Therefore, we “*rejoice always*” in the Lord, “*pray without ceasing*” and “*give thanks in all circumstances*” (1 Thess. 5:16–18). For “*the God of peace,*” who has called you by the Gospel, will surely “*sanctify you completely,*” so that “*your whole spirit and soul and body*” will “*be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (1 Thess. 5:23–24).

### **In Our Prayers This Week:**

**"We continue to pray that God would bless and protect our essential workers, who day and night are working to ensure everyone's health and safety, thank you!"**

### **Those who have been hospitalized, homebound, in care centers or have special needs:**

Lois Bode, Sally Reimer, Dave Kahlman (Judy Lulf's brother), Donald Rohrbauck, Beulah Smith, Kelly Harrison (Natalie Ketelhut's cousin), Calvin & Ruth Olsen (former Zion members), Ronnie, Yvonne McDonald (Connie Bailey's sister), Anita Weber (Frank and Shirley Bailey's daughter), Bridget Lake (Karen Ristau's sister-in-law), Vern, Rodney & Ken Olinger (Lila Speckels brothers), Lucas Bunker, Harriet Odens (Melanie Olson's grandniece), Matthew Todd (Lila Speckels nephew), Ruth Williams, Lyle DeHaai, Becky Rybak, Tom Hanssen, Rev. Al Althoff.

*"If you are sick, in need of prayer, encouragement, comfort, or basic needs and would like to be put in the weekly prayers please contact the church office or pastor!"*

### **EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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| <b>Saturday, December 12</b>  | <b>Divine Service 7 p.m.</b>                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Sunday, December 13</b>    | <b>Divine Service 9 a.m.</b><br><b>Sunday School 10 a.m.</b><br><b>Confirmation classes 10 a.m.</b><br><b>Women's Bible Study via Zoom 4 p.m.</b> |
| <b>Wednesday, December 16</b> | <b>Men's Bible Study 6:45 a.m. via Zoom</b><br><b>Midweek Advent Service 7 p.m.</b>                                                               |
| <b>Saturday, December 19</b>  | <b>Divine Service 7 p.m.</b>                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Sunday, December 20</b>    | <b>Divine Service 9 a.m.</b><br><b>Sunday School 10 a.m.</b><br><b>Confirmation classes 10 a.m.</b><br><b>Women's Bible Study via Zoom 4 p.m.</b> |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



The children's choir will be singing December 16th just prior to the Wednesday evening Advent service. They will be singing outside.

**LWML Christmas Card Project** Located in the Fellowship Hall are for are stamped and addressed Christmas cards for some of the senior members of our congregation. We invite you to take one or more of the cards home write a message or note and sign. Thank you for your help.



If you are going to purchase a Poinsettia please have them to the church by Monday, December 21st for the names to be placed in the Christmas bulletin.

**MEN AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES** are studying the Gospel of John, and would be glad for you to join us anytime. Men meet on Wednesdays at 6:45 am and Women meet on Sundays at 4:00 pm. If interested please contact Pastor Hinckley. Thank you!

**Sermons/Services Online:** The Service is being recorded every weekend, either Saturday night or Sunday morning, and uploaded to our church website. You may access them there. [zionchamberlain.com](http://zionchamberlain.com), click on Sermons. Thank you and enjoy!

**Christmas Eve, which is Thursday, December 24, will be celebrated at Zion Chamberlain with two Services this year, one at 3:00 and another at 5:00. We encourage everyone to celebrate the birth of our Lord!**



**Christmas Eve Service 3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day Divine Service 9:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, December 26 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 27 9:00 a.m.**

Starting January 6th is bring your sweetheart to Socially Distanced Date Night! Meet every Wednesday 6:30-8:00, (except council Wednesdays on the 2nd Wednesdays) in the fellowship hall for a socially distanced gathering that includes live music, a devotion by marriage mentors, fun and fellowship.

Please email [lindyhinckley777@gmail.com](mailto:lindyhinckley777@gmail.com) for more information, if you would like to help volunteer, and to reserve your spots.



**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING**

<b>Attendance—Saturday, December 5</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Sunday, December 6</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 9</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>General Offering—November December 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>\$1,945.00</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 9</b>	<b>\$1,255.00</b>
<b>Simply Giving and Online Giving Nov 30-Dec 4</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,775.00</b>

**NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS: Fourth Sunday in Advent:** 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; **Epistle:** Romans 16:25-27; **Holy Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38.



**Lutherans  
For Life**

**Life Thought in the Church Year for December 13 – Advent III: Few situations force us to acknowledge One greater than ourselves (John 1:27) like surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses do. But when we see how He comes as gentle gestating baby and humble suffering servant, and not only binds up the brokenhearted (Isaiah 61:1) but keeps body and soul (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24), even these burdens give way to greater blessings.**

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

**December 13 Thomas Swanson  
December 14 Russell Bailey, Michael Miller  
December 15 Sawyer Hansen  
December 19 Betty Kindopp, Otto Hickey  
December 20 Michael Reimer, Sean Wagaman, Burton Saul**

**Birthdays**

**December 12 Mildred Hamiel, Owen Larsen  
December 13 Melanie Olson, Melissa Rybak  
December 14 Connie Cleland  
December 15 Ethan Swanson  
December 16 Shawn Powers, Koreena Strande  
December 17 Daryle Fisher, Sutton Powers  
December 19 Erica Julius**

**MAIN STREET LIVING**

**Dec. 20, 2020**

**10:00 AM-** Lutheran Hour Ministries Animated Series-Christmas Is-A journey back in time to the first Christmas with Benji and Waldo to rediscover the feeling and message of this significant day

**10:30 AM-**Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod brings a special Christmas message. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web **site:** [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)



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### Guidelines for Worship

1. If you are sick or are concerned about getting sick, consider staying home.
2. If you want to wear a mask during worship, please feel free to do so.
3. For the time being, let us do our best to respect social distancing.
4. Hymns will be limited and printed in the bulletin.
5. Offerings will be received at the back of the Sanctuary.
6. For Holy Communion, we will conduct a walk-thru style, approaching the altar one family at a time.
7. We will forgo the traditional shaking of hands as the congregation exits the Sanctuary.