

Zion Lutheran Church

Mascoutah, Illinois

December 24, 2023

4th Sunday in Advent

(Rorate Coeli)



In the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord, we bid you a warm welcome to this worship service. May your experience of worship and fellowship this morning be spiritually refreshing and ready you for the week ahead.



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Please TURN OFF all cell phones, pagers, electronic devices, apps, and games when entering the sanctuary for worship so those around you may focus on the Word of God without electronic distraction. Thank you.

A Prayer to Begin Worship

Holy Spirit, Keeper of the mystery, grant us to recognize Jesus of Nazareth for who and what He is, lest we become only debating pupils rather than selfless disciples calling the world to repentance and faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever.

DIVINE SERVICE III WITH COMMUNION

LSB p. 184

Confession and Absolution

Prelude In Thee Is Gladness arr. Kevin Hildebrand

Hymn Savior of the Nations, Come LSB 332

- 1 Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.
- 5 God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.

Stand

- 8 **Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.**

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

Invocation

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

Exhortation

- P** 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,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession with Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **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.**

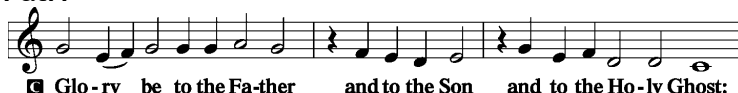
Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 19:1, 4–6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a

- P** Shower, O heavens, from above,
C **and let the clouds rain down righteousness;**
- P** let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit;
C **let the earth cause them both to sprout.**
- P** The heavens declare the glory of God,
C **and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**
- P** Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
C **In them He has set a tent for the sun,**
- P** which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
C **and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**
- P** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,
C **and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**
- P** Shower, O heavens, from above,
C **and let the clouds rain down righteousness;**
- P** let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit;
C **let the earth cause them both to sprout.**

Gloria Patri



Kyrie

LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted for Advent.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–19

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers— it is to Him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And whoever will not listen to My words that He shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir

Gloria in excelsis deo

Antonio Vivaldi

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Sit

Hymn

My Soul Rejoices

LSB 933

- 1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing God, who is solely
Mighty and holy—O sing the greatness of God the Lord! His mercy surely
Shall rest securely On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
- 2 His arm now baring, His strength declaring—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry;
Empty, the wealthy—O sing the greatness of God the Lord! Here is the token
All that was spoken To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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Sermon

Magnificat

Adult Confirmation and Reaffirmation of Faith

Offering

[Please fill out a sheet in the attendance book. Visitors, please include your address. If you have a prayer request for the church prayer chain, please write it at the top of the sheet.]

Special Offering Music

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

(Ryan Hinton, soloist)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
- C** Heaven is Your throne and earth Your footstool.
- P** From the beginning of creation to the present, You have shown Your concern for the welfare of the human race.
- C** In times of trouble You have rescued us; in times of joy You have increased our happiness.
- P** For Your steadfast love, O Lord, accept our heartfelt thanks.
- C** We confess that we have not always rejoiced in our salvation.
- P** We have failed to give You thanks under all circumstances.
- C** We have not always followed the promptings of Your Holy Spirit.
- P** We have failed to hold on to all that is good, and we have not consistently abstained from every form of evil.
- C** We have neglected to bear witness to the Light, Your Son Jesus Christ.
- P** We often forget that Your will is being done through us in unpleasant as well as pleasant circumstances.
- C** For our lack of zeal in acknowledging Your will for us, forgive us, O Lord.
- P** Help us not to quench the Holy Spirit within us.
- C** Give us a clear understanding of our responsibilities.
- P** As we have received from You the gift of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, may we reflect His light to all around us.
- C** Strengthen our sense of good judgment that we may hold fast to what is good and abstain from every evil.
- P** Use us to bring the good tidings to the afflicted, and help us bind up the broken hearted.

WE GO TO THE LORD IN PRAYER FOR

- ✠ Robyn Rakers, Sophia Bretz, Lisa Wehmeyer, Sherrie Knutson, Eliza Timmerman, and Mia Simon, as they celebrate their Baptismal Anniversaries this week.
- ✠ Carolyn Rowold, as she was hospitalized this past week.
- ✠ Randy & Melody Thomsen and Scott Yankey, as they are confirmed or reaffirmed in their faith today.
- ✠ Alex and Cassie Tubbs, as they were blessed with a baby girl, Ava Kaye Tubbs, on Tuesday.
- ✠ Deaconess students in the Dominican Republic who just finished the last session in the latest deaconess intensive on the Divine Service and the Life of the Church.
- ✠ Zion's President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- ✠ Faithfulness in Christian worship.

P Hasten the day of universal peace promised at Your Second Coming.

C We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

P 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:

Sanctus

LSB 195

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

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P 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

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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."

P 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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

Distribution

During the Distribution, the camera will be focused on the cross at the front of Zion to allow for privacy for those who commune.

Zion Lutheran practices the policy of close communion, communing only those who share our common Biblical view of the Lord's Supper. If you are not a confirmed LCMS Lutheran, please confer with the pastor before communing.

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Hymn

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

LSB 934

- 1 My soul now magnifies the Lord; My spirit leaps for joy in Him.
He keeps me in His kind regard, And I am blest for time to come.**
- 2 For He alone who shows such might Has done amazing things to me.
His mercy flows; His name like light Remains in time perpetually.**
- 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scatters those of proud intent
And casts them down from high estate, Then gives the low His nourishment.**
- 4 He feeds the hungry as His own; The wealthy leave with empty hands.
He gives His help to Israel; His gracious promise always stands.**

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Hymn

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

LSB 935

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word; In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name! Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same; His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might! Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word! Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord To children's children and forevermore!**

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- 1 The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God's righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity; His hand removed impurity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came To God's own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes, This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place Within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
B and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

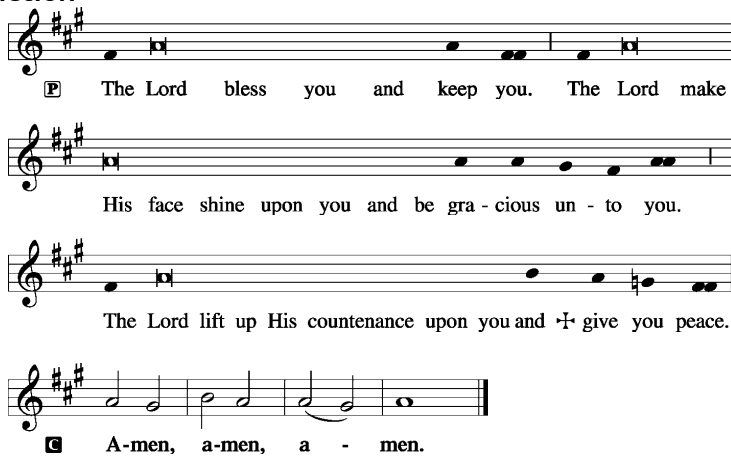
P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.
B And with thy spir - it.
A Bless we the Lord.
B Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Refrain
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain
- 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain
- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain
- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

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Postlude

Joy to the World

James Konkel

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LIFE AND LIVING ITEMS AT ZION



WELCOME, RANDY, MELODY, AND SCOTT!

We have the joy of receiving new members this morning by Adult Confirmation and Reaffirmation of Faith! We welcome Scott Yankey and Randy Thomsen by Reaffirmation of Faith, and Melody Thomsen by Adult Confirmation. Welcome to the family of faith at Zion!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN GOD'S HOUSE

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the wonderful news of God's gift of a Savior, the Baby born at Christmas. The best way to prepare for Christmas is not buying presents and going to parties and concerts but hearing God's Word in God's House. Here are the opportunities we have to gather together to hear God's Word and receive His gifts this Advent and Christmas season!

Sunday, December 24, 10:00 AM: 4th Sunday of Advent Divine Service

Sunday, December 24, 6:00 PM: Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 25, 10:00 AM: Christmas Morning Divine Service

Please mark all of these opportunities on your calendar and join your brothers and sisters in faith in all of these services, as God comes to us to bless us and strengthen us! Being together in worship is the most important preparation for Christmas. We look forward to seeing you!

TAKE A JAR, BAKE SOME BREAD

Are you looking for some homemade breads? Take a jar of a baking "Master Mix" from the cart in the narthex. Chris Hatcher has assembled and donated these jars of "Master Mix" along with copies of recipes to use with the mix. Choose which recipe you would like to use, add the additional ingredients to the amount of "Master Mix" specified on the recipe, and bake. Recipe options include Strawberry and White Chocolate Bread, Cranberry Apple Bread, Maple Nut Loaf, Apple Cinnamon Nut Bread, Pumpkin Pecan Bread, and more. Please take one and enjoy!

TWO BIG THANK YOUS

A BIG thank you to Mike and Blake Twenhafel for preparing Zion Preschool's hall for painting during the busy holidays. The walls and ceilings of the entire hall are now painted as well as the steel doors. Also, thank you to the anonymous donor for donating the money to accomplish this project. Thank you for your blessings to Zion. AND thank you to everyone who donated to the food panty this December. A large load of food was taken from our church to the food pantry prior to Christmas Day. The Food Pantry thanks all of you!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ZION'S NEW OFFICERS

At the Voter's Meeting held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, the following people were elected to offices at Zion Lutheran Church: Chairman, Mike Twenhafel; Vice Chairman, Jon Robinson; Council Secretary, Jean Kemezys; Board of Elders, Dan Eads and Ray Kemezys; Sunday School Superintendent, Anna Pannier; Asst. Sunday School Superintendent, Dawn Corey; Board of Trustees, Andy Sax, Carl Sherrill, and Lionel Timmerman; Board of Education, Bob Eldridge, Linda Hoskins, and Cary Robinson; and Board of Finance, Deb Heck and Cheryl Sax. Thanks to all those who allowed their names to be considered for elections. We pray God's blessings for diligent and Godly leadership as we look into the future. Please extend your congratulations and thanks to these individuals for being willing to serve in the Lord's church. We would like to say a big "thank you" to those who are finishing their terms in office, including Jon Robinson, Council Secretary; Tom Sax and Jeff Fick, Board of Elders; Marianne McDaniel, Sunday School Superintendent; Dan Eads and Greg Hoskins, Board of Trustees; and Jenny Kneschke and Amy Kolweier, Board of Finance. We thank and praise God for the dedicated people He provides to give guidance and leadership in His church.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

Please pick up your 2024 offering envelopes from the table in the narthex. Thank you, Finance Board.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION PRAYER

Deaconess students in the Dominican Republic just finished the last session in the latest deaconess intensive on the Divine Service and the Life of the Church, taught by Deaconess Danelle Schumann. This is the 4th of 9 intensive courses for this group, so they are near the halfway point of their 3-year deaconess program.

MATTHEW CLAYTON INVOLVEMENT IN SERVICES

Matthew Clayton is now in his third year of Pre-Seminary studies at Concordia University in Chicago. In this capacity, he is regularly assisting with leading worship and distributing the Lord's Supper as part of the chapel services on campus at CUC. He is also taking theology classes and studying Greek and Hebrew. In order to give Matthew additional experiences in preparation for serving as a pastor, the Elders at Zion have approved having Matthew Clayton assist at Zion when he is on break. This may include teaching Adult Bible Class and assisting with services throughout the Christmas season. His involvement in the services will include reading the Scripture readings and helping distribute Communion, similar to what he has been doing during services at Concordia University, Chicago.

FAMILY MOVIE

The Men's Club will present Sing! for kids of all ages on Saturday, January 6th at 2:30 p.m. Threatened with foreclosure of his struggling theater, koala Buster Moon decides to hold a singing competition to earn the mortgage money. Crowds of animals gather to audition, and Buster selects his contestants: housewife and mother of 25 piglets Rosita; punk-rock porcupine Ash; teenage gorilla Johnny, son of a criminal gang leader named Big Daddy; street musician mouse Mike; exuberant dancing pig named Gunter; and teenage elephant Meena. The film features more than 60 songs by famous artists. Join us in the church basement for a free movie, soda, candy, and popcorn.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC SPRING SEMESTER OPENINGS

The Academy of Music at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Freeburg has openings for private music lessons and for "Mini Music Makers" classes for the spring semester. Lessons are available for youth and adults. Weekly 30 or 60 minute lessons are offered on piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, organ, and voice. To register, email Hannah@TheAcademyOfMusic.org or call 618-353-3322. "Mini Music Makers" classes are offered on Monday or Tuesday morning. For more information about the "Mini Music Makers" classes, email Jenny Patterson at jenny@TheAcademyOfMusic.org or call or text The Academy (618) 353-3322. More information can be found online at theacademyofmusic.org.

WANTED: CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE AT LCMS INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSIONARY ORIENTATION

LCMS Missionary Winter Orientation is coming up at the International Center in St. Louis, Missouri and God has blessed us with a number of new missionary families! While the parents receive their orientation to prepare them for life as an LCMS Missionary, an age-appropriate orientation for the children is critical to a successful deployment. The LCMS International Center is looking for qualified individuals to serve our missionary families in the following capacities: Activity Coordinator, Day Care Lead Teacher, Day Care Assistant, and Middle School and Elementary Assistant Teachers. The Missionary Orientation Dates are January 29 – February 2 and March 18-22 with future dates over the Summer. The hours are 7:30 – 5:30 (morning and afternoon shifts available). Pay is provided at an hourly rate. If you are interest in serving, please contact Mark Wolfram, 314-556-7589, Mark.wolfram@lcms.org.

VILLAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us Saturday, January 13, 2024, for a day of fellowship and learning led by noted author Katie Schuermann. We'll celebrate our true "pew sisterhood" and discuss what it means to be a woman in the church. Katie's new book "The Saints of Whistle Grove" will be available to purchase and there will be time for the author to sign books. The Village Women's Retreat is open to all women (suggested age of 21+). Registration fee \$15 per person. A light breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack are provided. Simply register online at villagelutheranchurch.org. Once we've received your online registration, you'll receive a confirmation email with payment information. Registration is confirmed and complete when payment is received. Contact Shanna

Stewart at 636.578.8881 for more information. Registration closes December 31. Space is limited, so register today!

SID JR. HIGH RETREAT AT CAMP WARTBURG

The SID Jr. High Retreat is scheduled for January 26th -27th. This retreat is specially crafted for youth in sixth through eighth grade, promising an unforgettable experience filled with exciting activities. Your youth can look forward to engaging in field games, indoor rock climbing, teamwork initiatives, a campfire, and much more! This year, our Bible study theme is 'Where is He?' We'll be exploring the concept that Jesus is everywhere, even within us. It's an opportunity for personal growth, reflection, and connection with others. We'd love for your youth to join us for this enriching and fun-filled retreat. The cost is \$99, and you can secure your spot by registering today at <https://campwartburg.com/>.

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THINGS WE ARE DOING AT ZION

Sun.	No Confirmation Class	
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS III w/communion	10:00 AM
	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
	Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols	6:00 PM
Mon.	<i>Christmas Day</i>	
	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
	Worship Hymn Setting Divine Service w/communion	10:00 AM
Tues.	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Wed.	<i>No Choir or Hand Chime Rehearsal</i>	
Fri.	Senior Meal Delivery	10:30 AM
Sun.	No Confirmation Class	
	Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class	8:45 AM
	Worship DS IV w/communion	10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 17: Sunday: 207

ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 20: Wednesday: 60

THE FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S ALTAR

The flowers on the Lord's altar are given to the glory of God by Lionel and Lita Timmerman, in honor of their anniversary.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Matthew Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Abigail Clayton
Acolytes: Rosemary Peterson & Waylon Neumann
Altar Guild: Gail Frey
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Matthew Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Matthew Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Nathaniel Clayton
Acolytes: Isaiah Clayton, William Huth, & Ryan Hinton (crucifer)
Altar Guild: Lita Timmerman
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 31

Proclaimer: Rev. Kirk Clayton
Lector: Matthew Clayton
Organist: Nancy Peterson
Sound Tech: Gadge Corey
Acolytes: Brady Twenhafel & Rylan Ganey
Altar Guild: Becky Wachtman
Elder of the Month: Jeff Fick