

✧ Called to be Christ's Community of Truth and Mercy ✧  
 ✧ Saved by Grace - Solid in the Word - Here to Serve ✧

## Welcome!

*"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God" Psalm 84: 1-3*



### Holy Communion

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ's true body and true blood. Reception of the Lord's Supper expresses not only fellowship with the Lord, but also fellowship and agreement with the teaching of the pastor and congregation. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that out of care for each person and a desire to be faithful to God's Word we follow the biblical practice of closed communion. **All guests are kindly asked to please speak with Pastor Gaunt before communing at our altar.** Normally, people from churches in fellowship with the LCMS, are welcome to partake. Those not communing, who so desire, may come to the altar to receive a blessing. So that the pastor knows you desire a blessing please cross your arms over your chest. Please pray with us that we might all be truly united in the teaching of our Lord's precious word. (For further study: 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 6:26-29.)

## Prayers of the Church

**Circuit Congregation** Zion, Red Cloud **Mourning** + Andy Jacques (Son in law of Carolyn Fredricks) **Health Issues** + Duane Hoegren (Katie Hoin's Father) + June Rose + Lisa Novak + Kellie Boutin + Linda Parsons + Don Nissen + Kara Nissen + John Parsons + Dee Janssen **Missions** Wellspring Pregnancy Health Center, David Preus Family, Heartland Lutheran, Zion Classical Academy **Military** + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

## In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Micah R. Gaunt  
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt  
 Altar Guild: November: Brenda Christensen, Jackie Russell  
 Elders: Dick LeBeau, Derek Zeisler, Dustin Russell  
 Acolyte: Merrick Russell

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.  
 A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Jerry Blazer, Treasurer 402-303-0932

### The Lord's Week

Sunday	Nov. 26	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
		9:00am	Divine Service
		10:15am	Sunday School, Bible Study-opening
Monday	Nov. 27	6:30pm	Right to Life Board
Tuesday	Nov. 28	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday	Nov. 29	5:30pm	Meal
		6:15pm	Catechesis
		6:00pm	Choir
		7:15pm	Youth Group
Saturday	Dec.. 2	10:00am	Decorate for Christmas Children's Program Practice
Sunday	Dec. 3	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer ( <i>West wing</i> )
		9:00am	Divine Service
		10:15am	Sunday School, Bible Study-opening
		12:00pm	Ladies Christmas Luncheon

### By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1-11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. "For you know neither the day nor the hour" when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1-13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17-25).



Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
Hymn	#515
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<i>P: Go In Peace</i>	
<b>C: Thanks Be To God!</b>	

## News and Notes of Interest

**Divine Service:** Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M.  
10:15 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study-opening

**Daily Prayer.** During the season of Advent, Pr. Gaunt will be leading a prayer service Monday - Friday at 8:30 am. This is an informal service, though we will use one of the prayer offices from the hymnal. The intent is to watch and pray as we wait for Christ's appearing - lifting our hearts to God on behalf of our families, the church, and the world. We hope that if you can't join us in presence, you can join us in spirit.

If you would like to make cookies to be delivered to our shut-ins for Christmas, please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex today.

**Birthdays 11/26** Jenna Ellis, Allie Janssen  
**12/01** Carrie Lundquist **Baptismal 11/26** Al Breithaupt,  
Dr. Phil Hesterman **11/29** Susan Hartman **11/30** Beau  
Zimmerman **12/02** Harold Ham, Shawn O'Shea

**L.W.M.L. SAVE the DATE December 3<sup>rd</sup>**—Ladies  
Christmas Dinner—Noon - Tickets \$10 ea. please let  
Diane Gundlach know if you plan to attend.

**Abendmusik** On Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be taking the bus to Zion  
(Wanda) Lutheran Church 4080 S. Wanda Ave., Juniata,  
NE. If you would like to go with the group, please sign-up  
on the sheet in the Narthex. We need at least 6 people.  
Wanda Church has **Many Steps - Not Handicap Friendly.**

**Lifequote** "Being For Life is right in line with God's plan  
of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed!  
Don't be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the  
time! Don't stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask  
God for His guidance and be ready for more than you  
asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves  
life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry  
in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in  
this special calling." • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**Breakfast with St. Nicholas** Saturday, December 9, 2023  
from 9:00am-11:00am. Volunteers to help with our annual  
Breakfast with St. Nicholas. We need help in the following  
areas-serving breakfast and crafts. Please leave your name  
and contact information if you would be interested in  
serving. Sign-up is in the narthex (table). Public Relations

**L.W.M.L. (December)** We will not tie quilts this month.  
We hope to begin again January 9th 2024 at Peace.

## Christmas Prayer Habit (December 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>)

### Preliminaries

Set aside time for prayer. When will you pray each day?  
Where will you pray? Where will you keep your bible,  
hymnal, bulletin, etc.? Guard this time against the devil,  
the world, and your flesh, but not against the needs of your  
neighbor.

### Fundamental Practice - Pray Scripture

Pray Psalm 27 out loud every day.

Pray from the Divine Service. *What did you hear in  
Sunday's readings, sermon, liturgy, or hymns? Pray  
about it all week long. Is there something to **thank**  
God for? **confess**? **ask** for?*

Read a chapter of Proverbs each day. (There are 31  
chapters.) *What verse(s) stood out? Is there a verse  
worth memorizing? Talk to God about what you  
hear. As you have time throughout the day, re-read  
the verse, ponder, and pray.*

### Looking for more?

Sing/Pray/Memorize

Hymn #332 *Savior of the Nations Come.*

Pray the 10 Commandments, Creed, and Lord's  
Prayer while remembering the needs of your  
neighbor.

Hymn- #516 "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9,  
Mark 11:1-10.

### Week of Sunday, Nov. 26 ( Nov. 29 Midweek Service)

**Review the entire Third Article**

### **Bible Verse**

What is faith?

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of  
things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

### **Bible Reading**

Talk about what you remember from the bible stories for  
the past 3 weeks.

**Luther's Small Catechism for Kids" p. 55-63**

Last Sunday of the Church Year November 26th  
Divine Service Setting 3 9:00am



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