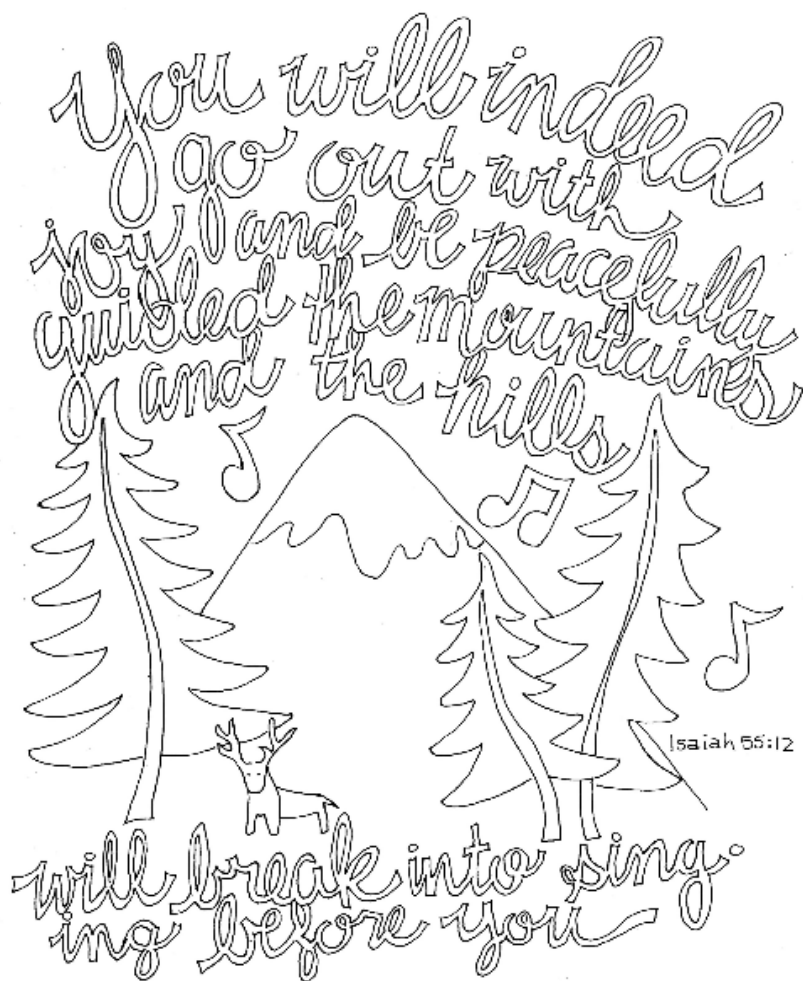


# ***THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT***

**December 14, 2025**



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## ***ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH***

*Cultivating communities of caring and belonging as  
champions of the gospel by being rooted in faith, growing in spirit,  
and reaching out to those in need*

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## **Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church**

We are grateful you chose to worship with us. Your participation is an honor to our community, and we invite you to immerse yourself into the unique expression of Lutheran flavored faith. We love Christ deeply and believe it is He alone that saves, freeing us to respond with joy for all the creator has done, guided by the Advocate to serve the neighbor.

Whether you are a visitor or a long-time member, we invite you to fill out the "Welcome to Zion" connection card, especially if you have any pastoral needs, interests in ministry, or wish to communicate with the office for support.

Small guests are invited to take and utilize the worship toolboxes and bags in the pews or immerse themselves in the Playground at the rear of the sanctuary. There is also a nursery located next to the restrooms in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall, along with changing stations in both restrooms for your convenience.

Your siblings in Christ,  
Zion Lutheran Church

## ***ORDER OF WORSHIP***

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **GATHERING**

GATHERING SONG      ***Prepare the Way***

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SONG OF PRAISE      ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***      Vs. 2

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

KID'S TIME & NOISY OFFERING (*please be seated*)

SONG OF PREP. (*please stand*) **He Came Down**

GOSPEL **John 4:13-14**

Pew Bible NT, pg. 97

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

FOCUS TEXT **Isaiah 55:1-13**

Pew Bible OT, pg. 760

MESSAGE (*please be seated*)

SONG OF THE DAY **Messiah**

## OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *God of grace, hear our prayer.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING (*please be seated*)

OFFERING SONG **What Can I Give Him?**

OFFERING PRAYER (*please stand*)

## MEAL

GIVING THANKS FOR THE MEAL

SONG OF THANKSGIVING **My Soul Proclaims...**

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*please be seated*)

COMMUNION SONG **Come Just as You Are**

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

## SENDING

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING BLESSING (*please stand*)

SENDING SONG **Everlasting God**

SENDING WORDS

POSTLUDE

## ***IN OUR PRAYERS***

**As a community of faith, we are connected through joy, sorrow, and worship and called to pray without ceasing. Please pray with us for:**  
Delbert, Lois, Magdalen, Lenny, Chad, Mary Jane, Lyle, Delila

**And for those with long-term care needs:**

Barb, Sharon, Esther, Norma, Sharon, Susan, Alyssa, Kari, Dalvin

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## ***ZION'S RADIO BROADCAST***

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Jeremy & Nicole Schutter in gratitude of our Zion Lutheran Church family.

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can listen along on KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM) at 9:00 AM each Sunday.

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## ***DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP LOVE OFFERINGS***

Theme for the Month

God Breathing New Life

*Special & Noisy Offering:* St. Dysmas

*Special Activities:* Midweek Advent Service — Dec. 3, 10, 17 @ 6:05 PM  
MS & HS Christmas party — December 14 @ 1:00 PM  
Christmas Program & Potluck — December 21  
Table of Plenty — December 22 from 5:30-7:00 PM  
Christmas Eve Worship — December 24 @ 4 & 7 PM

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In support of Zion ministries, please consider electronic giving. If you have a smart phone, you can simply scan the code, and it will take you directly to our Giving page on the Zion website. You can also take advantage of the GivePlus mobile app for your smart phone to make giving even more convenient. Just download the GivePlus app, find Zion Lutheran Church, and choose your amount!



**Do you need an easy way to contribute to the church?** Text giving is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds. Send a text with your offering amount to **(844-771-9038)**. It's simple and secure.

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## ***THIS WEEK AT ZION***

### **SUNDAY—December 14**

9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Fellowship Time  
10:15 AM Faith Explorers  
10:30 AM Altar Guild meeting  
11:15 AM Education meeting  
1:00 PM MS & HS Cmas party

### **MONDAY—December 15**

10:00 AM Staff meeting  
1:00 PM Quilters

### **TUESDAY—December 16**

5:30 PM Worship Life meeting



### **WEDNESDAY—December 17**

5:15 PM Advent Supper  
6:05 PM Advent Worship  
8:00 PM Men's Fellowship

### **THURSDAY—December 18**

9:30 AM Finance meeting  
1:00 PM Quilters  
3:00 PM ZLCW meeting

### **FRIDAY—December 19**

7:30 AM Drive Up Donuts

### **SUNDAY—December 21**

9:00 AM Worship w/ program  
10:15 AM Fellowship Time  
10:15 AM Potluck

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## ***SAVE THE DATE***

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| • Table of Plenty       | December 22 @ 5:30 PM   |
| • Office Closed         | December 24 @ 12 PM     |
| • Christmas Eve worship | December 24 @ 4 & 7 PM  |
| • Office Closed         | December 25; 29-Jan. 1  |
| • Decoration Take Down  | January 4 after worship |
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## ***OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**TREE OF SAINTS**—This year, our youth will once again be putting up a Tree of Saints to remember all our loved ones during this holiday season. Ornaments are \$5 each and will be customized with your loved one's name. Sales will continue through December 17. All proceeds from the ornament sales benefit the group attending the Nashville Mission Trip in June.

**ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES**—Join us as we wait in anticipation of our Savior's birth! Midweek Advent worship services will be held at 6:05 PM on December 3, 10, and 17; services will be livestreamed. There will be suppers available before worship from 5:15-6:00 PM for a freewill donation. This week's meal is hosted by Altar Guild.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**— Cake today during the fellowship time is in celebration of Lois Chapin's birthday, which was on December 5. Happy birthday, Lois!

**MISTLETOE & MAIL**—To share holiday greetings, we once again will be mailing Christmas cards to our members who are not able to join us in worship. Please stop at the table in the Fellowship Hall and share some holiday greetings by **the time you leave today!** We will be mailing the cards tomorrow.

**MS & HS CHRISTMAS PARTY**—We would love for you to join us for an afternoon of Christmas fun and celebration. This event will include festive games, music, delicious treats, and a meaningful Christmas message to remind us of the hope this season brings. Meet in the youth room **today @ 1:00 PM.** Invite a friend, wear your favorite Christmas sweater, and come enjoy a relaxed and joyful afternoon together. We hope to see you there as we celebrate the Christmas season!

**PROGRAM & POTLUCK**— The Faith Explorers children will be holding their annual Christmas program during the 9:00 AM worship service on Sunday, December 21. Please join in the celebration of the children following their Christmas program! The potluck will be held after the service and Christmas program. Please bring breakfast items to share, such as egg bake, French toast bake, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, rolls, donuts, hard-boiled eggs, fruit, etc.

**DRIVE UP DONUTS**— On the last Friday of the month, donuts and a devotion will be available for pickup at Zion. Simply enter the south parking lot, drive up to the table, and a helper will hand you donuts and a devotion that you can enjoy on your way to school or work. The next Drive Up Donuts will be held on Friday, December 19 from 7:30-8:00 AM. **\*\*Please note the date change due to Christmas\*\***

#### **THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM**

**Worship Assistant:** Sandra Anderson

**Van Driver:** Jerold Gehring

**Sound:** Jeff Carlson

**Lector:** Kathy Heffernan

**PowerPoint:** VanderWeyst family

**Acolyte:** Emersyn Jondahl

**Communion:** Chase Hawkinson; Kathy Heffernan

**Ushers:** Doug & Sharlene Wanttie; Harvey & Deb Hardy

**Greeters:** Dennis & Julie Beusch

**Praise Band:** Stephanie Hawkinson, Stacy Geffre, Phyllis Gab, Vicki Carlson, Garry Johnson, Mike German, Cadynce German, Lexi LaFave; Rhonda Strouckel

**Coffee Hosts:** Lyle & Lois Chapin; Lenny & Betty Berger

**Altar Guild:** Marcie Andersh; Rose Wiedrich