

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026



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 ***Through the Night...*** **ELW #327**

CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE & LIGHTING OF THE WREATH

SONG OF PRAISE ***He Came Down*** **ELW #253**

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

KID'S TIME *(please be seated)*

FIRST READING **Psalm 66:1-8** Pew Bible OT, pg. 583

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

SONG OF PREP. **Good Christian Friends...** ELW #288 Vs. 1&2
(please stand)

GOSPEL **John 1:35-51** Pew Bible NT, pg. 95

MESSAGE *(please be seated)*

SONG OF THE DAY **Lead On, O King Eternal** ELW #805
(please stand on the last verse)

OFFERING

NICENE CREED

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING *(please be seated)*

OFFERING SONG **Let the Vineyards...** ELW #182

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 **Lamb of God** ELW, p.154

COMMUNION SONG **Just as I Am...** ELW #592

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

SENDING

MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING BLESSING *(please stand)*

SENDING SONG **I Love to Tell the Story** ELW #661

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, Delila, Dave, Heather & Graham, Susan, Lorraine, Wilma

And for those with long-term care needs:

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

ZION'S RADIO BROADCAST

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Garry Johnson in memory of Kathy Johnson's birthday on January 7.

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.

JANUARY STEWARDSHIP LOVE OFFERINGS

Theme for the Month

Baptism Blessings

Special & Noisy Offering: LuMin

Special Activities: Elementary New Years party — Jan. 11 @ 11:30 AM
Annual Meeting forum — January 18 @ 10:15 AM
MS & HS Youth in the Night — Jan. 18 @ 5:30 PM
Annual Meeting & Potluck — January 18 @ 10:15 AM
Table of Plenty — January 26 from 5:30-7:00 PM

GIVEPLUS⁺ 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.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SUNDAY—January 4

5:30 AM Faith Through Fitness
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Fellowship w/
pancake breakfast
10:30 AM Faith Explorers
10:30 AM Decoration take
down
11:15 AM Council meeting

MONDAY—January 5

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Quilters
5:30 PM Missional Life mtg

WEDNESDAY—January 7

1:00 PM Cardmakers
6:30 PM 6-7-8 confirmation
8:00 PM AA

THURSDAY—January 8

1:00 PM Quilters
6:30 PM Thursdays Together

SUNDAY—January 11

5:30 AM Faith Through Fitness
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Bagged meal assem
10:30 AM Faith Insights
11:30 AM Elem. NY party

SAVE THE DATE

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| • Missional Life meeting | January 5 @ 5:30 PM |
| • 6-7-8 Confirmation | Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 6:30 PM |
| • Thursdays Together | Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 6:30 PM |
| • Book Club | January 13 @ 11:30 AM |
| • New Member Sunday | January 18 |
| • Annual Meeting Forum | January 18 @ 10:15 AM |
| • MS & HS Youth in the Night | January 18 @ 5:30 PM |
| • Office Closed | January 19 |
| • Worship Life meeting | January 20 @ 5:30 PM |
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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUILT RAFFLE— The Zion Lutheran Church Women will be selling raffle tickets in January for a Vikings-themed quilt. Tickets will be 1/\$3 or 2/\$5. The quilt will be displayed and tickets will be on sale on Sunday mornings in January (beginning the 4th) with the drawing to be held at the annual meeting. Be sure to stop by and get your tickets!

ANNUAL MEETING— The annual congregational meeting for Zion Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 25 immediately following worship (around 10:15 AM) in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a potluck held in conjunction with the meeting, so please bring a dish to pass!

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE DOWN— Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season. Following worship & fellowship **today**, decorations will need to be taken down and put away. Many hands make light work, so please plan to stay for the men's breakfast and clean up following at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE— The Missional Life team is collecting canned food to make bagged meals for those in need. Ingredient cards can be found on the table in the narthex. Please return the canned food items to the kitchen by Sunday, January 11. Following worship on the 11th, Missional Life team members will be assembling the bagged meals and are looking for volunteers.

FAITH THROUGH FITNESS— Starting **today**, we have an opportunity to help you achieve your New Year's resolution! Join Zach from 5:30-6:30 AM at Massenomics (209 Railroad Ave SE) in the basement gym for fellowship around resistance training. There will be no costs to you if you come during this time and no experience is required with no age restrictions. If you are interested, let Zach Anderson know.

SOUPER BOWL SOUP—The Zion Lutheran Church Women will be selling soup just in time for the Super Bowl! Orders can be placed at the table in the narthex throughout the month of January. Cost is \$10 a quart, and there will be chicken noodle and knoepla soups available for purchase. Pick up will be Friday, February 6 or Saturday, February 7 at the Vendor Fair.

THURSDAYS TOGETHER— Starting on January 8, the church will be open Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM for an opportunity for fellowship around board and card games. As this event grows, we will be looking for other fellowship options to occur in conjunction with the games. This is meant to be a time for people to share their passions with others inside our congregation and invite those outside our church walls to join in the fun!

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM

Worship Assistant: Monica Tietz

Sound: Zach Anderson

PowerPoint: Judy Albl

Ushers: Lenny Tietz; Karl Kempf

Greeters: Lavina Nelson; Aileen Kolb

Organ: Sonya Kempf

Coffee Hosts: Men's Group

Altar Guild: Sharon Paranto; Marje Kaiser

Van Driver: Tom Bretsch

Lector: Marcie Andersh

Piano: Rhonda Strouckel

Trombone: Jeremy Schutter