

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 16 & 20, 2024

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: Jesus reveals his glory as Lord of all.

This is the Second Sunday in the season of Epiphany. The readings during the Epiphany season carry forward the emphasis in the readings for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the theme of Jesus revealing himself to us as God and Savior. In Christmas and Epiphany our attention is on getting to know Jesus, who he is and how he works; thus there is not so much emphasis on our response beyond the response of faith, which itself is always seen as his work and not ours.

LITURGY: Service of the Word & Sacrament

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS While we are in the construction phase, the bathrooms that are functional are located in the East Foyer or down in the school hallway. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

For most of you, putting on perfume, cologne, or aftershave before coming to church is just routine. But for a growing number of us in the congregation, those smells will lead to nausea, headaches, shortness of breath, and migraines. We are asking if you could please re-evaluate your use of fragrances before you come to church, especially during the winter months when the enclosed heated space will magnify the effects of the fragrances. If you could wait until you get home from church to spritz on the smells, it would be greatly appreciated!

OPENING HYMN: CW 82



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt.

Tune: St. George's, Windsor (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.

P: The grace of our Lord (*) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (\P) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

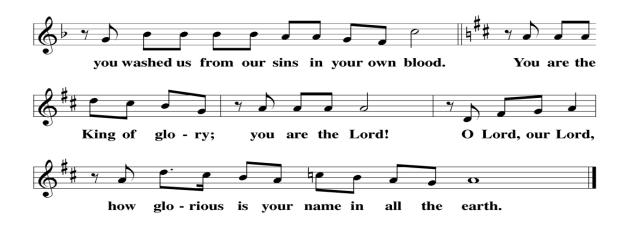


P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

First Lesson Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For the sake of Zion I will not be silent. For the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth shining brightly, and her salvation burns like a torch. ² Nations will see your righteousness, and all kings will see your glory. You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will assign to you. ³ Then you will be a beautiful crown in the Lord's hand, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God. ⁴ You will never again be called Abandoned, and your land will never again be called Desolation, for you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land will be called Married, because the Lord delights in you, and your land will be married. ⁵ For just as a young man marries a virgin, your sons will marry you, and just as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, your God will rejoice over you. (EHV)

PSALM 133-134 pg. 115





How good and pleasant it is*
when brothers live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his <u>blessing</u>,* even life for<u>ev</u>ermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD* who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary* and <u>praise</u> the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,* bless you from <u>Zi</u>on.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

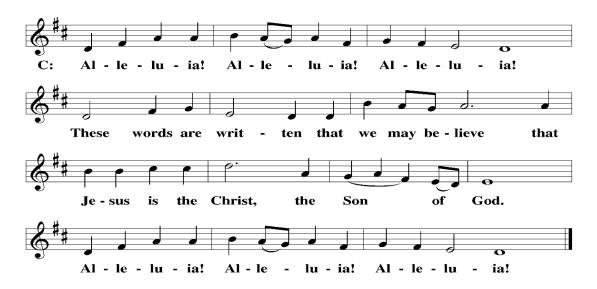
1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were deceived and somehow led away to mute idols. ³ Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by

the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. ⁶ There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone. ⁷ Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; ⁹ by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. ¹⁰ Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires. (EHV)

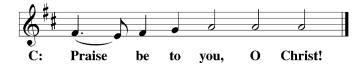
VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3 cf. NIV)



GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

2 Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. ² Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." And they did. ⁹ When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the banquet called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!" ¹¹ This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. (EHV)



COMMITMENT



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME: John 2:1-11

Where is Jesus?

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING: (Sunday only) The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



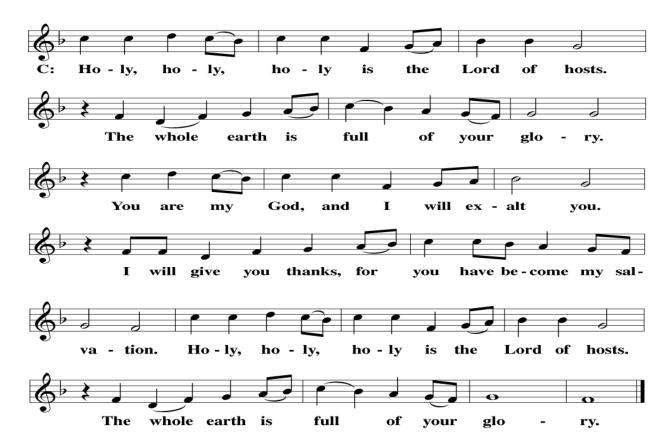
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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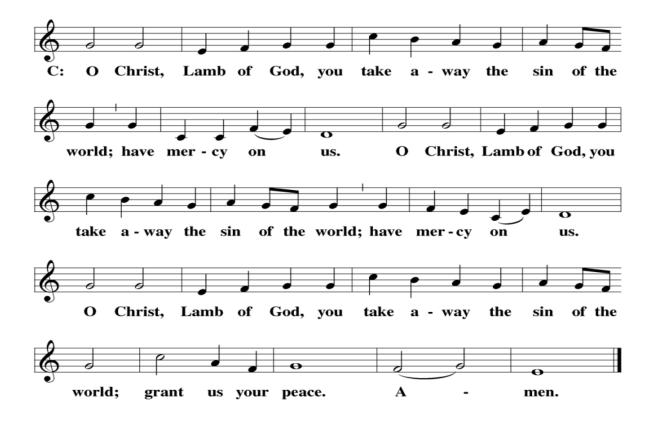
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: CW 315

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"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"
"Day by Day"

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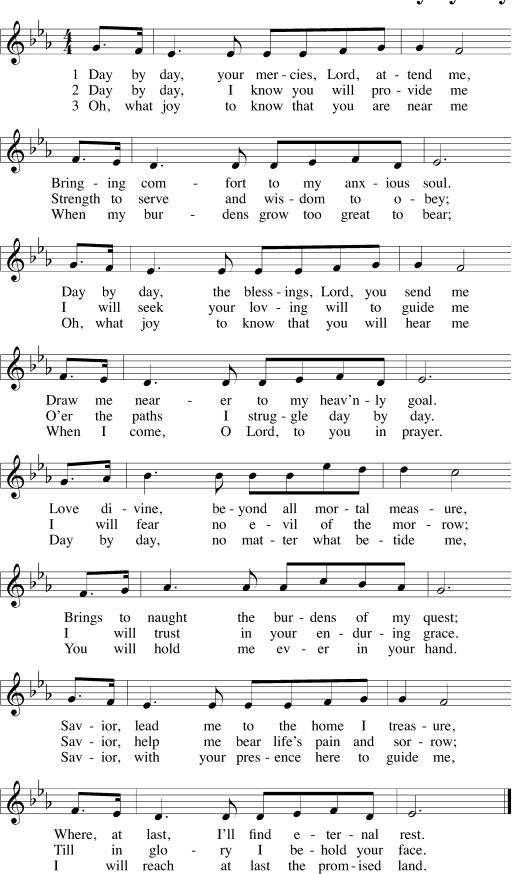


6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, abr., alt.

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595–1662.

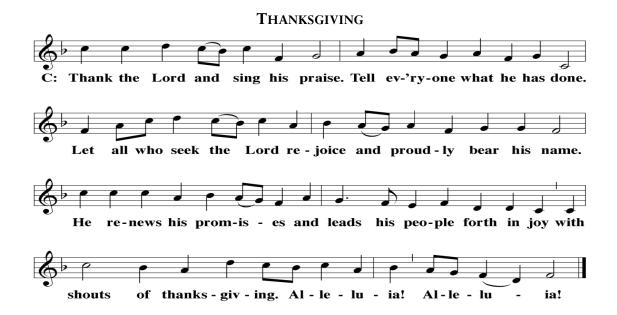
Day by Day



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Tune: BLOTT EN DAG (10 9 10 9 D) Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882



P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

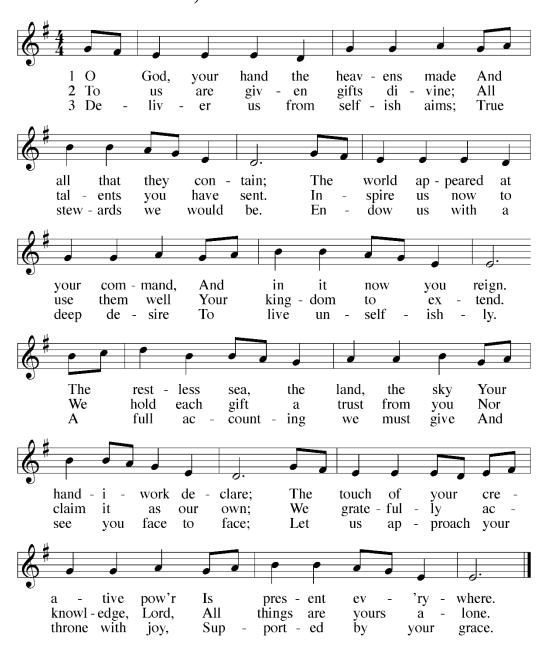
The Lord look on you with favor and (\frak{r}) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: CW 481

STEWARDSHIP

481 O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made



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Tune: KINGSFOLD (CM D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.

Officiants

Accompanist: Deanna Schneck Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL UPDATE—The Members of Zion and St. Paul extended a call to Pastor John Moll. He has returned his call. The next call meeting will be held after the Voter's meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2025.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: Friends in Faith is having their next luncheon meeting this Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. All ladies in the church are encouraged to attend and enjoy some fellowship with other Christian ladies.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: The Outreach Committee has some questions they would like to ask congregation members and visitors alike:

- Did you visit a new church over the summer?
- Did you feel a little nervous walking through the doors for the first time?
- Did someone welcome you with a smile?
- Would you like visitors to Zion to fell warmly welcomed?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to learn more about Zion's new Greeter Program. Please use the sign-up sheet, and there will be orientation/training on February 2nd.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: Friends in Faith is holding a Christian Book Study – Living the Chocolate Life. Everyone is invited to join for four Sundays (January 26th and February 9th & 23rd from 2-4 pm). Each meeting will involve discussing two chapters of the book, enjoying fellowship and tasting chocolates.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Zion will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, February 5th from 12:30-6:00 p.m. If you would like to participate please go online to register or stop in the day of the blood drive. Thank you for helping out this need in our community.

Zion's Sweetheart – Daddy Daughter Dance: Zion school is having their annual Daddy/Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 22nd from 5-7:00 p.m. There is more information on the back table along with the form to fill out to purchase tickets. Please come and enjoy.

Bottle Drive: Our Congregation is participating in the Change for Life program to support the ministry of New Beginnings—A Home for Mothers. New Beginnings is a WELS-based ministry that helps single mothers pave the way to self-sufficiency in a Christ-centered home. We will give gifts of LOVE to support the mothers and babies they serve. The bottle drive display is located in the back of the church and the school hallway. The fundraising effort is going to run from January 1st through February 23rd. Pick up a baby bottle, take it home and have everyone in your household fill it with their spare change. On Sunday, February 23rd please make sure all bottles are returned so we can send the money to New Beginnings. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP GIFT OF TIME OPPORTUNITY: Zion is in need of members who would be willing to input the attendance information into Church 360 following the service each week. Training will be provided and this is something that can be done from home. We hope that if we get five or six people to help it would have to be done once every month to month and a half. If interested, please reach out to Rob Krueger at 734-770-1149.

ALTAR GUILD FOR 2025 — There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer for Altar Guild volunteers for 2025. We really do appreciate all the help we get through the year with this service of love. If you haven't ever done Altar Guild, please consider helping out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: In the East foyer Friends in Faith is selling greeting cards for \$1.00 each. There are different occasion cards available. The money raised from the sales is going towards future Friends in Faith projects, such as the Kleenex box ministry project and other shut in projects they do throughout the year.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:15~a.m. Sunday School or Bible Class

11:30 a.m. Friends in Faith Meeting

1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service

Monday Zion School Closed/Office Closed

TuesdayWednesdaySunday10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class7:00 p.m. Worship Service9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Open Forum 11:30 a.m. Voter's Meeting 1:00 p.m. Joint Call Meeting

January Volunteers

	Jan. 1 & 5	Jan. 8 & 12	Jan. 15 & 19	Jan. 22 & 26	Jan. 29 & Feb. 2
Altar Guild			NEED VOLUNTEER		
Live Stream Helpers					
Ushers	Jan. 1 No Service Jan. 5 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	Jan. 8 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Jan. 12 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner	Jan. 15 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick Jan. 19 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	Jan. 22 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier Jan. 26 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	Jan. 29 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Feb. 2 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling
Communion Helpers	<u>Jan. 5</u> Alan Bober Mark Kipf		<u>Jan. 15</u> Ken Vagt		<u>Jan. 29</u> Alan Bober
			<u>Jan. 19</u> Jeremy Robinson Ray Palmatier		<u>Feb. 2</u> Erich Freiny Ron Krueger