

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

First Sunday in Advent

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: The Lord is coming.

This is the first Sunday in the season Advent. In Advent the Word of God bids us prepare for the coming of Christ. The readings for Advent have this urgency to them: Since he is surely coming again in judgment, we desperately need for him to come to us first in grace. For without that coming in grace we will perish at his coming in judgment. The blue paraments are used to remind us that Jesus will come again in the sky; therefore repent & prepare, as John the Baptist reminds us.

LITURGY: Common Service

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 handheld 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!

PRELUDE MUSIC:	Comfort, Comfort Ye My People	Harald Rohlig
	On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry	Hal Hopson
	The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came	Anna Laura Page
	O Come Emmanuel	Wilber Held
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OPENING OF SERVICE



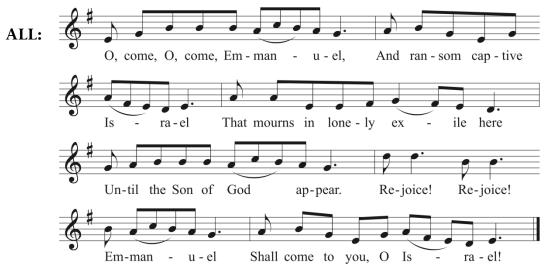
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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son 🕆 and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

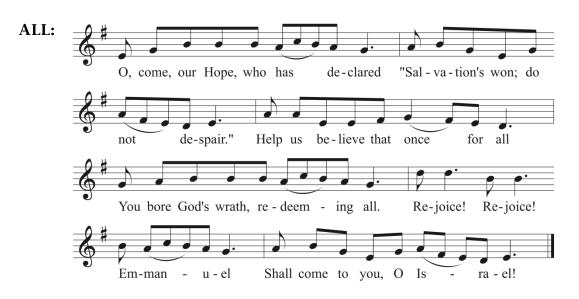
- P: When God created the world, he made the crown of his creation—the human race—in his image. Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.
- C: But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death. We too are guilty, and we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.
- P: However, God—who is Love—did not want to be separated from his children forever. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death. *Genesis 1:26; Romans 6:23*



- P: When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom for your debt; your sins are forgiven. In view of God's mercy, today we light the hope candle. The Spirit declares through the psalmist, "Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption."
- C: We wait for the Lord, and in his word we put our hope.

Galatians 4:4,5; Psalm 130:5,7

Advent Candle is lighted



- P: In the hope of God we go to the world—to our friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.
- C: God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line. He will establish justice and righteousness on earth. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. This is what she will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness. (EHV)





- To you, O LORD, I lift <u>up</u> my soul;* in you I trust, <u>O</u> my God.
- Remember, O LORD, your great mer<u>cy</u> and love,* for they are <u>from</u> of old.
- Remember not the sins of my youth and my re<u>bel</u>lious ways;* according to your love remember me, for you are <u>good</u>, O LORD.

Refrain

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Turn to me and be gra<u>cious</u> to me,*
for I am lonely and a<u>fflict</u>ed.
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- Look upon my affliction and <u>my</u> distress* and take away <u>all</u> my sins.
- Guard my life and <u>res</u>cue me,* for I take ref<u>uge</u> in you.

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

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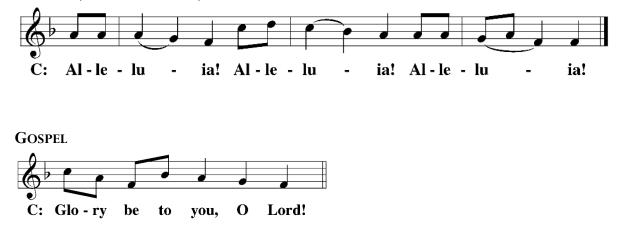
SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)



Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And on the earth nations will be in anguish, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the surging waves, ²⁶ people fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near." ²⁹ He told them a parable. "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they are sprouting leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is actually near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Amen I tell you: This generation will not pass away until all these things happen. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁴ "Watch yourselves or else your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and the worries of this life, and that day may come on you suddenly. ³⁵ For it will come like a trap on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Stay alert all the time, praying that you may be able to escape all these things that are going to happen and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man." (EHV)



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.

Hymn of the Day: CW 2

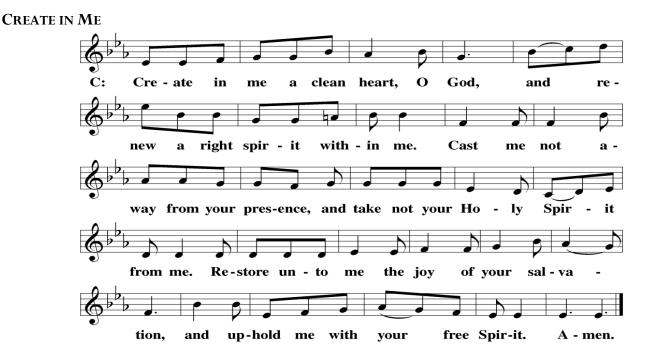
"Savior of the Nations, Come"



Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt. Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystiliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord is Coming to Fulfill His Promise



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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: The Journey to Bethlehem

Cesar Franck

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

P: The Lord be with you.

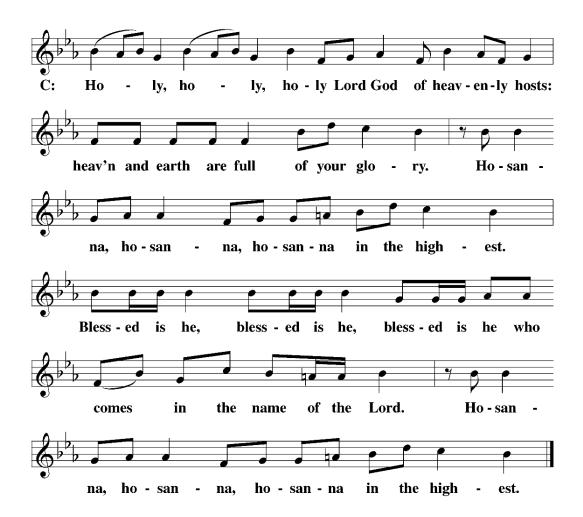




P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

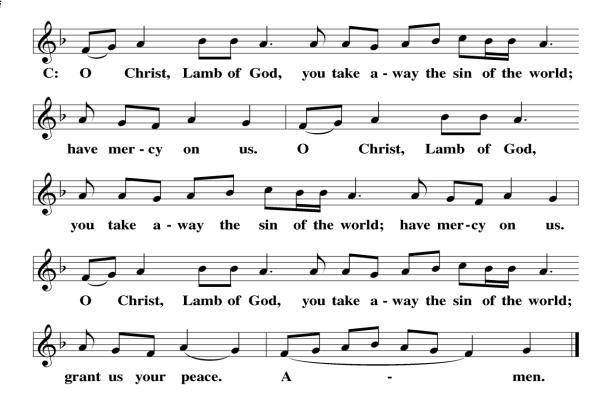
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: CW 311 CW 47 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" "Behold, a Branch Is Growing

HOLY COMMUNION

311 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness dorn your - self with glad - ness; Leave be - hind all 1 Soul, a -2 Has - ten bride to meet him, as \mathbf{a} And with lov - ing 3 He who craves pre-cious trea - sure Nei - ther a cost nor kneel be - fore you low - ly, 4 Now Filled with Ι joy most 5 Hu - man rea - son, though it pon - ders, Can - not fath - om gloom and sad - ness. Come day-light's splen-dor; in - to the rev - 'rence greet him, For with words of life im - mor - tal the price - less gifts of heav - en with trem - bling awe and won - der heav - en will mea - sure, But pain ho - ly, deep and As That Christ's bod - y these great won - ders, must be bound-less

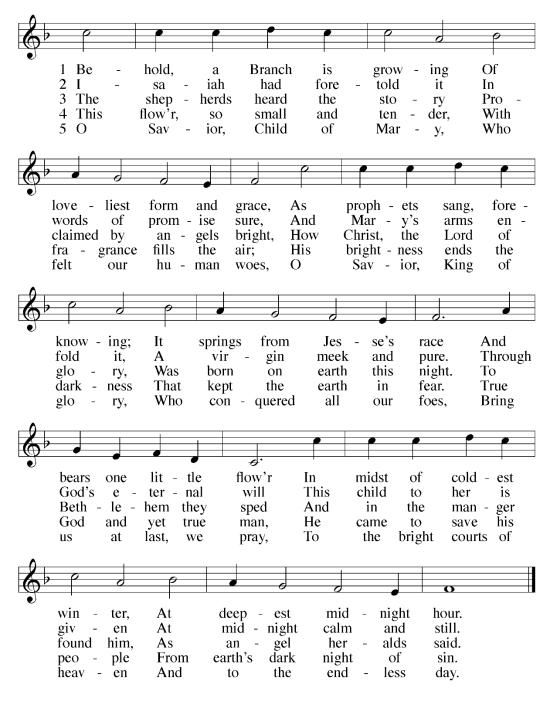


- By this supper let me measure,
- Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
- Through the gift of grace you give me

As your guest in heav'n receive me.



Behold, a Branch Is Growing



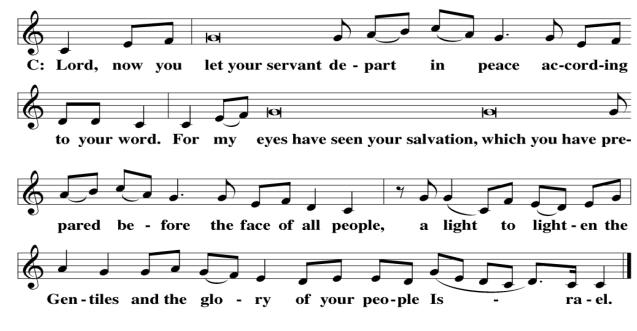
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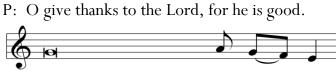
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THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis







P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: 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 (\mathbf{P}) give you peace.





Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, abr., alt. Tune: SIEH, HIER BIN ICH, EHRENKÖNIG (87 87 87) *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698.

Postlude Music: Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

Johann Walther

Officiants Accompanist: Dottie Bober Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL UPDATE—The Members of Zion and St. Paul extended a call to Pastor Eric Hansen. He has returned the call. The next joint call meeting is going to be on Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's church.

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.

WOMEN'S ADVENT TEA: December 1st, 2024 Our annual Advent Tea is here! All women are invited to come and enjoy an evening of Christian Fellowship and Music of the Season. There is a luncheon with tea. There is a sign-up in the West foyer. Please call Brenda Chandonnet at 734-915-5477 if you have any questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS: All families are encouraged to join in celebrating Jesus' birth. Saturday, December 7th from 9-11 a.m. There will be a brunch, games, crafts and more. Please take a flyer from the back table for more information.

DECORATING THE SANCTUARY: This year the sanctuary decorating is scheduled for **Saturday**, **December 7th at 11:15 a.m**. (right after Happy Birthday Jesus). There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer to let us know how many people we can plan on having here to decorate. Many hands make quick work. Please consider using your talents and time to come help make the sanctuary represent this wonderful time of the year.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILDING: We are planning another fun family event for **Saturday**, **December 14th at 10 a.m.** Bring a gingerbread kit and your decorations. Please see the back table for a flyer with more details.

PAULA'S HOUSE: Once again this year Zion Church and School is supporting the women and children who are staying at Paula's House. The giving tree is in the school hallway with gift tags. Please have the gift wrapped with only the tag from the tree on the package. Please have the gift returned to the school by Monday, December 16th. If you would like to come help us sort the gifts for delivery, we are planning on sorting Tuesday, December 17th after morning coffee at the Oasis (in the Zion gym). Thank you in advance for all the support.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: on Sunday, December 22nd at 10:15 a.m. we are planning on going out to 2 nursing homes and do some Christmas caroling. There will be coffee and donuts before going out. We expect to be gone only an hour or so.

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING: There is a special Voter's meeting being held on Sunday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m. to discuss the circle drive parking lot.

CHURCH ENVELOPES OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025 are available in the west foyer. The envelopes will be in alphabetic order. If you don't see your envelopes, please contact the office.

2024 CONTRIBUTIONS – The financial secretary will close the books for 2024 on December 31, 2024. To receive credit for 2024, all contributions must be received by that date.

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 now 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.

NEWS FROM MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

MLS presents "A Charlie Brown Christmas" – Tickets are now on sale for the MLS production of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on Sat.-Sun., November 23-24. Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, and the gang as they discover the true meaning of Christmas. There will also be a Cookie Walk at both performances. Bring a couple dozen cookies to the Commons before the show, and fill a bucket of cookies to take home after the show. To purchase tickets, visit <u>www.mlsem.org/fall-play</u>.

MLS Christmas Concert – Join us at MLS on Friday, December 20th at 7 p.m. for our annual Christmas concert, "Worship Christ, the Newborn King." The choirs and instrumentalists will share new and familiar carols that will surely enrich your Christmas celebration.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday	9:00 a.m. First Advent Worship Service (IC)				
-	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class, Youth Group and Sunday School				
	6:00 p.m. Advent Tea				
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study				
-	5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting				
	7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting				
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship Service				
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Happy Birthday Jesus				
-	11:15 a.m. Church Decorating				
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Second Advent Worship Service				
-	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class, Youth Group and Sunday School				
	11:30 a.m. Special Voter's Meeting				
	2:00 p.m. Joint Call Meeting at St. Paul's				

	Nov. 28 & Dec.1	Dec. 4 & 8	Dec. 11 & 15	Dec. 18 & Dec. 22	Dec. 24, 25, & 29	
Altar Guild	Linda Selvidge & Diane Affholter					
Live Stream Helpers	Nov. 28 – Rob Krueger Dec. 1 – Ryan Roth	Steve Sordahl	Ryan Roth	Dec. 18- Steve Sordahl Dec. 22 – William Robinson	Dec. 24 – Steve Sordahl Dec. 29 – Erich Freiny	
Ushers	Nov. 28Dave BengeAlan BoberMatthew HillJoe KochJeremy RobinsonJacob RobinsonWilliam RobinsonWilliam RobinsonDave BengeAlan BoberMatthew HillJoe KochJeremy RobinsonJacob Robinson	Dec. 4 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Dec. 8 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner	Dec. 11 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick Dec. 15 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	Dec. 18 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier <u>Dec. 22</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	Dec. 24 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling <u>Dec. 25</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling <u>Dec. 29</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling	
Communion Helpers	<u>Dec. 1</u> Jake Burke Mark Kipf		<u>Dec. 11</u> Ken Vagt <u>Dec. 15</u> Erich Freiny Jeff Heusman			

December Volunteers