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*Prepare for Christ:
Repent! Live! Bear Fruit!*

Zion Lutheran Church

Sundays with Zion

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Bible Hour 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Advent – December 7, 2025

Please observe a few minutes of quiet time as you prepare for worship. We invite you to **pray** and read the **Scriptures** for the day.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER TODAY (Please see “**Words to prepare our hearts and lives**” on page 14)

ALL WORSHIPERS are asked to please fill out the information sheet in the bulletin. Before we begin, you are also invited to pray and to read the Scripture for today’s worship.

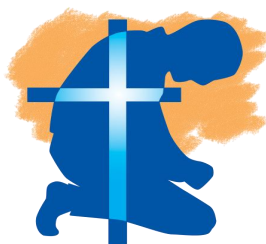
WE LOVE OUR KIDS ... We love to have them in the service with us, but if your child needs a break, we do have a “cry room” in the entry way of the church.

A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as You gather us together to worship You in spirit and in truth, prepare us to receive the preaching of Your Word and all Your life-giving gifts such that we would repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Rescuer, and grow in caring service for all. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

As We Gather

In this Advent season of preparation to receive our Savior born for us, we also prepare like the people of John the Baptist’s time through this ongoing and continuing action of repentance. Moved to repentance by faith, we are then able to live as His people, bear fruit in His name, and continue to be united as one and “together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:6).



***Prepare for Christ:
Repent! Live! Bear Fruit!***

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Matthew 3:2, 3b; Psalm 119:105

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, this wreath and the candles progressively lit each week remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. In this season of preparing our hearts and minds to receive the promised Savior given and born for us, we hear today John the Baptist fulfilling Scripture as he prepared the people, called many to repentance, and pointed to the Word of God made flesh.

People: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. . . . ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.’”

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, Savior and King, the true light who comes into this world, bless us as we light this candle in the beginning of our preparation for Your coming. Enter our hearts and minds with the light of Your love that we may welcome and receive You with joy as our true and eternal King; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

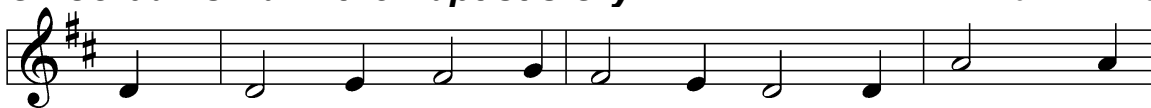
Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet

People: and a light to my path.

The first and second candles are lit.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344 sts. 1–3



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.

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Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:3-4

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

Pastor: Let us heed the call of the Lord through John the Baptist to repent—to turn from our sins and turn to Jesus Christ, our Savior, through whom we find true and lasting hope.

People: **Merciful Father, we have turned away from You and sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things, and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, turn us away from sin and to You, that we may love and serve You and Your ways of righteousness, justice, and peace.**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344 st. 4



4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.

Pastor: God has heard our plea for forgiveness and for the sake of Jesus Christ, He answers our prayer. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344 st. 5



△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Lord of life and light, as Your Word and call to repentance was spoken by John the Baptist, so speak to us now through that same Word to prepare the way and make straight the paths to receive and welcome Your only-begotten Son that we may have life and bear fruit in Your name; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

(From the stump of Jesse, the Savior will bring peace and righteousness for all.)

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;

their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

(Paul encourages unity and hope through Christ.)

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Children are invited to the front for a brief teaching especially for them.

Verse

Luke 3:4b, 6

Alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight;

all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

(John the Baptist prepares the way of the Lord by preaching a Baptism of repentance.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound-ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Message

“Prepare the Way”

Pastor Russ Hess

Offering

Please leave a yellow information sheet for your household in the plate that is passed with any offerings you may have as an act of worship in response to Christ's abundant kindness toward us.

(You can also click on the Online Giving button at ZionLutheranNH.org to set up one-time or recurring payments when you are at home or even now in worship, which may take you only 2 minutes)

Pastor: Receive the worship of our mouths and the prayers of our hearts in Jesus' name. Accept the tithes and offerings we bring, signs of our trust and part of our worship.

People: **Amen.**

Above All

Above all powers, above all kings.
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man.
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones.
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone.
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,
You took the fall, and thought of me
Above all.

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Prayer of the Church

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs in the name of Jesus, clinging to the comfort of His grace.

As You raised up a voice in the wilderness, O Lord, continue to equip Your people to speak to those in darkness and to call them forth into Your light.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.**

Leader: Guide Your Church, O Lord, and all who serve her, that they may be faithful in their vocation as pastors, missionaries, and church workers, and bless this congregation that we may be steadfast in hope, faithful in confession, and united in the work of proclaiming Your holy name in this community and to the world, that in repentance, the Good News of forgiveness may be known to all here and throughout world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.**

Leader: Make our leaders wise and selfless, Lord, that our nation may faithfully use all that You have entrusted to us and that we may act with mercy and justice for all people; lead all nations in the path of peace and bless our armed forces here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, open our eyes to those in need that we may extend the comfort of Your grace to the hungry, the unemployed, the aged, and those forgotten in our society. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord, give aid to the wounded in body or spirit, give healing to the sick, give relief to the suffering, and sustain the dying in Your peace, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Psalms 136

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for Your Son, Jesus Christ, has come to His people. In repentant joy and faith we now approach Your Table as You come to us in this Meal. Prepare our hearts to receive His body and blood so that in unity we may be made one in fellowship. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

People: 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 Words of Our Lord

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei

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■ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Words to prepare our hearts and lives

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful means of grace given to us by God. Christ gives His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause us to grow in His love and service. We also remember and praise God for the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf on the cross. Out of pastoral concern and care and taking to heart the word in 1 Corinthians 11:36, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup," before receiving this means of God's grace properly we should positively answer the following:

- *Do I need forgiveness for sin?*
- *Do I believe in Christ as my Savior and have been Baptized?*
- *Do I believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?*
- *Do I desire to turn from sin and live for God and others in love and service?*

*If you are unsure or desire to learn more about what it means to take the Lord's Supper, please speak with an elder or pastor before or after the service. Those not partaking of the Lord's Supper, including children, are invited to come forward with arms folded across the chest to receive a blessing
Grape juice is available in the center of the serving tray
God's Blessings!*

Prayer before Communing

O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make me ready to receive the most holy Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

After Receiving Communion

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving Body and Blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths feasted on this holy meal, we may by faith obtain and forever enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, eternal life in Christ, and unity with one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

When Your Grace Flows Down Again

We gather together in this holy place,
And we stand in amazement and sing out in praise
For the new life that comes in the water and Word
When Your grace flows down again

As the water pours over, it washes us clean,
And the Spirit takes hold of our faith and our deeds
We can rise up in newness and go forth in joy
When Your grace flows down again

Chorus

Let Your grace flow down
Let Your grace flow down

We gather together in this holy place,
 And we stand in amazement and sing out in praise
 And we kneel at the altar and reach out our hands
 When Your grace flows down again *Chorus*

In the bread and the wine are Your Body and Blood
 And our sins are forgiven and wrongs are made good
 We can rise up in newness and go forth in joy
 When Your grace flows down again

Hallelujah
 Let Your grace flow down
 Hallelujah
 Let Your grace flow down

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Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 341



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
 rul - er is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There-fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
all our woe He brings; There-fore the earth is glad and sings.
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise	Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise	Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
To God the Spir - it raise	Your hap - py shouts of praise.
To God a - lone be praise	For word and deed and grace!
E - ter - nal praise and fame	We of - fer to Thy name.

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Surrounding Me

In the caverns of my mind
There's demons I fight
And I know you know
And I'm running from the battle I can't win on my own
With nowhere to run too tired to fight
Come and save me come and save me
I'm needing You now

Chorus

You are my hope in the land of the living
My Refuge when life's unrelenting
My Hiding Place my shelter in the night
You are my Fortress that nothing replaces

The outstretched arms that embrace
In your presence God, oh I have found my peace
You are surrounding me

In the shadows of the tomb
It seemed that they'd won it was so dark
But the death that You had chosen
Was soon to be gone
You fought on Your own
You fought and You won
And now You hold me now You hold me close
I'm not alone *Chorus*

Bridge

Through the darkest of nights
You are the Light that's leading me home
When I am afraid and hope starts to fade
I'll trust You alone
With arms stretched wide my Savior died
To rise up from the grave
Your victory alive in me
I know that I am safe

You are my hope in the land of the living
My Refuge when life's unrelenting
My Hiding Place my shelter in the night
You are my Fortress that nothing replaces
The outstretched arms that embrace
In your presence God, oh I have found my peace

In your presence God, oh I have found my peace
You are surrounding me

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Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Pastor: We thank You, Lord Jesus, for calling us to repentance and for the gift of forgiveness. We praise You for making us one as the Body of Christ, united in Your Spirit. Sustain us through what has been received, that we continue to live in Your grace and bear fruit in Your name until we, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Psalm 24:7-8

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

People: that the King of glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Pastor: As our Savior and King still comes to His people, let us go forth in peace and with the blessing of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.

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◆ The **VISION** of Zion Lutheran Church ◆

In response to God's amazing grace and love
Zion Lutheran Church is a place of refuge
where children, youth and adults are:

GROUNDED in God's unchanging Word,

REACHING OUT with the Good News of
Jesus Christ locally and globally,

ACCEPTING others in the same loving way
God has accepted us,

CHANGING into committed Christ followers, and

EMPOWERED to be Christ's hands and feet
joyfully serving others.

Our Core Values

We Believe:

- ◆ We are saved by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ. (*Eph. 2: 8-9; Rom. 3:22-24; Titus 3:4-7*)
- ◆ Jesus is the Way, the Truth & the Life! No one comes to the Father except through Him! (*John 14:6; Acts 4:12*)
- ◆ Scripture is the Word of God. It is without error and our only source for life and faith! (*2 Tim. 3:16; John 20:31; 2 Peter 1:20-21*)
- ◆ Baptism & the Lord's Supper are the means by which God touches our lives with His grace. (*Rom 6:1-7; 1 Peter 3:21; Matt 26:26-28; 1 Cor 11:23-26*)
- ◆ God has chosen us to proclaim the Gospel to our community and world. (*Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15*)
- ◆ In the power of God working through the Holy Spirit & Prayer. (*John 14:26; Acts 4:31; Mark 11:24; Phil 4:6-7*)
- ◆ We desire to remain a loving (*1Cor 13; 1John 4:7-11*), caring family of God.
- ◆ We cherish our Lutheran heritage.