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Order of Service - Divine Service Setting 3 LSB 184

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Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ! It's exciting to have you with us in the sanctuary, on our Facebook page or on FM 90.5.

Supporting the Ministry of Grace is a task God gives us as a loving response to what He has done for us. For your financial support, in addition to the offering plate during worship, we have a drop box in the entryway as well as our Facebook and website so you can give online.

As We Gather: Today we hear that divine promise in Isaiah 42, identifying Jesus as God's chosen servant. From the beginning, however, we are told He is not only to be King of the Jews alone but a light to lighten the Gentiles also. The great news is that He is the Savior of and for all people, the descendants not only of Abraham but also of Adam and Noah! By repentance of sin and faith in Christ, worked by the same Spirit that marked Jesus as the chosen one at His Baptism, now all who are baptized into Christ—Jew or Gentile—are the chosen people of God. Praising and thanking God for calling and saving us, we echo the Gospel to all people in the words of the Psalm: "Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!" (Psalm 117:1). With all the choices presented by the world for salvation, we look to The Servant, Jesus as our only hope and resist all imposters!

Sign-up for Altar Flowers: The 2026 sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board for anyone wishing to supply the flowers for a particular Sunday. Please indicate on the sign up sheet the special acknowledgement if you would like it placed in the bulletin.

Mission Of The Month is Lutherans for Life. Lutherans for Life has many valuable resources that help us understand and articulate our Biblical positions on life issues. Visit them at lutheransforlife.org.

Portals of Prayer for the first quarter of 2026 are on the table in the narthex for you to take and use to enhance your daily devotion time. Please help yourself if this tool is a blessing to you or others.

Fellowship Sunday is now January 18th following worship!

(NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!)

The GOES Committee is sponsoring a fellowship gathering after worship on the 18th by supplying a soup dinner with all the fixings! Plan on joining each other for lunch and to spend some time with your brothers and sisters in Christ! If you are able, bring along a friend for both worship and the meal!

Thank You! *A huge "Thank You" for the calls, cards and most of all the prayers offered up for me. They all meant so much to me and my family. I know that it is only by the Grace of God that I am still here. Special thanks to Pastor for his visits and prayers. May God bless each of you!* Kathy Patterson

Interested in Finding Out More about our Faith? After the first of the new year, Pastor would like to offer some instructional classes on the basic beliefs of our faith for anyone interested. At the end of these sessions, anyone wishing to become a member of this congregation will be welcome to do so. Talk to Pastor if interested.

Interested in a Men's Bible Study? While the women have a monthly opportunity to get together to study God's Word, Pastor is interested in finding out if there is interest for men to have the same. If you would be interested in this opportunity, please talk to Pastor.

CLS Update: The January CLS newsletter is posted on the bulletin board in the entryway of church. Check out the information on... Parent Meeting on January 22nd and 2026-2027 Staff Openings

Singles: Join Zion Lutheran in Hiawatha for their two January church singles events. **Sunday, January 11 AND January 25**, we will enjoy a potluck AND play card/board games. Please meet at Zion at 12:00 pm. A main dish, paper products and water are supplied. Bring a dish to share and your favorite game. Please RSVP to either Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077 (text accepted with your name) 24 hours in advance of the event.