

# Zion Lutheran Church

## Farmington, New Mexico

**Pastor Biberdorf will be gone** this week from Thursday to Sunday to attend the LWML District Board of Directors Meetings in Colorado Springs. He will be back in time for church on Sunday morning.

**“What do Lutherans mean by worship?** Most often it refers to Sunday church services, and worship is indeed what happens on Sunday. Yet the concept of worship goes beyond an hour’s activity on Sunday (or any other day of the week, for that matter.) Lutherans understand worship as something more than what occurs on one day of the week. It is a matter of God’s gracious gift of faith and the resulting activities that flow from that gift. Such faith based activity is most evident in Sunday services as we gather as God’s guests to receive from Him and to express our thanks and praise to Him.” ( Chapter 1, What is Worship? *Gathered Guests*, Timothy Maschke)

**The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah** and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord’s service. *“As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD”* (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin’s womb. The true offering wasn’t the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to *“destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery”* (Heb. 2:14b–15).



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 1, 2026

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### **WORSHIP PREPARATION**

Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the Body and Blood of our Savior for the forgiveness of our sins. Because Holy Communion is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we invite those who are members of this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to commune. Other guests wishing to receive the Sacrament should speak with the pastor before the service.

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**the Liturgy: page 184, Divine Service 3**

**Today's Hymns:**

**Opening: 904, "Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"**

**Sermon: 842, "Son of God, Eternal Savior"**

**Communion: 618, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"**

**632, "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"**

**427, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

**Closing: 923, "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"**

**Today's Scripture Readings:**

**Old Testament: Micah 6:1-8**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

**Prayer List:** DJ, Caroline, Macie, Lisa, Thompson Family, Cynthia Beard, Rothermel Family, Kerry, Roy and Dale Esau, Elisha Van Deusan, David Lukow, Carol Unger, Deborah Unger, Shanda Unger, Shea and Jessica, Debra Mobley, Jack McKeever, Annette Lewis, Jason Hobbs

### **CALENDAR for THE WEEK**

Wednesday- Choir.....6 PM

Thursday- Worship service w/HC.....3 PM

Next Sunday- Bible Study.....9 AM

Next Sunday- Worship Service with HC...10:15 AM

### **Last Week's Worship Attendance**

Jan. 22- 6

Jan. 25- 41

**Prayer ministers will be available after the service today to pray with you.**

**Zion is in need of people to help with the powerpoint and the music.** If you would like to help out or want more info, please see Candace, Lorna or pastor. Thank you for your help and consideration.

**Please join us today after worship for food and fellowship.**