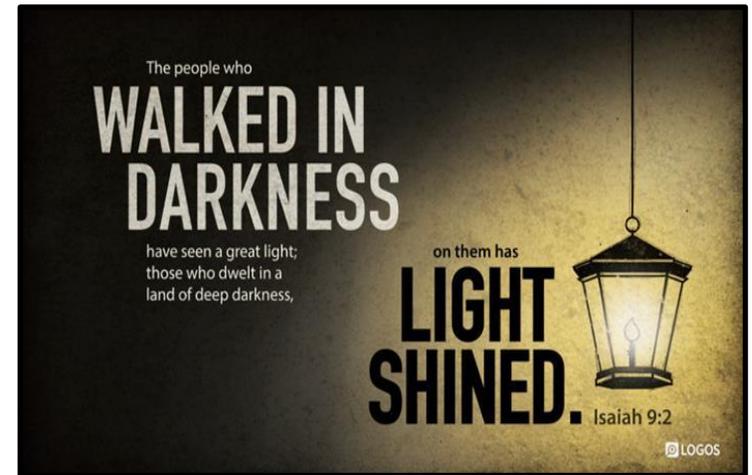


Zion Lutheran Church

Farmington, New Mexico

Next Sunday, February 1, we are going to do something special for the Divine Service. We will be doing an Explanation of the Divine Service service. Before speaking or singing the elements of the Divine Service, the pastor will explain what we are doing and why we do them. Be sure to be here for this special service.

Christ brings about a great reversal in St. Paul. *“He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy”* (Gal. 1:23). The enemy of the Gospel becomes its foremost preacher, and the last of the apostles becomes the first (Matt. 19:30). Paul is God’s *“chosen instrument ... to carry [His] name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel”* (Acts 9:15). The conversion of Paul is only a more dramatic example of what God does in revealing Christ to us. The bondage of our sin makes saving faith impossible. *“I believe that I cannot ... believe”* (Small Catechism, Third Article of the Creed). But even this is no obstacle for our Lord’s grace in Christ and the Holy Spirit’s power through the Gospel. Baptized, filled with the Holy Spirit, and hearing the Word of Christ, our ears are opened and our spiritual blindness is lifted (Acts 9:17–19). It is dangerous to be a traitor to Christ’s enemies — *“I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name”* (Acts 9:16) — but everything that is left behind is *“rubbish”* compared to *“the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 3:8) and the eternal life that we, with St. Paul, will at last inherit (Matt. 19:29).



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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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Today’s Hymns:

Opening: 849, “Praise the One Who Breaks...”

Sermon: 412, “The People That in Darkness Sat”

Communion: 644, “The Church’s One Foundation”

856, “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”

Closing: 411, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Today’s Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:1-4

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25

Sermon: “Sun of Righteousness, Shine!” Isaiah 9:1-4

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

Monday- February Newsletter Deadline

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. 15- 3

Jan. 18- 45

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.