

**Isaiah 43:1-7 (ESV)**

43 But now thus says the LORD,  
 he who created you, O Jacob, he who  
 formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have  
 redeemed you; I have called you by  
 name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass  
 through the waters, I will be with you; and  
 through the rivers, they shall not  
 overwhelm you; when you walk through  
 fire you shall not be burned,  
 and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy  
 One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as  
 your ransom, Cush and Seba in  
 exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are  
 precious in my eyes, and honored, and I  
 love you, I give men in return for  
 you, peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring  
 your offspring from the east, and from the  
 west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup>I will say to the  
 north, Give up, and to the south, Do not  
 withhold; bring my sons from afar and my  
 daughters from the end of the  
 earth, <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my  
 name, whom I created for my glory,  
 whom I formed and made."

**Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)**

6 What shall we say then? Are we to  
 continue in sin that grace may abound?  
<sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to  
 sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all  
 of us who have been baptized into Christ  
 Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We  
 were buried therefore with him by baptism  
 into death, in order that, just as Christ was  
 raised from the dead by the glory of the  
 Father, we too might walk in newness of  
 life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him  
 in a death like his, we shall certainly be  
 united with him in a resurrection like his.  
<sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified

with him in order that the body of sin might  
 be brought to nothing, so that we would no  
 longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who  
 has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now  
 if we have died with Christ, we believe that  
 we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that  
 Christ, being raised from the dead, will  
 never die again; death no longer has  
 dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he  
 died he died to sin, once for all, but the life  
 he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also  
 must consider yourselves dead to sin and  
 alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Luke 3:15-22 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and  
 all were questioning in their hearts  
 concerning John, whether he might be the  
 Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying,  
 "I baptize you with water, but he who is  
 mightier than I is coming, the strap of  
 whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.  
 He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and  
 fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to  
 clear his threshing floor and to gather the  
 wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will  
 burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So with  
 many other exhortations he preached  
 good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the  
 tetrarch, who had been reproved by him  
 for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all  
 the evil things that Herod had done,  
<sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up  
 John in prison. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people  
 were baptized, and when Jesus also had  
 been baptized and was praying, the  
 heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy  
 Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like  
 a dove; and a voice came from heaven,  
 You are my beloved Son; with you I am  
 well pleased."



**January 13, 2016**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

**Theme of the Day** ~ Have you ever thought about how powerful fear and worry are in our lives? Fear takes hold. It ties us in knots and refuses to let us go. On our own, we're powerless to undo these "fear knots." Only Jesus has the power to release us from their captivity. "Fear not," He says to His redeemed people! "You are Mine," He refreshingly reminds us. Our worship on this Baptism of Our Lord Sunday brings us with Jesus to the baptismal waters, enabling us to hear the living voice of our God as He washes us clean and makes us His own. Fear may take its hold for a moment, but Jesus' hold is eternal. "Fear knots" may have their day. "Fear not" are saving words *forever*.

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<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Hauser
<b>Organist</b>	Tami Mosher
<b>A/V</b>	Dave Hutfilz
<b>Ushers</b>	Dale Rohde & Kevin Ross
<b>Greeters</b>	Les & Sharon Hyatt
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diane Schultz & Suzanne Schultz

**Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

**Attendance last week** – 99    *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion* \$4,504 ~ *Received for the Lord's Work* \$4,810 = Loose Plate \$50, Envelopes \$4,473, Mission \$60, Maintenance \$227. Resources for Rachel \$197.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday** Jan 18-Kirk McNett; Jan 19-Brady Klemish, Bud Parker (his 80<sup>th</sup>); Jan 20-Matthew Gudaitis; Jan 21-Raegyn Mayer, Carmen Rowe, Bruce Tessin; Jan 23-Gracen McMahon; Jan 24-Duane Neuenfeldt.

**Today's Memory Verse** ~ "Do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed." 1 Peter 4:12-13



**June Kreger**, lifelong faithful member of Zion died January 1, 2019 and was given Christian burial on Friday. June is survived by her children; Walter D. (Karen) Kreger, Brian (Peggy) Kreger, Daniel (Celia) Kreger, Randall (Ellen) Kreger; six grandchildren and their spouses; ten great grandchildren; her brother, Joseph Schultz and her sister, Ruth (Dale) Myers; many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband she was predeceased by her daughter, Diane K. Kreger; her sisters and brothers, Donna Kreger, Marian Netzley, Robert Schultz and Floyd Schultz. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!'" (Revelation 14:13 ESV).

**Annual Turkey Dinner** ~ Zion will hold our annual turkey dinner on Wednesday, January 16 from 4:30 ~ 7:00 pm. Adults \$10, Children 5-12 \$5, Under 5 are free. Come and support your church and enjoy a homemade turkey dinner with all the fixin's. If you are unable to attend please consider a donation of a grocery item. See the list in the narthex. Help will also be needed to set up, prepare and serve dinner. Desserts are needed as well. Sign-up sheets in the narthex. This is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship with your Zion family. See Jack Armstrong or Lloyd Zastrow if you have any questions.

**Orphan Grain Train** ~ Reaching into 67 foreign countries with the message of Christ to accompany humanitarian aid and mercy care, Orphan Grain Train for 27 years has responded to human need with the love of Jesus. Orphan Grain Train distributes food, clothing, medical supplies, Christian literature, school materials, tools, personal transport devices for the disabled, and more. Orphan Grain Train also responds immediately with domestic disaster relief when hurricanes, fires, or drought place American lives and livelihoods in jeopardy. The very first Orphan Grain Train branch in the state of Michigan has just been established in Sebewaing. A new Michigan branch warehouse facility has been acquired. The Center is currently preparing to launch regular operations with regular notices of its work to be shared with the church. For more information about Orphan Grain Train, visit [www.ogt.org/](http://www.ogt.org/) or contact Orphan Grain Train—Michigan Branch Manager, Pastor David Reed, 989-600-2264.

**Valley Lutheran High School Open House** dates and times are listed below: Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm; March 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm; April 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm; May 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm and June 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm. For more information, interested parties may contact the school office at 790-1676, or e-mail Heath Vincent at [hvincent@vlhs.com](mailto:hvincent@vlhs.com).

**Voters' Assembly** meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> following the service. Agenda an October meeting minutes are in your box. Agenda items include a vote on ballot nominations for Synod positions at the upcoming LCMS Synodical Convention.