

Zion Lutheran Church | Kulm ND | December 22, 2024

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From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
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