

Zion Lutheran Church | Kulm ND | December 8, 2024
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Our mission: We gather in faith to worship Jesus as Lord, grow through grace, and share the good news of Jesus Christ
Our vision: to be a community of faith who follows Christ, loves one another and ministers to the needs of others

Today, Dec. 8: 3:00 pm (notice time change) Zion Women's Christmas party and prayer partner reveal. Kindly remember your partner with prayers and a small gift.

Dec 18: 7:00 pm SWAG Christmas program

Dec. 24: 7:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve service

Introduction

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the ^l God of Israel,
you have come to your people and ^l set them free.
⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a ^l mighty Savior,
born of the house of your ^l servant David.**
⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save
us ^l from our enemies,⁷¹ from the hands of ^l all who hate us,
⁷² **to show mercy ^l to our forebears,
and to remember your ^l holy covenant.**
⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our ^l father Abraham:
⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our ^l enemies,
**free to worship you ^l without fear,
⁷⁵ holy and righteous before you, all the days ^l of our life.**
⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of ^l the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre-^l pare the way,
⁷⁷ **to give God's people knowledge ^l of salvation
by the forgiveness ^l of their sins.**
⁷⁸ In the tender compassion ^l of our God
the dawn from on high shall ^l break upon us,
⁷⁹ **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the ^l way of peace.**