



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:00 PM Candlelight Worship

December 24, 2017

Nativity of Our Lord

ZION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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PASTOR STEVEN A. KLEMZ

DECEMBER 24, 2017 10:00 PM

IN CHRIST'S NAME, WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Please know you are included in Christ's own invitation to receive God's promise and presence in the "for you" of Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the bulletin insert especially if you have prayer concerns. We also use this page to welcome and invite newcomers and guests into the events and activities at Zion.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God we welcome all.

We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and attitudes within the Church that assure access to Word and Sacrament regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age or race. We are a Reconciling in Christ community.

All are welcome!



Worship Today

- 9:30 pm Festive Organ Recital
- 10:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

Church Events

- Monday, December 25th
 - * Christmas Day
- Tuesday, December 26th
 - * Church offices closed all week
- Wednesday, December 27th
 - * 7 am Men's Bible Study
 - * 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- Thursday, December 28th
 - * 6:30-8 pm Meditation Group
- Friday, December 29th
 - * 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- Sunday, December 31st, First Sunday of Christmas
 - * 10:30 am Worship, Guest Pastor Gordon Young, preaching & presiding

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Online Bulletin You can download today's and previous bulletins to your PDA to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to www.zelc.org/bulletins

Child Care You are welcome to take your child downstairs to the nursery, if needed, and stay with them. We do not have attendants in the nursery this evening.

Quiet Activity Bags Cloth bags with quiet activities, located at the rear of the sanctuary, are available for young children during worship.

Hearing Devices Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a hearing assistance device.

For more information on these and other events go to www.zelc.org

Introit

Chancel Choir

"Sing We Noel"

Wetzler

The Ringing of the Christmas Bells

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

Many ages after the world was created, when God, in the beginning, formed the heavens and the earth; long after the great flood; some two thousand years after the birth of Abraham; fifteen centuries after Moses and the passing over of Israel; a thousand years after the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophecy takes note; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and forty-second year from the founding of the city of Rome; the forty-second year of Octavian Augustus' rule; in the sixth age of the world, all the earth being at peace, Jesus Christ, Eternal God, Son of the Father, willing to hallow the world by His coming in mercy, was born in the midst of the earth,

GOD MADE FLESH!

The people stand to sing the hymn, turning to face the cross and turning once again to face the altar as the cross passes.

Processional Hymn

*Please stand and face
the Processional
Cross.*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymn No. 283

Greeting

Christ is born; Alleluia, alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2–7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

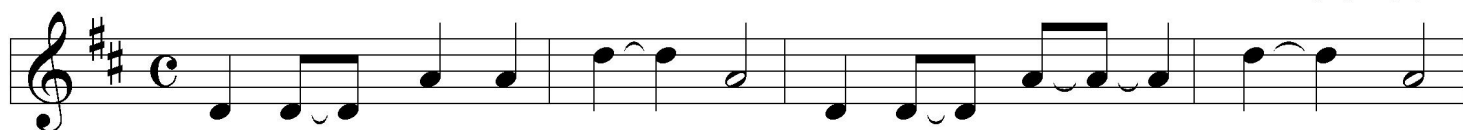
⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 96

D. Chamberlin



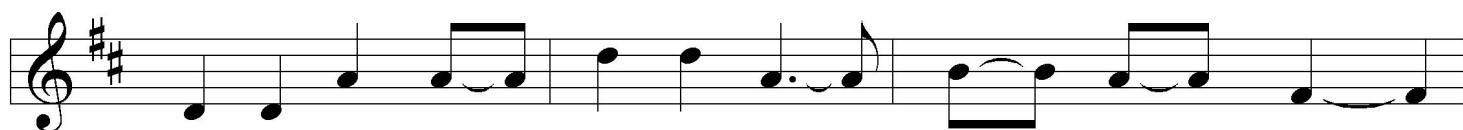
1 Sing to the Lord a new__ song; sing to the Lord,___ all the earth.
2 Sing of___ his great ma-jes - ty, sing of his pow - er and splen - dor.
3 Tell it___ out: The Lord is king! He will___ judge___ all na - tions.



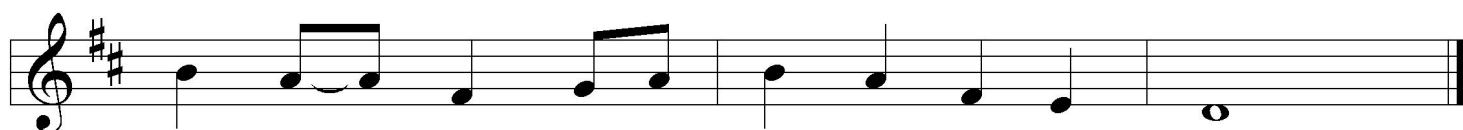
Sing to the Lord___ and bless his name;___ tell the good___ news of
Fam'-lies of peo - ples ev' - ry - where, A - scribe___ to the Lord all
Let the___ heav - ens and earth re - joice___ with___ the___ sea and



his___ sal - va - tion. Sing his___ glo - ry ev' - ry - where; de -
hon - or and pow - er. Wor - ship the Lord in beau - ty, the
all___ her crea - tures. Let all the trees___ shout for joy be -



clare his won - der to ev' - ry - one. For great___ is the Lord,___
beau - ty of his___ ho - li - ness. Come in - to his courts with
fore the Lord, when he comes to judge___ all___ the___ earth in



wor - thy of praise. Sing a new song to the Lord!
of - fer - ings. Sing a new song to the Lord!
right - eous - ness. Sing a new song to the Lord!

Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Processional Music

The Gospel

The Gospel is read at each of the four corners in the sanctuary, symbolizing the good news proclaimed to the four corners of the earth.

Solo:

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

Luke 2:1-7 | Choir:

Oh, that birth forever blessed,
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

Luke 2:8-15 | Congregation Women:

***This is he whom seers in old time
chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long expected;
let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.***

Please stand and face the place where the Gospel is read.

Luke 2:15-19 | Congregation Men;

***Let the heights of heav'n adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
pow'rs, dominions, bow before him
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev'ry voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.***

Luke 2:20 | All:

***Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory and dominion,
and eternal victory
evermore and evermore. Amen.***

Sermon

Pastor Steven Klemz

"For You"

Hymn of the Day

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn No. 289

Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.*

The Prayers

Each petition concludes: "Lord, in your mercy,"
And the people prayerfully respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"

Sharing of the Peace

John 1:5
More than a greeting,
we participate in
Christ's gift of commu-
nity.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. May this light enlighten you with peace.

And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation signal their unity with each other in the family of Christ by sharing a moment of greeting with each other, saying "**Peace be with you,**" and are seated when finished exchanging the peace.*

Meal

Gathering of Gifts



Thank you for filling in the hospitality page (bulletin insert). It serves as an instrument for pastoral care, especially with the requested prayers. Please place the page in the offering plate.

If you give online, feel free to pick up a 'giving bookmark' found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

If you would like to give online, please go to <http://www.zelc.org/giving> or scan code to the left.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

"Psallite, Sing to Christ the Lord!"

Praetorius
arr. Stocker

Offering Song

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Vs. 3

Hymn No. 294

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God with us:
You came as a baby to a manger.
You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.
You come again in bread and wine.
Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.
And then, through these gifts,
help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name.
Amen.

The Great Thanks-giving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Sanctus:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Before the Lord's Supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into Thanksgiving. With the whole creation, we join the angels' song.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

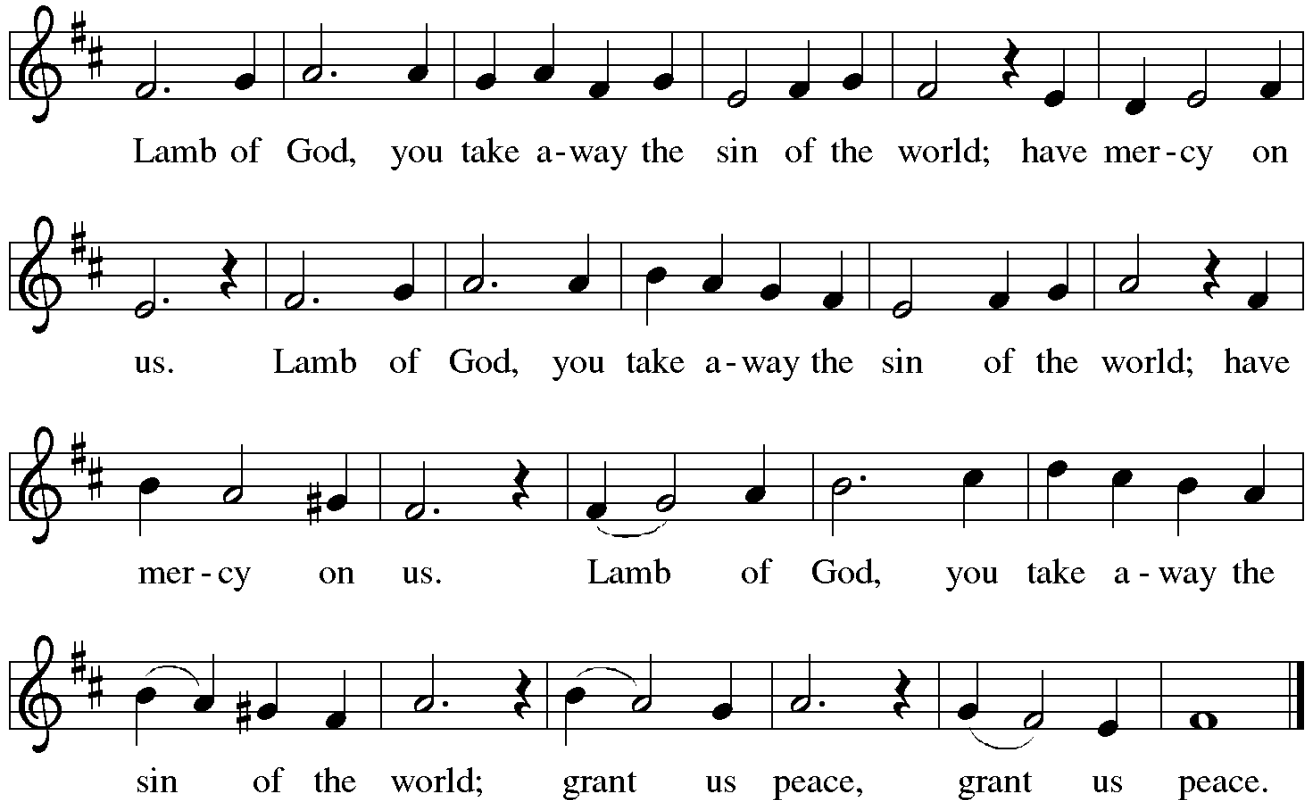
Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.***

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome. Come to the table of peace.
Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God



Holy Communion

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle.

Newcomers & Visitors: You are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. The wine may be received by dipping the bread in the cup, or eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Individual cups are available for those who desire. Grape juice is clear, individual cups of wine are red. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like to receive a blessing for yourself and/or your child, simply come forward with your hands folded, and the person serving the bread will offer you a blessing.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

"What Is this Lovely Fragrance?"

Alwes

**Communion
Hymns**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"Away in a Manger"
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Hymn No. 279
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After all have received, the people stand.

Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in grace and peace. **Amen.**

**Post
Communion
Prayer**

Let us pray.

On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one fore-told, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***Receive candlelight
by tipping an unlit
candle to receive
the flame.***

Please stand. "Silent Night" will be sung by candlelight. As your candle is lit, share your light with your neighbor. PLEASE SLIDE THE CUP DOWN THE CANDLE TO LIGHT IT. ONCE LIT, SLIDE THE CUP UP TO FULLY ENCLOSE THE FLAME.

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Hymn No. 281

***Silent Night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts...sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.***

***Candles may be
extinguished.***

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

Benediction

May Christ, who by his incarnation
has filled us with grace and truth,
give you peace this Christmas and always.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

*Please face the proces-
sional cross*

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn No. 270

Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!
Peace to God’s people on earth!
Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*“Glory to the Newborn King”
(Toccata on “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”)*

David Chamberlin

SERMON NOTES:

Lessons for next Sunday, December 31, 2017

First Sunday of Christmas

- ♦ Isaiah 61:10-62:3
- ♦ Galatians 4:4-7
- ♦ Luke 2:22-40

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Small Groups & Bible Studies

Women's Small Group, Alyce Gross, **Shepherd**. Meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm in various homes. We will be studying the Gospel of John. Contact Alyce at adgross1@msn.com.

Men's Bible Study—meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the weekly scriptures from the Taking Faith Home bulletin insert.

Adult Bible Study—Pastor Steve leads this class which meets each Sunday in the atrium, 9:15-10:15. All are welcome.

Beautiful Blessings Small Group—Women are invited to join this small group meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Honeysuckle Coffee Co (8745 S 700 E, #2, Sandy). There is a play area, so feel free to bring the little ones while you share blessings with other women. Contact Lisa Mensinger with questions. youth@zelc.org.

Sunday Lectionary Bible Study—An open forum on the lessons of the day, with a focus on the Gospel, will be held in the lounge from 9:15--10:15. Whether there is a leader or not, discussing scripture is one way to help it become the living word. All are welcome.

Men's Small Group, Peter Staks, Shepherd 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm at various homes. peter@wardleycompanies.com. This group is studying Early Christian Family Tree.

Pub Theology—Different Brews + Different Views

Go to [Facebook.com/ZionSLC](https://www.facebook.com/ZionSLC) for up-to-date information; the group meets at various pubs in the valley one Thursday each month.

Chancel Choir--Meets Sundays at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. Singing in a choir has tremendous benefits for physical and mental well-being. Prepare music to support the day's lessons, learn more about church music traditions, reduce stress, and have fun. Singers of all abilities are welcome.

Sunday Parent Drop-In Group—After dropping your kids in their Sunday school classroom, you are welcome to join other parents in the church kitchen for some coffee and conversation.

Sunday Worship

December 31, one worship at 10:30 AM with Guest Preacher Pastor Gordon Young presiding.

January 7: Awakening Worship -- begins at 8:15 AM; Traditional worship is at 10:30 AM. All are welcome.


Epiphany Potluck The church season of Epiphany celebrates the light of God's love that reaches all people. On Sunday, January 7, we will have a potluck brunch, 9:15-10:15. All are welcome. Bring your favorite ethnic dish to share. And, bring your appetite, for a sampling of herring, rosettes, jambalaya, and Chile Verde.

Sunday School Our regular education hour begins on January 14 at 9:15 AM, with classes for all ages. All students have time with Susan Swidnicki, our children's choir director. New students are welcome. Contact the church office for more information.

Let Me Shine! Christian Playschool and Preschool: It's time to start thinking about enrolling your child for next fall. **We will begin accepting applications for re-enrollment on January 8, 2018. Enrollment forms are available in the preschool and church offices. Priority will be given to currently enrolled families and Zion members.** Beginning February 1, enrollment opens to the public on a first come – first serve basis. Many classes fill up fast so please get your applications in ASAP.

Zion Lutheran Church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). **The ELCA Mission:** Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world. This is the mission statement of the ELCA. As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus' name throughout the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

+ **EPIPHANY CELEBRATION**
Sunday, January 7th 9:15 AM
Bring your favorite ethnic dish to share!
Children – bring a canned food item for Crossroads Urban Center!

Needed in December
In our food pantry: Snacks and individual juices.
In our thrift store: New socks/underwear and blankets.

CROSSROADS urban center

Connecting through Grace
ZION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

As a Community of God We Welcome All.

All this is from God who reconciled us through Jesus Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:18.



ACTION FORUM

January 21, 2018 @ Noon
Proposed Legislation on Food Sales Tax & Clean Air Initiatives
Zion's Terrace Room
All are welcome!

TONIGHT'S WORSHIP

Rev. Steven A. Klemz—Preacher & Presiding Minister
David Chamberlin - Organist
Diane Gardner - Interim Music Director
Susan Swidnicki - Children's Choir Director
Carrie Hinderaker + Ann Marie Mogren - Altar Guild

10:00 PM Candlelight Worship

Lisa Mensinger, Assisting Minister
Rex, Brandt & Doug Graham, Ushers

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