



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017

6:00 PM

Nativity of Our Lord

ZION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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DECEMBER 24, 2017 6:00 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

- **6:00 pm Lessons & Carols Worship**
- **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**
 - * 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- **Thursday, December 28th**
 - * 6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group
- **Friday, December 29th**
 - * 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- **Sunday, December 31st**
 - * 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

Loving God, in Mary's Son
we see your secret plan revealed.

You want all creation together,
everything in heaven and on earth,
with Christ as head.

You want us to be one with you,
full of love, the love you are,
full of life, the life you are.

You want us to be one with each other,
one as you and your Son are one,
one as your Son is one with us.

Loving God, complete your plan.
Draw people everywhere to your Son,
use us to break down walls
separating us by race or class or sex,
dividing us by political polarization,
enslaving us to strife and conflict and war,
as if you had not made us one.

With your creation
we groan and sigh
praying in hope
for wholeness and peace,
in and through the Christ Child,
Amen.

The Ringing of the Christmas Bells

Entrance Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymn No. 283

**Greeting and
Prayer**

Solo

"O Holy Night"

Jared Lesa

**Children's
Message**

All children are welcome to join Pastor Steve at the communion rail.

Solo

"Pastores a Belen"

Jan Chamberlin

Mary: Luke 1:26-35

Solo

"What Child Is This?"

Mark Chamberlin

Joseph: Matthew 1:18-25

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;

yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

The Birth of the Christ Child: Luke 2:1-7

"Away in a Manger"

***Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his
sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little
Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.***

Angels: Luke 2:8-14

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

***Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts
proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"***

Shepherds: Luke 2:15-20

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

***Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.***

**The Christmas
Message**
Pastor Steve Klemz

"For You"

Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn No. 289

The Prayers

Each petition concludes, "Lord, in your mercy," and the people prayerfully respond, "***hear our prayer.***"

Prayer requests can be submitted using the bulletin insert or anytime during the week via email to the church office (office@zelc.org) or Pastor Steve (pastor@zelc.org).

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.***

Gathering of the 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

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

***Mark Chamberlin Soloist,
Jan Chamberlin, Harmony, David Chamberlin, Recorder***

Offering Prayer

The Lesson of Light: John 1 (selected verses)

Please stand.

**Lighting of the
Candles**

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

"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"

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,
heav'nly 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

The Blessing

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Joy to the World”

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev’ry heart prepare him room
and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Dismissal

Go as the shepherds, telling the story. Go as the angels, announcing peace.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Johann Pachelbel



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. We will explore the Gospel of Mark. 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; meets one Thursday each month at a pub. Check our FB page for up-to-date location. [Facebook.com/ZionSLC](https://www.facebook.com/ZionSLC)

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.

January 7, Awakening Worship begins at 8:15 AM;

Traditional worship 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.

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.

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.



God is meant to be Experienced

LIVE the Experience
LOVE the Experience
SHARE the Experience


Invite your friends to Experience
 Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

1. Send a Text or Email about an Event
2. Share with your Friends via Facebook
3. Connect them to www.zelc.org
4. Invite them to Worship




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.

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!

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

6:00 PM Lessons & Carols Worship

Olivia, Gwen and Ryan Trapp, Readers
 Lisa Mensinger, Assisting Minister

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