



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018

6:00 PM

Nativity of Our Lord

ZION

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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DECEMBER 24, 2018 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 Family-Friendly Worship
- 9:30 pm Festive Organ Recital
- 10:30 pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion featuring our Chancel Choir

Church Events

- Wednesday, December 26th
 - * Church offices closed
 - * 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- Thursday, December 27th
 - * 6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group
- Friday, December 28th
 - * 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- Sunday, December 30th
 - * 10:30 am Worship only

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Online Bulletin You can download today's and previous bulletins to your PDA to view during worship or at other times.

Simply to go <http://www.zelc.org/sermons--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

Pre-Service Music

Emily Hackworth, Guitar

Silent Night.....Franz Xaver Gruber, arr. Scott Ferguson

The First Noel.....W. Sandy's Christmas Carols

Angels We Have Heard on High.....traditional French carol

Breath of Heaven.....Amy Grant & Chris Eaton

Tiffany Klemz Woodall, soloist

Welcome

The Ringing of the Christmas Bells

Gospel

John 1:1-5

Prayer

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Christmas Carol

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Vs. 1

Hymn No. 295

Gathering of Children

The children are welcome to join Pastor Steve at the front. Parents, especially those with little ones, are welcome to join the gathering.

Processional Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" Vs. 1-3

Hymn No. 283

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Jesus

Scripture reading with children.

Hymn

"Away in a Manger" Vs. 1 & 2

Hymn No. 277

Good News for Shepherds
taken from the "Jesus Storybook Bible"

Hymn

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Hymn No. 290

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn No. 289

Homily

"With New Hearts"

Medley of Carols

"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!"***

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

***Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!***

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

***Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!***

"The First Noel"

***The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.***

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

The Prayers

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).

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.

Music

"O Holy Night"
Emily Hackworth, Guitar

Adolphe Adam, arr: Scott Ferguson

Reading

John 1:1-5

Lighting of the Candles

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"
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

Prayer & 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

Puer nobis

D. Chamberlin



SERMON NOTES:



SoulCollage® with Julie Vesely

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Noon to 3 pm*

Unleash your CREATIVITY and feed your SOUL.
Discover a creative way of giving space for your inner wisdom to come through.
No talent needed just a willingness to explore.

All are welcomed from the age of 12 to 100.

Register by Sunday, January 13, 2019 by emailing Lisa Mensinger, youth@zelc.org.

*Soup and sandwiches will be served.

Lessons for next Sunday, December 30, 2018

First Sunday of Christmas

- ♦ 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
- ♦ Colossians 3:12-17
- ♦ Luke 2:41-52

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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. In January, "All are Welcome!" Jesus and the Church's Ministry of Welcome.

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 books in the New Testament.

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 30, one worship at 10:30 AM.

January 6, 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 6, we will have a potluck brunch, 9:15-10:15. All are welcome. Bring your favorite ethnic dish to share and/or a child-friendly entree. And, bring your appetite, for a sampling of herring, rosettes, jambalaya, and Chile Verde.

Sunday School Our regular education hour begins on January 13 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 7, 2019. 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 Potluck
 Sunday, Jan 6th
 9:15 AM

Bring your favorite ethnic dish; child-friendly foods welcome!



TONIGHT'S WORSHIP

Rev. Steven A. Klemz—Preacher & Presiding Minister
 David Chamberlin - Organist
 Diane Gardner - Music Director
 Susan Swidnicki - Children's Choir Director

6:00 PM Family-Friendly Worship

Lisa Mensinger, Assisting Minister
 Hackworth Family, Ushers & Greeters

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