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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 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

Child Care We do not have a nursery attendant at this time. The nursery is available for parents who want to stay with their child during worship. Please put all toys away in the nursery when you leave.

Quiet Activity Bags Cloth bags with quiet activities are available for young children during worship. Our ushers would be happy to provide you with one.

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

Worship Today

- 8:15 am Awakening Worship
- 9:15 am Education Hour
- 10:30 am Worship

Church Events

- **Monday, December 17th**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
 - * 2 pm Staff Meeting
- **Tuesday, December 18th**
 - * 11:40 am LMS chapel
 - * 1 pm David organ work/practice
- **Wednesday, December 19th**
 - * 7 am Men's Bible Study
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
 - * 6:30 pm Meditation group
- **Thursday, December 20th**
 - * 1 pm David organ work/practice
 - * 6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group
- **Friday, December 21st**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
 - * Last day of LMS—Christmas break
- **Saturday, December 22nd**
 - * 9-noon Christmas program rehearsal
 - * 2 pm David organ rehearsal
- **Sunday, December 23rd**
 - * 8:15 am Awakening Worship
 - * 9:15 am Education Hour
 - * 10:30 am Worship, Baptism
 - * Noon Sanctuary Christmas Tree setup
 - * 6:00 pm Christmas program

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

"Fling Wide the Door"

Ernst Pepping

Entrance Hymn

"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"

Hymn No. 244

Greeting

The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.



Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

So sing, Daughter Zion!
Raise your voices, Israel!
Daughter Jerusalem,
be happy! celebrate!
GOD has reversed his judgments against you
and sent your enemies off chasing their tails.
From now on, GOD is Israel's king,
in charge at the center.
There's nothing to fear from evil
ever again!
Jerusalem will be told:
"Don't be afraid.
Dear Zion,
don't despair.
Your GOD is present among you,
a strong Warrior there to save you.
Happy to have you back, he'll calm you with his love
and delight you with his songs.
"The accumulated sorrows of your exile
will dissipate.
I, your God, will get rid of them for you.
You've carried those burdens long enough.
At the same time, I'll get rid of all those
who've made your life miserable.
I'll heal the maimed;
I'll bring home the homeless.
In the very countries where they were hated
they will be venerated.
On Judgment Day
I'll bring you back home—a great family gathering!
You'll be famous and honored
all over the world.
You'll see it with your own eyes—
all those painful partings turned into reunions!"
GOD's Promise.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm (Isa. 12:2-6)

D. Chamberlin

Refrain (congregation)



Shout a - loud and sing for joy, O roy - al Zi - on, for
great and glor - ious in your midst is the Ho - ly One of Is-rael.

Verses (choir/cantor)



Sure - ly God is my sal - va - tion; I will trust, and not be a - fraid, for the
In that day__ you will say:___ Give__ thanks un - to the__ LORD,____
LORD God is my strength, my might, and my sal - va - tion. With
call up - on God's name. Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion that
joy you shall draw wa - ter from the wells____ of sal - va - tion.
God's name is ex - alt - ed; let all earth know of God's glo - ry.

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns, with the hope they will experience God's joy and peace.

Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, *revel* in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute!

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

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



Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one "who is coming." John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When crowds of people came out for baptism because it was the popular thing to do, John exploded: "Brood of snakes! What do you think you're doing slithering down here to the river? Do you think a little water on your snakeskins is going to deflect God's judgment? It's your *life* that must change, not your skin. And don't think you can pull rank by claiming Abraham as 'father.' Being a child of Abraham is neither here nor there—children of Abraham are a dime a dozen. God can make children from stones if he wants. What counts is your life. Is it green and flourishing? Because if it's deadwood, it goes on the fire."

The crowd asked him, "Then what are we supposed to do?"

"If you have two coats, give one away," he said. "Do the same with your food."

Tax men also came to be baptized and said, "Teacher, what should we do?"

He told them, "No more extortion—collect only what is required by law."

Soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?"



He told them, “No harassment, no blackmail—and be content with your rations.”

The interest of the people by now was building. They were all beginning to wonder, “Could this John be the Messiah?”

But John intervened: “I’m baptizing you here in the river. The main character in this drama, to whom I’m a mere stagehand, will ignite the kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He’s going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He’ll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he’ll put out with the trash to be burned.”

There was a lot more of this—words that gave strength to the people, words that put heart in them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Lighting the Advent Candle

*“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” Vs. 3
Chancel Choir*

Hymn No. 240

Sermon

Lisa Mensinger

“What Then Should I Do?”

A brief silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

“All Earth Is Hopeful”

Hymn No. 266

Apostles’ Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***



The Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Christ's healing for Bonnie Judge and strength of wholeness for Rhonda Joa, Michael Chard, Ron Finner, Dianne Krehbiel, Velda Pearson, Fay Fenske. Continued healing and peace for Susan Swidnicki, Marlyce Chytraus, Rodney Schroeder, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Terri Finner, Jennie Johnson, Leo Seegert, Berkley Foulks, Lacy Foulks, Cindy Haverkost. Health and safekeeping for Janel Strohacker Gazunis, Christina Eddy, Josslynn Hanson and all mothers with child. For Christy Hillock & baby Emily Ann with hospitalization. Joy and happiness in the recent marriages of Tiffany Klemz and Dylan Woodall and RJ Mauldin and Kayla Turner. We pray for those in need of our prayers: Matt Copenhaver & family, Mary Ann, Dorothy Weber, Cheryl, Nancy, Rowen, Laurie, Nancy Weber, David Pederson, Linda McGregor, Lindsay, Mary Pat, Sue, Deborah, Liza, Susan & Corina Matonis, Ken & Teresa Lyons, the Peterson Family, Wesley Hawman, Kay Brown, Kathy, Linda, Stan, Gary, Jamie, Carla, Warren, Becky, Kevin & Lori, Charlie & Anna Davidson, Jamie, Doris, Marsha McBride, Anna, Marilyn Wood, Chuck, Henri Schrecengost, Mary Ann, Susie, Mary, Günter, Hanan, Jackie, Debra Sanderson; for seminary education with Lisa Mensinger and Juan de Dios Lopez. For those devastated by California wildfires.

Each petition concludes, **"let us pray,"** and the people prayerfully respond, **"Come, Lord Jesus."**

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 Sharing of the Peace

John 20 More than a greeting, we participate in Christ's gift of community.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

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.

Gathering of the Gifts



MEAL

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 the code to the left.



Anthem
Chancel Choir

"And the Father Will Dance"

Mark Hayes

**Offertory
Prayer**

Let us pray.
God of abundance,
we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

**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.*

Eucharistic Prayer

**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. God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy

on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.



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. You are welcome to kneel or stand at the communion rail.

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.

Communion Hymns

*"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"
"Blessed Be the God of Israel"
"Fling Wide the Door"*

*Hymn No. 242
Hymn No. 250
Hymn No. 259*

After all have received, please remain seated until the Benediction.

Table Blessing

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in God's great grace.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy One, we give you thanks
that in this bread and cup
we have feasted again on your endless love.
Let that love overflow more and more in our lives,
that we may be messengers to prepare your way,
harvesters of justice and righteousness,
and bearers of your eternal Word,
our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Benediction

May God direct your ways in peace,
make you abound in love for one another and for all,
and strengthen your hearts
until the coming of our Lord Jesus.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.



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| Sending Hymn | <i>"He Came Down"</i> | <i>Hymn No. 253</i> |
| Dismissal | Go in peace. Christ is with you. <i>Thanks be to God.</i> | |
| Postlude | <i>Trio Sonata No. 1, last movement</i> | <i>J. S. Bach</i> |



SERMON NOTES:

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| Sunday, December 23 | 6:00 pm | Children's Christmas Program |
| Monday, December 24 | 5:45 pm | Pre-service music |
| | 6:00 pm | Christmas Eve child-friendly service |
| | 9:30 pm | Festive organ recital by David Chamberlin |
| | 10:00 pm | Candlelight Worship with Chancel Choir and Holy Communion |
| Sunday, December 30 | 10:30 am | One service |
| January 6, 2019 | 9:15 am | Epiphany brunch potluck. Please bring child-friendly foods. |

Lessons for next Sunday, December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- ♦ Micah 5:2-5a
- ♦ Hebrews 10:5-10
- ♦ Luke 1:39-45

Small Groups & Bible Studies:

Women's Small Group, Alyce Gross, Shepherd. Meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm in various homes. We are 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.

Sunday Adult Bible Study—Adult Open Forum Bible Discussion, all are welcome to discuss the current Sunday's lessons, focusing on the Gospel. We will meet at 9:15-10:15 across from the sanctuary.

Pastor Steve's Adult Bible Study—@ 9:15 AM
December 16: "Come, Lord Jesus" – coffee and conversation (Pr. Steve on vacation)

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.

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.



Connecting This Week Recap

Eight outside groups used our facility for meeting this week—still making connections in the community!

How You Can Connect This Week

Ushers Needed! This is a vital role in welcoming people to worship with us. Interested? Please contact the church office.

Greeters Wanted! Please use the sign-up sheet outside the church library to pick the Sundays that work with your schedule and be a greeter at Zion! It's a great way to meet congregational members you may not yet know.

CONNECTING THROUGH GRACE: FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt 6:21

- **Yearly Operating Budget 2018: \$508,350.00** (this figure to be updated)
- **Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,776.00**
- **Last Week's Offerings: \$8,020.00 = 82% Weekly**
- **Total Received this year: \$346,265.00 = 73.8% Yearly Budget**
- **December 9, 2018: 8:15 AM = 32 10:30 AM = 104**
- **Sunday school: 83**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Christmas Program, Sunday, Dec 23rd at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend this beautiful telling of the Christmas story through word and song! Help is needed; please see the December newsletter for all the details.

Lutheran Disaster Response is helping with the wildfires raging across California. You are invited to help by donating to Lutheran Disaster Response, designating "U.S. wildfires". These funds will be used to help those affected by wildfires until the response is complete. Pick up a bulletin insert on the bulletin table in the Narthex for more information.

Annual Staff Gifts—With the holiday season upon us, if you would like to make a contribution toward the annual staff gift, please use the "Special Offering"

envelopes located in the pews and mark the envelope "Staff Gift." Thank you for your consideration towards those who make our experience here at Zion a very special place to worship! Thank you —Zion Council

Sanctuary Christmas Tree Setup Please stay briefly after the 10:30 am service next Sunday, December 23 to set up the sanctuary Christmas tree. It goes really quickly with enough helpers!

Commitment Sunday Follow Up If you have not yet returned your 2019 Statement of Intent, please complete and return as soon as possible. There are paper copies available at church or on Zion's web site. Please place your completed form in the offering plate or return it to the church office.. Our goal is to have 100% return.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Needed in December

Food: Cereal

Thrift Store Item: Anything warm

Crossroads Urban Center



*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.*



TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lisa Mensinger, Seminarian—Guest Preacher
Pastor Gordon Young- Guest Presiding Minister
David Chamberlin—Organist | Diane Gardner— Music Director
Susan Swidnicki - Children's Choir Director
Jan Heins + Bruce and Lois Stewart- Altar Guild
Ethel + Ann Marie—Counters | Coffee hour hosted by Erin Basta

8:15 AM Awakening Worship

Rachel Kibler, Cantor | Volunteers to usher

10:30 AM Worship

Rachel Kibler, Assisting Minister
Volunteers needed to usher
Verna Hanson, Greeter

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