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ZION

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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

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
 - * Noon Christmas Tree setup
 - * 6:00 pm Christmas program

Church Events

- **Monday, December 24th**
 - * 5:45 pm Pre-service Music
 - * 6:00 pm Family-Friendly Christmas Eve worship
 - * 9:30 pm Festive Organ Recital with David Chamberlin
 - * 10:00 pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, featuring our Chancel Choir
- **Tuesday, December 25th**
 - * Church office closed
- **Wednesday, December 26th**
 - * Church office closed
- **Thursday, December 27th**
 - * 6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group
- **Friday, December 28th**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
- **Sunday, December 30th**
 - * 10:30 am one worship only
- **Sunday, January 6th**
 - * 9:15-10:15 Epiphany Potluck; bring your favorite ethnic dish and/or child-friendly food

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

Pastorale

J. S. Bach

**Greeting &
Prayer**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Holy Baptism

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents

We present Charlie David Nielsen for baptism.

**Profession of
Faith**

As you bring Charlie David to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

Sponsors

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Charlie David in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.



Congregation

People of God, do you promise to support Charlie David and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

**Parents /
Sponsors**

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

**Parents/
Sponsors**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

**Parents /
Sponsors**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

All

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***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.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***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.***

**Thanksgiving at
the Font**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.



Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers, streams and creeks. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survived the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Charlie David, is baptized in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Charlie David with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Charlie David, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Welcome Congregation

Let us welcome the newly baptized, Charlie David.

***We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and
redeeming word to all the world.***



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.

Entrance Hymn

"Once in Royal David's City"

Hymn No. 269

WORD

First Lesson

*Micah 5:2-5a
The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.*

- ²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
- ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
- ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
- ^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Magnificat

Marty Haugen

1. My — soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
 2. You have cast the migh - ty down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of
 3. My — soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in

you. You have looked with love on your ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life
 heart. You have filled the hun - gry with won - drous things, and left the weal - thy no
 you. You have looked with love on your ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life

through. Great and migh - ty are you, O Ho - ly One,
 part. Great and migh - ty are you, O Faith - ful One,
 through. (Fine)

strong is your kind - ness ev - er more. How you fa - vor the
 strong is your jus - tice, strong your love; As you prom - ised to

weak — and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart. You have
 Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for ev - er more. My —

Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
 but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
 you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
 (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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 according to St Luke, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

We are presented with Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Lighting the Advent Candle

*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" Vs. 4
Chancel Choir*

Hymn No. 240

Sermon

Pastor Steve Klemz

"More than a Lullaby"

A brief silence for reflection.



Hymn of the Day

"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

Hymn No. 251

The Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Farewell and Godspeed to Rodney & Erin Schroeder. Christ's healing for Bonnie Judge and strength of wholeness for Rhonda Joa, Michael Chard, Ron Finner, Dianne Krehbiel, Velda Pearson. 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. All who mourn the death of The Rev. Dr. Peter Van Hook. We pray for those in need of our prayers: David & Nancy Helgeson, 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).

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

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Michael Praetorius



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*

Eucharistic Prayer

*is shared, the
presiding minister
leads us into
Thanksgiving. With the
whole creation, we
join the angels' song.*

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

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymn No. 279
Hymn No. 257



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.

Sending Hymn

"Joy to the World"

Hymn No. 267

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Puer nobis

D. Chamberlin



SERMON NOTES:

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

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 23: "Come, Lord Jesus" – exploring Advent scripture

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.



Connecting This Week Recap

Two 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: \$8,891.00 = 91% Weekly**
- **Total Received this year: \$356,079.00 = 72.8% Yearly Budget**
- **December 16, 2018: 8:15 AM = 39 10:30 AM = 88**
- **Sunday school: 81**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Christmas Program, TONIGHT at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend this beautiful telling of the Christmas story through word and song!

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 TODAY 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.

Epiphany Celebration, Sunday, January 6th at 9:15 AM. Please bring an ethnic food to share during our potluck; child-friendly dishes welcome!

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

Pastor Steve Klemz—Preaching & Presiding Minister
David Chamberlin—Organist | Diane Gardner— Music Director
Susan Swidnicki - Children's Choir Director
Steve and Marie Newton + Holly Graham- Altar Guild
Ann Marie + Fred + Angie + Sandra—Counters (Thursday)

8:15 AM Awakening Worship

Rachel Kibler, Cantor | Volunteers to usher

10:30 AM Worship

Lisa Mensinger, Assisting Minister
Volunteers needed to usher
Art & Marian Sutherland, Greeters

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