



First Sunday of Advent



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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.

Worship Today

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

Church Events

- **Monday, December 3rd**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
- **Tuesday, December 4th**
 - * 6:30-9 pm Ger/Am Chorus
- **Wednesday, December 5th**
 - * 7 am Men's Bible Study
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
- **Thursday, December 6th**
 - * 6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group
- **Friday, December 7th**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
- **Saturday, December 8th**
 - * 3-9 Building in Use
- **Sunday, December 9th**
 - * 8:15 am Awakening Worship
 - * 9:15 am Education Hour
 - * 10:30 am Worship, Joyful NOIZ
 - * 11:45 am Gingerbread House Event w/lunch
 - * 7:00 pm Compassionate Friends Candlelight Remembrance + Potluck

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

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

J. S. Bach

Entrance Hymn

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

Hymn No. 436

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.

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

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

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
By your merciful protection alert us
to the threatening dangers of our sins,
and redeem us for your life of justice,
for you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16
In the Old Testament,
“righteousness” often
has to do with being
faithful in relationship.
God acts righteously
both in punishing Israel
for its sin and in having
mercy. In today’s
reading, Jerusalem’s
future name—“The Lord
is our righteousness”—
proclaims that the Lord
is even now working
salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm (Ps. 25:1-10)

D. Chamberlin

Refrain



Verses

*(spoken responsively
over vamp)*

My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.**

Refrain

Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Refrain

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

Refrain

You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

**You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.**

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Refrain



Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Upon Timothy's report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

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The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Lighting the Advent Candle

*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" Vs. 1
Chancel Choir*

Hymn No. 240

Sermon

Pastor Steve Klemz

"FEAR"

A brief silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

Hymn No. 247



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. Continued healing and peace for Susan Swidnicki, Marlyce Chytraus, Rodney Schroeder, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Ron Finner, 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. 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.

*****Collection of the 2019 Statement of Intent*****

Anthem

Chancel Choir

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

Joe Cox

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.***

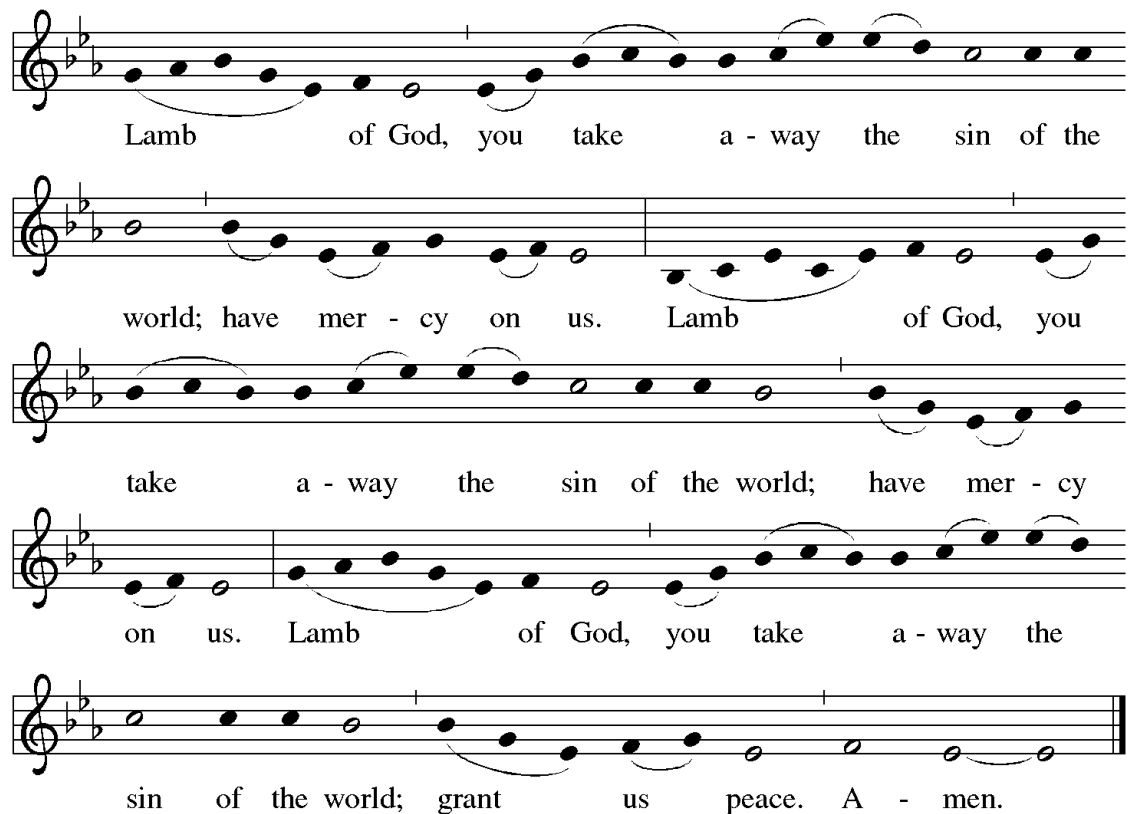
Invitation to Communion

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



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

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
"What Feast of Love"
"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Hymn No. 490
Hymn No. 487
Hymn No. 263

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	<i>"People, Look East"</i>	<i>Hymn No. 248</i>
Dismissal	Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.	
Postlude	<i>"People, Look East!"</i>	<i>Kristina Langlois</i>



SERMON NOTES:

Haji Mawie, director of Bright Minds Daycare, spoke at our last Action Forum to thank Zion members who provided backpacks and school supplies to 40 children. In our discussion, we learned of other needs of refugee families they serve. Haji mentioned some of the children were showing up barefooted.

Between now and December 16th, the Action Forum committee will be collecting new socks and new shoes (or gently used) for children ages 6 months to 12 years. Donations can be brought to the church.

Thank you.

Lessons for next Sunday, December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

- ♦ Malachi 3:1-4
- ♦ Philippians 1:3-11
- ♦ Luke 3:1-6

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
“Come, Lord Jesus” - in Holy Communion; open conversation & coffee. Pastor Steve will be meeting with all the Sunday school children.

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

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

Building construction; a short punch list remains.

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: \$4,455.00.00 = 57% Weekly**
- **Total Received this year: \$333,870.00 = 72.7% Yearly Budget**
- **November 25, 2018: 8:15 AM = 24 10:30 AM = 101**
- **Sunday school: 72**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gingerbread House Party—Sunday, Dec. 9th after the late worship. Bring your favorite candy for decorating. Pizza will be served for lunch. Please sign-up outside the church library so we know how many houses to make. This is a Thrivent Financial sponsored event with a free will offering to the Volunteers of America Youth Center. Please bring items to help **FILL THE PACK** with Zion Youth to support local homeless youth in need during the colder months. A list of suggested items is on the bulletin board just outside of the library. Cash donations also accepted and will be used to purchase items for the *Fill the Pack* offering.

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.

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
Jan Heins + Holly Graham - Altar Guild
Andrew + Warren—Counters
Coffee hour hosted by Lois Graham

8:15 AM Awakening Worship
Rachel Kibler, Cantor | Volunteers to usher

10:30 AM Worship
Erin Basta, Assisting Minister
Volunteers needed to usher



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