



First Sunday of Christmas
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ZION

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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

- 10:30 am Worship

Church Events

- **Monday, December 31st**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
- **Tuesday, January 1st**
 - * Church office closed
- **Wednesday, January 2nd**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
- **Thursday, January 3rd**
 - * 6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group
- **Friday, January 4th**
 - * 9 am Yoga exercise class
- **Sunday, January 6th**
 - * 8:15 AM Awakening Worship
 - * 9:15 AM Epiphany potluck
 - * 10:30 AM Traditional Worship

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

GATHERING

Welcome

Gathering Music

"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.*



Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who shines in glory,
clothes us in compassion,
and bears gifts of mercy for all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, wonderful counselor,
***we confess that we have turned from your gifts
and chosen our own way.
We have not made room for you
in our hearts or in our world.
We have lived in fear;
we have not welcomed the stranger;
we desire gifts that will not endure.
Forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
and open us to receive the peace of Jesus
dwelling in and among us.
Amen.***

God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior.
We are saved, not by anything we have done,
but by God's mercy poured out on us richly.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Through the Spirit living in you,
God give you faith to trust Jesus,
who is Love born for you, now and always.
Amen.

Entrance Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Hymn No. 288

Greeting

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



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God,
and open our minds to the knowledge of your word,
that in all things we may think and act according
to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Lesson

I Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Having dedicated her
son Samuel to God's
service, Hannah visits
him every year when she
and her husband,
Elkanah, come to the
Lord's house to offer
sacrifices. God grants
Hannah more children,
and Samuel himself
gains favor in the sight
of all.

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD
is over earth and
heaven.
(Ps. 148:13)

Spoken responsively

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;**
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,**
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,
⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,**
giving them a law that shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;



⁹ mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle,
 creeping things and flying birds;**
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the world;
¹² **young men and maidens,
 old and young together.**
¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
 servants,
 the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17

*Just as newly baptized
 Christians in the early
 church were clothed with
 white robes upon arising
 from the baptismal
 waters, so all who have
 received God's gift of life
 in Jesus Christ are
 covered with the
 character of Christ.*

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 second chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.

⁴¹Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him



were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Klemz

"Do Not Shy Away from Christmas"

A brief silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Hymn No. 290

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. 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. We pray for those in need of our prayers: David & Nancy Helgeson, Mary Ann, Dorothy Weber, Cheryl, Nancy, Rowen, Laurie, Nancy Weber, David Pederson, Linda McGregor, Lindsay, Mary Pat, Sue, Deborah, Liza, Susan & Corina Matonis, 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.

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

*Wayne Graham,
Piano*

"Away in a Manger"

Marshall McDonald

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.
Holy God,
your beauty shines forth from the manger
and your love flows from the cross.
As you gather us around these signs
of your love come among us,
warm us to extend your care
among the hungry and all in need.
In Jesus' name we pray.
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. Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad! *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

*"What Child Is This"
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

*Hymn No. 296
Hymn No. 295*

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

God of wonder,
in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near.
As you have come among us now,
send us out in joy, hastening to share
the good news of your love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.
Amen.

Benediction

God the Creator who delights in you,
Jesus the Savior who is born for you,
and the life giving Spirit who shines on you,
+ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.
Amen.



Sending Hymn

“Cold December Flies Away”

Hymn No. 299

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



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, January 6, 2019

Epiphany Sunday

- ♦ Isaiah 60:1-6
- ♦ Ephesians 3:1-12
- ♦ Matthew 2:1-12

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
No lessons today.

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

One outside group used our facility for meeting this week—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

- December 24, 2018: 6:00 PM = 179 10:00 PM = 129
- Christmas Offerings: \$8,590.00

- Yearly Operating Budget 2018: \$508,350.00 (this figure to be updated)
- Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,776.00
- Last Week's Offerings: \$20,546.50 = 210% Weekly
- Total Received this year: \$380,279.00 = 77.8% Yearly Budget
- December 23, 2018: 8:15 AM = 40 10:30 AM = 82
- Sunday school: 43

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Christmas Tree tear down—Sunday, January 6th after the late worship. Please stick around to help; many hands make light work.

Action Forum—Sunday, January 13th @ Noon. Topic to be announced.

Sunday, January 20th, Noon to 3pm: Soul Collage with Julie Vesely. Please sign-up in the Narthex; soup and sandwiches will be served. Find more details in the January newsletter.

Bunco party, Sunday, January 27th at 2pm here. Children, youth, and adults are invited to join in our next UT Conference Event on Sunday, January 27, 2019 for a rousing game of Bunco! If you can roll dice, you can master this game. Playing is good for the soul, so come out and have some fun and laughs. Get more info in the January newsletter.

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
Melissa Livengood—Guest Pianist | Diane Gardner— Music Director
Susan Swidnicki - Children's Choir Director
Marci Hall + Marsha Gilford - Altar Guild
Ethel + Janice—Counters

10:30 AM Worship
Lisa Mensinger, Assisting Minister
Volunteers needed to usher

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