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**ZION**

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First Sunday of Christmas

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# ZION

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Evangelical Lutheran  
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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 Today

- 10:30 am Worship, Pastor Gordon Young, preaching & presiding

## Church Events

- **Monday, January 1st**
  - \* Church Offices Closed all week
- **Wednesday, January 3rd**
  - \* 7 am Men's Bible Study
  - \* 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- **Thursday, January 4th**
  - \* 6:30-8:30 Meditation Gr
- **Friday, January 5th**
  - \* 9 am Yoga-based exercise group
- **Sunday, January 7th, Epiphany**
  - \* 8:15 am Awakening Worship
  - \* 9:15 Epiphany Potluck
  - \* 10:30 am Worship

## 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/bulletins](http://www.zelc.org/bulletins)

**Child Care** Child care is available downstairs during worship for children 18 months-5 years.

**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.

# GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

**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 One of Israel,  
the Word made flesh,  
the Power of the Most High,  
+ one God, now and forever.

***Amen.***

Gathered in the name of Jesus,  
Let us confess our sin against God and neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,  
***In Christ Jesus you come among us  
as light shining in darkness.  
We confess our failure to welcome this light.  
Forgive us and renew our hope,  
so that we may live in the light of your grace,  
and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.***

I bring you good news of great joy for all the people:  
To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.  
Your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name.  
***Amen.***

**Entrance  
Hymn**

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

*Hymn No. 288*

**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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.



## Prayer of Day

Let us pray.  
Almighty God,  
you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature  
and yet more wonderfully restored it.  
In your mercy, let us share the divine life  
of the one who came to share our humanity,  
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## WORD

### First Lesson

*Isaiah 61:10--62:3  
To the people who  
returned to  
Jerusalem after the  
exile, the prophet  
proclaims that the  
Lord's salvation will  
fully come to pass.  
Jerusalem will  
become a shining  
light to the nations  
and righteousness  
and praise will  
spring up as surely  
as the earth puts  
forth vegetation.*

- <sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.
- <sup>62:1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 148

*The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.*

*Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.  
<sup>2</sup>***Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.***  
<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.  
<sup>4</sup>***Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.***  
<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,  
<sup>6</sup>***who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.***  
<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup>***fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;***  
<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>***wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;***  
<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>***young men and maidens,  
old and young together.***  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>***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

*Galatians 4:4-7  
Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as sons and daughters.*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

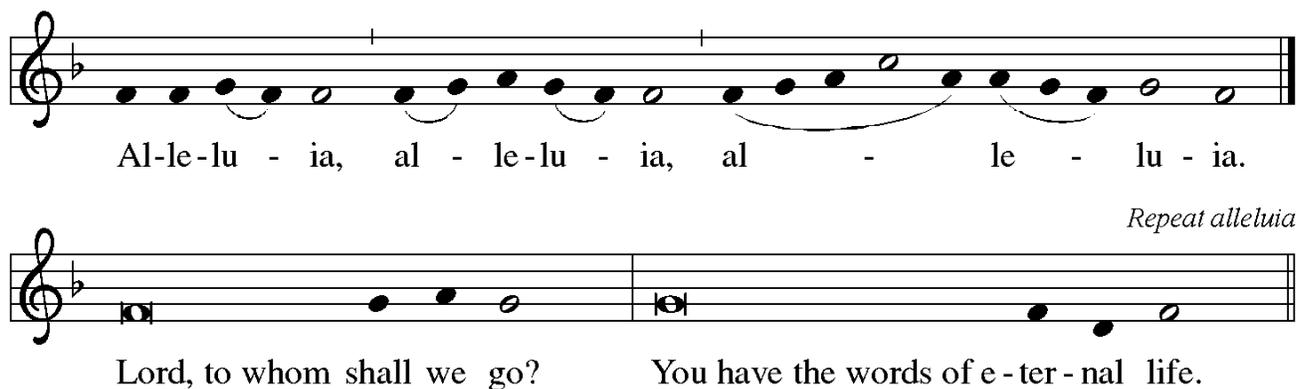
***Thanks be to God.***



## Children's Message

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

## Gospel Verse



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

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

*Luke's narrative*

*continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism.*

*His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.*

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

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."



<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, O Christ.***

## Sermon

*Pastor Gordon Young*

*A brief silence for reflection.*

## Hymn of the Day

*"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

*Hymn No. 282*

## The Prayers

That God's grace be sufficient for Dorothy Nielsen. Christ's healing presence with Rodney Schroeder, Dianne Krehbiel, Marie Newton, Marilyn Johnson. Continued healing with Lacy Foulks, Cindy Haverkost. Health and safekeeping with Lacy Hanson and all mothers with child. We pray for those in need of our prayers: Stan, Gary, Mandy & Corey, Julie, Gloria Roundy, Alan, Mike O., Oliver Tibbitts, Gary, Duane, Jamie, Carla, Becky, Kollins, Kennady, Laurie DeKorver, Lori Davidson & Kevin, Jamie, Sue & husband, Beth, Kevin, Doris, Laura, Amy, Cheryl, Matt, Marsha McBride, Anna, Rob & Sharon, Marilyn Wood, Chuck, Henri Schrecengost, Mary Ann, Susie, Susie, Mike, Christian, Mary, Günter, Hanan, Jackie, Jose, mourning his mother's death; for seminary education with Lisa Mensinger and Juan de Dios Lopez. We pray for Paul, Kent, Christian and Bryce our brothers in



Christ in prison. For those suffering devastation of storm and fire. Safekeeping and protection of conflict-affected Rohingya and Rakhine communities in Myanmar.

Each petition concludes, “Lord, in your mercy”, and the people prayerfully respond, “**hear our prayer.**”

*Prayer requests can be submitted using the bulletin insert or anytime during the week via email to the church office ([office@zelc.org](mailto:office@zelc.org)) or Pastor Steve ([pastor@zelc.org](mailto: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.***



## 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.*

## Gathering of the Gifts

## Offertory Music

*Adagio from Concerto for Oboe, Violin, and Orchestra  
in C Minor, BWV 1060*

J. S. Bach

Susan Swidnicki, oboe; James Gardner, violin; Melissa Livengood, piano



## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God with us:  
You came as a baby to a manger.  
You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.  
You come again in bread and wine.  
Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.  
And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others  
in the strength of your holy name.

**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.*

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## 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. Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let every heart receive your Savior.

*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.*

*o receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle.*

***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

*"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord"*  
*"The First Noel"*  
*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

*Hymn No. 286*  
*Hymn No. 300*  
*Hymn No. 294*

## Table Blessing

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

## Post Communion Prayer

On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ***Amen.***

## Benediction

May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.  
***Amen.***

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.  
***Amen.***

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.  
***Amen.***

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

***Amen.***



**Sending Hymn**

*“Cold December Flies Away”*

*Hymn No. 299*

**Dismissal**

Glory to God in the highest! ***Peace to God’s people on earth!***  
Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. ***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**



# SERMON NOTES

**\*Lessons for next Sunday, January 7, 2018\***

## **Epiphany of Our Lord**

- ◆ 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 will be studying the Gospel of John. Contact Alyce at [adgross1@msn.com](mailto: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, 9:15-10:15AM. All are welcome.

**Beautiful Blessings Small Group**—Women are invited to join this small group meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Honeysuckle Coffee Co (8745 S 700 E, #2, Sandy). There is a play area, so feel free to bring the little ones while you share blessings with other women. Contact Lisa Mensinger with questions. [youth@zelc.org](mailto:youth@zelc.org).

**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](mailto:peter@wardleycompanies.com). This group is studying Early Christian Family Tree.

**Pub Theology—Different Brews + Different Views** Meets one Thursday a month. Check out [Facebook.com/ZionSLC](https://www.facebook.com/ZionSLC) for the current schedule.

**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**

We resume our regular worship schedule on January 7th:  
8:15 AM Awakening Worship  
10:30 AM Traditional Worship

**Epiphany Potluck** The church season of Epiphany celebrates the light of God's love that reaches all people. On Sunday, January 7, we will have a potluck brunch, 9:15-10:15. All are welcome. Bring your favorite ethnic dish to share. And, bring your appetite, for a sampling of her-ring, rosettes, jambalaya, and Chile Verde.

**Sunday School** Our regular education hour begins on January 14, 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 8, 2018. 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.

# EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 9:15 AM

Bring your favorite ethnic dish to share!

Children – bring a canned food item for 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.*



## ACTION FORUM

January 21, 2018 @ Noon

**Proposed Legislation on Food Sales Tax  
& Clean Air Initiatives**

Zion's Terrace Room  
All are welcome!

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pastor Gordon Young — Guest Preacher & Presiding Minister  
Melissa Livengood - Guest Pianist  
Diane Gardner - Interim Music Director  
Susan Swidnicki - Children's Choir Director  
Marci Hall + Marsha Gilford, Altar Guild

### 10:30 AM Worship

Lisa Mensinger, Assisting Minister  
Volunteers needed, Ushers

## CHURCH OFFICE

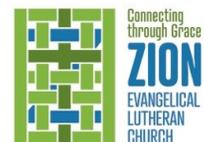
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