

Awakening Worship | 8:15 am

December 22, 2019 || "Fourth Sunday of Advent"
Pastor Bruce Kolasch || Presiding + Preaching



Gather

Call to Worship, *Rachel Kibler, Cantor*

*Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.*

Greeting

Spiritual Stretch

Prayer of the Day

Word

Matthew 1:18-25 || *Page 783 in the pew Bible*

Message with a question for the day; this is conversational

Silence for meditation

"Wait for the Lord" – Page 21 in the Song Book (sung 6x)

Nicene Creed, page 104 in the hymnal

Prayers

Begin with singing "In the Wilderness" (*Page 11 of the Song Book*)

Conclude with singing "In the Wilderness"

The Sharing of the Peace

Meal

Offering Music || Hymn No. 783 – "Canticle of the Turning" (Vs. 1, 2)

Holy Communion | Gather around the altar, The Lord's Prayer

(Lord's Prayer is printed on the pew card. You are welcome to bring this forward.)

Silence for reflection, blessing

Sending

Benediction

Hymn No. 267 || "Joy to the World"

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude



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What's Happening at Zion

Sunday, December 29

Please note there is one worship service on December 29, at 10:30 am.

Childcare available

During worship we have childcare available for any who need it – downstairs in the nursery.

Men's Bible Study

Meets each Wednesday morning at 7 am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the weekly scripture from the book of Ezekiel.

Women's Small Group

Alyce Gross, Shepherd. Meets the first and third Mondays at 7 pm in various homes. This group is studying the Book of Acts. Contact Alyce at adgross1@msn.com.

Sunday School

All kiddos are invited to Sunday School during the education hour (9:15-10:15 am). Check the board in Narthex to see where your age group is meeting.

Adult Forum

Wayne Graham leads this morning's adult forum. For December, we are doing "Focus on Advent". All are welcome. We are in the atrium, 9:15-10:15 am.

Lectionary

Alyce Gross leads this morning's lectionary. All are welcome. 9:15-10:15 am.

Children's Christmas Program (Today!)

Zion's Children's Christmas Program - Sunday, December 22, 2019 - 6 pm

Children and youth please arrive at 5:30 pm to warm up. Arrive at 5:15 pm if you want to use one of our robes or costumes. Everyone may wear a costume which fits with the Bible story of Christmas (e.g. Angel, Mary, cow, sheep, wise person, not Frosty or an elf). We have many angel robes and will have garland to make halos. Please don't spend money on this! A robe and stick and dish towel for a shepherd would be perfect. We will need volunteers to set up and clean up our cookie reception afterwards. We also need lots of homemade cookies for our reception. If your child wants to sing or play a Christmas solo or duet during the program, please let Susan know.

Questions? Email: Susan Swidnicki : sljswidnicki@gmail.com

Coffee Hour

All are welcome for coffee hour in the atrium after worship where we share community and faith.

Staff Gifts

It is that time of year where we continue to welcome your gesture of generosity toward our Zion staff by way of donations to our traditional staff Christmas gifts. If you would like to participate this year, please use the pew envelopes to indicate your donation as a "staff gift." Thank you for your generosity for those who take care of all of us. – *Zion Council*

This is what grace looks like, statement of intent.

Thank you to all who have returned their Statements of Intent for 2020. To date, we have received 31 submissions. If you have not done so, please return your response as soon as possible. Statement of Intent forms are available on the tables in the church entrance hall. From this week's meeting, Zion Council requests your prayerful consideration as you plan your year-end charitable contributions. If you need information or updates on your 2019 pledge contributions, please contact the church office.

Christmas Worship

Please join us on Tuesday December 24th for our traditional Christmas worship.

6 pm - Child-friendly worship with carols

9:30 pm - Festive Organ Recital

10 pm - Candlelight service with choir and brass

January Bible Study

Start 2020 off in a meaningful and prayer-filled way, with a book study using Richard Rohr's newest book, *The Universal Christ*. Pastor DanaLee Simon will be leading a 7-week exploration on Wednesday nights at Zion Lutheran from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m., beginning January 8 and ending February 19. The cost is \$50, plus you will need to buy your own book. Scholarships are always available – just speak to DanaLee. This class will be limited to 12 people, so please secure your spot soon by e-mailing DanaLee at d_lo777@hotmail.com. Questions may also be directed to her at this e-mail address.