

peace on earth



**“The Nativity of
Our Lord”**

Worship | 10 pm
December 24th, 2019
Christmas Eve

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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. During the weekly 10:30 am worship service, we provide childcare in the nursery directly down the west stairs.

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!



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Resources for Worship

- Online Bulletin
 - You can download today's and previous bulletins to your smartphone or tablet to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to zelc.org
- Quiet Activity cloth bags 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.
- Childcare available down the west staircase in the nursery
- Large Format Bulletin

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Merry Christmas!



Gathering

Introit

“Ding Dong Merrily On High” -- *traditional*
Chancel Choir

The Ringing of the Christmas Bells

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

Many ages after the world was created, when God, in the beginning, formed the heavens and the earth; long after the great flood; some two thousand years after the birth of Abraham; fifteen centuries after Moses and the passing over of Israel; a thousand years after the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophecy takes note; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and forty-second year from the founding of the city of Rome; the forty-second year of Octavian Augustus' rule; in the sixth age of the world, all the earth being at peace, Jesus Christ, Eternal God, Son of the Father, willing to hallow the world by His coming in mercy, was born in the midst of the earth,

GOD MADE FLESH!

The people stand to sing the hymn, turning to face the cross and turning once again to face the altar as the cross passes.

Processional Hymn

Hymn No. 283 || “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Welcome

Christ is born; Alleluia, alleluia! 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

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Christmas Bells”
Chancel Choir

Text: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1807–1882
Music: Dave Zabriskie

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to all.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to all.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to all."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to all."

Till, ringing, singing, on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to all!

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7

{Page 555 in the pew Bible}

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 96

D. Chamberlin



1 Sing to the Lord a new_ song; sing to the Lord,___ all the earth.
2 Sing of___ his great ma-jes-ty, sing of his pow-er and splen - dor.
3 Tell it___ out: The Lord is king! He will___ judge_ all na - tions.



Sing to the Lord___ and bless his name;___ tell the good___ news of
Fam'-lies of peo - ples ev' - ry-where, A - scribe___ to the Lord all
Let the_ heav-ens and earth re - joice___ with___ the_ sea and



his___ sal - va - tion. Sing his___ glo - ry ev' - ry-where; de -
hon - or and pow - er. Wor - ship the Lord in beau - ty, the
all___ her crea - tures. Let all the trees___ shout for joy be -



clare his won - der to ev' - ry - one. For great___ is the Lord,___
beau - ty of his___ ho - li - ness.___ Come in - to his courts with
fore the Lord, when he comes to judge___ all___ the___ earth in



wor - thy of praise. Sing a new song to the Lord!
of - fer - ings. Sing a new song to the Lord!
right - eous - ness. Sing a new song to the Lord!

Scripture

Titus 2:11-14

{Page 969 in the pew Bible}

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

The Christmas Gospel is read from the four corners of the sanctuary, symbolizing the how it reaches the four corners, or all the earth. People are invited to face the place where the Gospel is read.

Gospel Processional

Hymn No. 295 || “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Lauren Slagowski + Jan Chamberlin sing verse 1

John 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

Gospel Processional

Chancel Choir sings verse 2

Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Gospel Processional

Men sing verse 3

Luke 2:8-14

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Gospel Processional

Women sing verse 4

Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

Gospel Processional

All sing verse 5

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“To you: The Christ Child is Given
For you: Love is Born”

Pastor Steve Klemz

Hymn

Hymn No. 289 || “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

*universal

The Prayers

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

The Gathering of the Gifts

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 would like to give online, please go to zelc.org/give-now

Anthem

“A Gift of Alleluia” – Gilbert M. Martin
Chancel Choir

Offering

Hymn No. 296 | | “What Child Is This” Vs. 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.
Generous God,
you have given us life, this community,
and these gifts of the earth
that become the meal of your grace.
Move in our hearts,
that we might use your gifts
to bring hope and blessing wherever we go,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

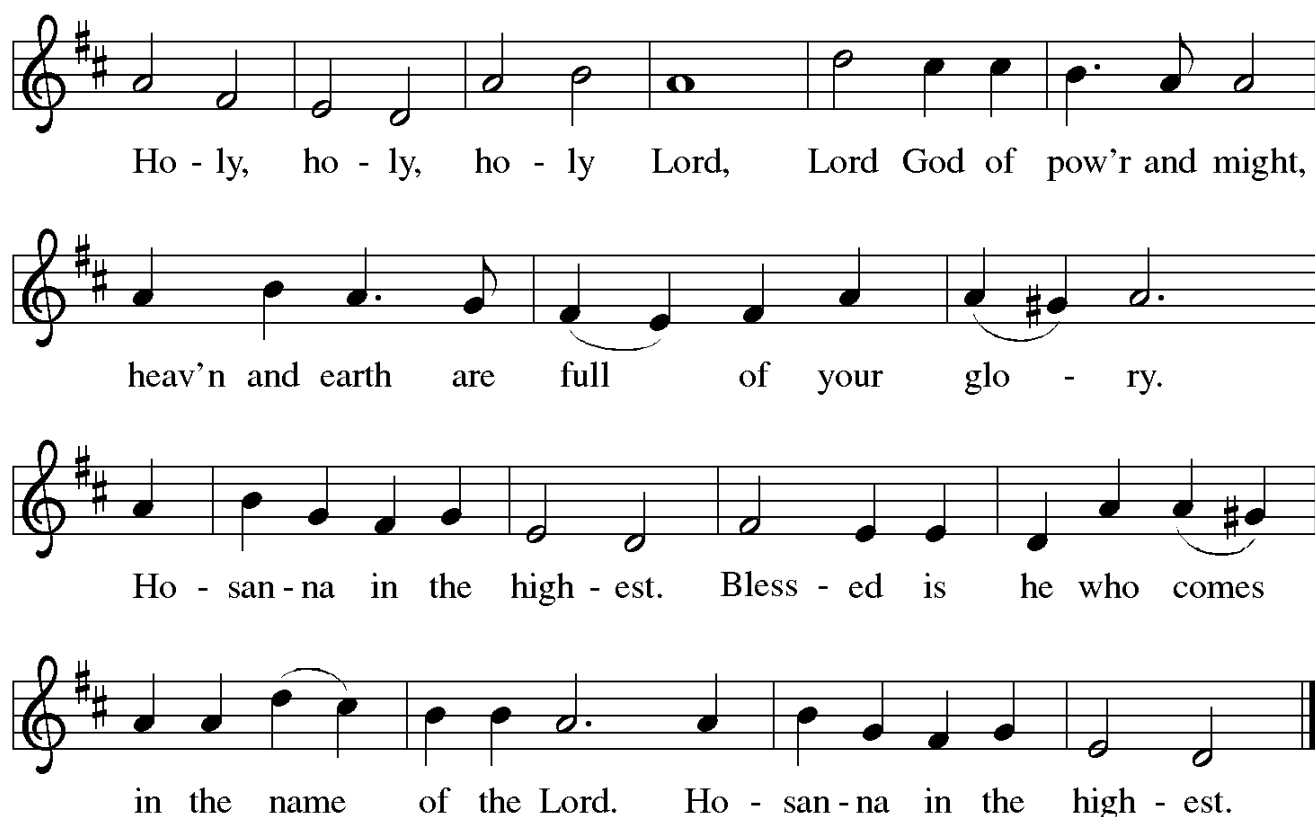
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

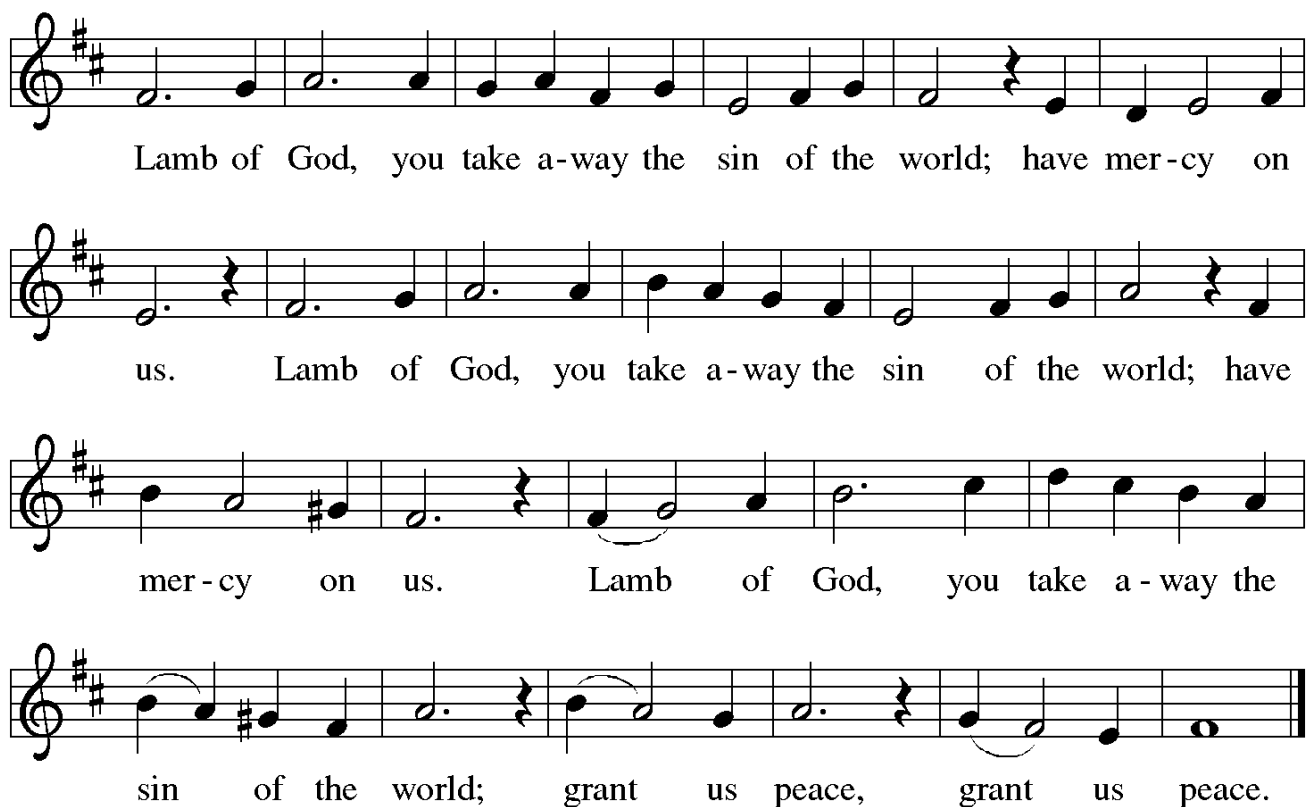
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome. 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, grant us peace.

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.

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.

Anthem

"The Littlest Shepherd's Song" – Jan Sanborn
Chancel Choir

Communion Hymns

Hymn No. 276 || "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Hymn No. 278 || "Away in a Manger" Vs. 1,2

Hymn No. 279 || "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Blessing

Grace from God's own heart,
peace from the Child in the manger,
and strength from the Spirit of life
be blessings for you today and forever.

Post Communion Prayer

Emmanuel, God with us,
you grace us with life and breath
and give us bread for the journey.
Send us out in service to this world that you love,
telling the amazing news of your coming
to be Savior and Lord of all.
Amen.

Candlelight Vigil

*Receive candlelight by tipping an unlit candle to receive the flame.
Please slide the cup down the candle to light it; once lit slide the cup back
up to fully enclose the flame.*

Hymn No. 281 || "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

Silent Night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts...sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

Candles may be extinguished.

Benediction

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Hymn No. 270 || “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Dismissal

Go as the shepherds, telling the story. Go as the angels, announcing peace.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster – *Louis Vierne*

A Prayer for the Day of our Lord's Birth

Loving God, in Mary's Son
We see your secret plan revealed.
You want all creation together,
Everything in heaven and on earth,
With Christ as head.
You want us to be one with you,
Full of love, the love you are,
Full of life, the life you are.
You want us to be one with each other,
One as you and your Son are one,
One as your Son is one with us.

Loving God, complete your plan.
Draw people everywhere to your Son,
Use us to break down walls
Separating us by race or class or sex,
Dividing us by politics,
Enslaving us to strife and conflict and war,
As if you had not made us one.
With your creation
We groan and sigh
praying in hope
for wholeness and peace,
in and through the Christ Child,
Amen.

What's Happening at Zion

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 statements. 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 narthex. From this week's meeting, Zion Council requests your prayerfully consideration as you plan your year-end charitable contributions. If you need updates on your 2019 pledge contributions, please contact the church office.

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.



God's Work, Our Hands.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person – questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of God's beloved world. Even as Christ welcomed all, there is a place for you here.

Sunday School

Our regular education hour begins on January 12 at 9:15 am, 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.

Let Me Shine! Christian Playschool and Preschool

It's time to start thinking about enrolling your child for next year. We will begin the enrollment process on January 6, 2020. Enrollment forms are available in the preschool and church offices and online. Priority will be given to currently enrolled families and Zion members. Beginning February 1, enrollment opens to the public on a first come-first served basis. Many classes fill up fast so please get your application in asap.

Today's Worship

Pastor Steve Klemz –Presiding + Preaching
David Chamberlin–Organist
Susan Swidnicki–Children's Choir Director
Dave Zabriskie–Choir Director
Brandt Graham–Child Care
Holly Graham + Ann Marie Mogren –Altar Guild
Vicar Lisa Mensinger–Assisting Minister
Andrew, Eric, & Marci Hall–Gospel Processional

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Next Sunday, December 29, 2019, one service at 10:30 am

First Sunday of Christmas
Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23