

peace on earth



**“The Nativity of
Our Lord”**

Worship | 6 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 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!



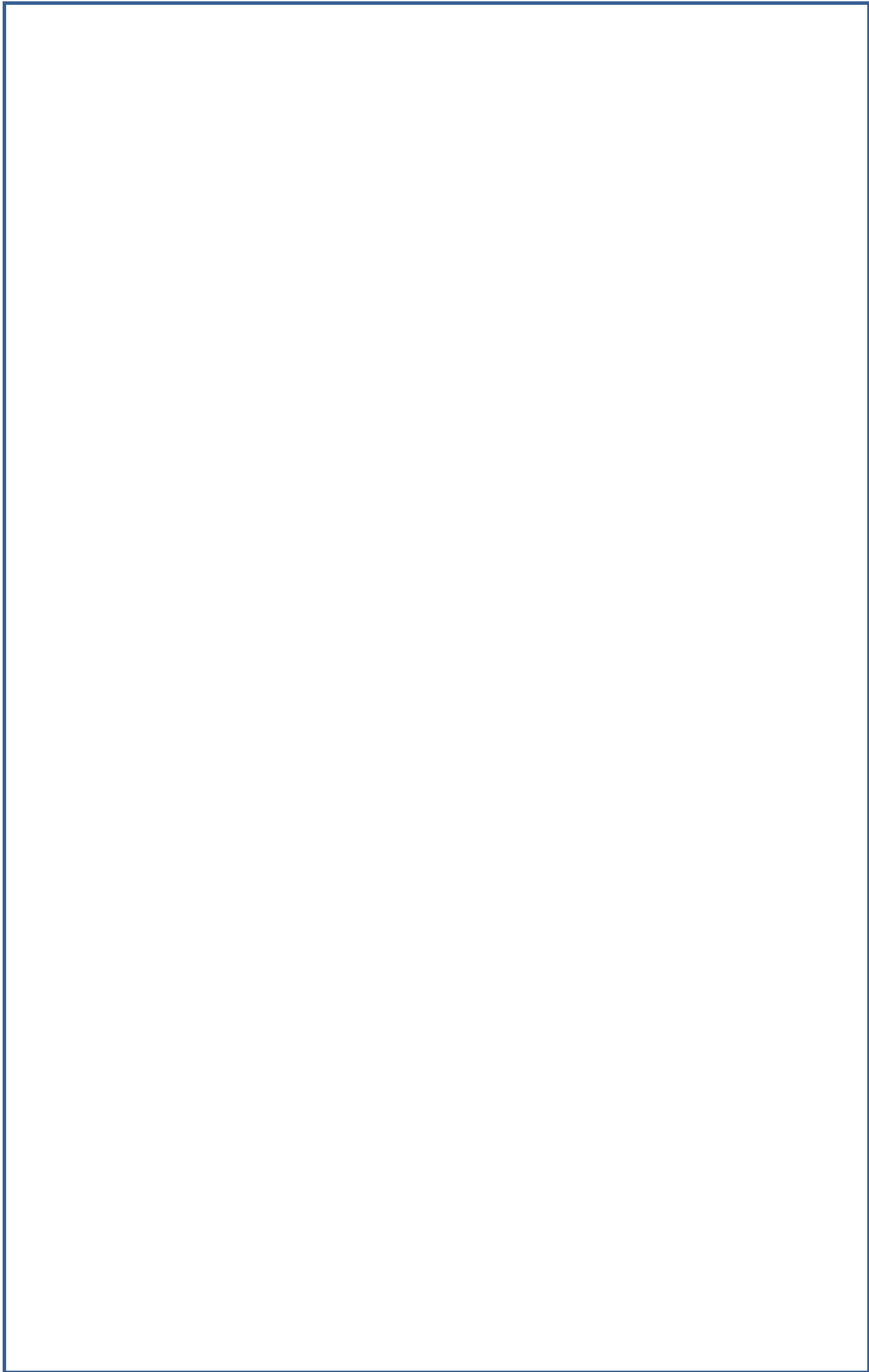
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Resources for Worship

- 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
 - Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a large format bulletin.

Merry Christmas!



Gathering

Pre-service Music

David Chamberlin

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath with the Reading from John 1:1-5

Prayer

God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Christmas Carol

Hymn No. 295 || "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (vs. 1)

The Christmas Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

{Page 832 in the pew Bible}

Processional Hymn

Hymn No. 283 || "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1,2,3)

Children's Christmas Message

The children are invited to join Pastor Steve at the altar rail.

Hymn

Hymn No. 277 || "Away in a Manger" (vs. 1,2)

The Birth of Jesus

Scripture reading for children.

Hymn

Hymn No. 289 || "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Homily

"To you: The Christ Child is Given

For you: Love is Born"

Pastor Steve Klemz

Medley of Carols

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

“What Child is This”

What Child is this
Who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

“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!”

“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.

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
Our Jesus Christ is born

The Gathering of the Gifts

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

Scripture

John 1:1-5

{Page 862 in the pew Bible}

Lighting of the Candles

Please stand.

“Silent Night” will be sung by candlelight. As your candle is lit, share your light with your neighbor.

Please slide the cup down the candle to light it; once lit slide the cup back up to fully enclose the flame.

“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,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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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

Blessing

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

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Dismissal

Go as the shepherds, telling the story. Go as the angels, announcing peace.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster – *Louis Vierne*



For information on events at Zion, go to www.zelc.org

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.



God is meant to be Experienced

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LOVE the Experience
SHARE the Experience

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4. Invite them to Worship



Connecting through Grace
ZION
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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.




Top Donation Needs

Food pantry: Canned chili

Thrift Store: Blankets and warm coats

Crossroads donation bin at Zion is in the narthex under the stairs.

Today's Worship

Rev. Steven A. 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
Zoe Caldwell–Assisting

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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