



**“Go back to John
and tell him your stories”**

Worship | 10:30 am

December 15th, 2019

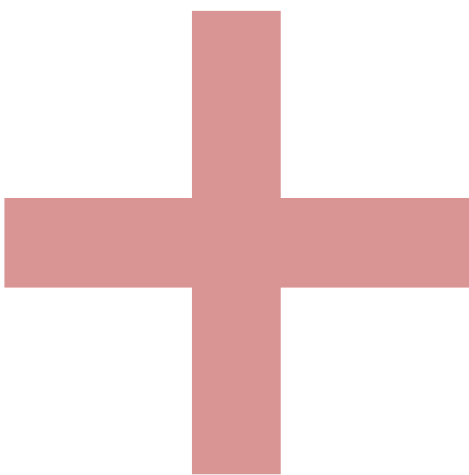
Third Sunday of Advent

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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!

Worship Today

- 8:15 am | Awakening Worship
- 9:15 am | Education Hour || Sunday School
- 10:30 am | Traditional Worship



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Events at Zion This Week

- Monday, December 16
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
- Tuesday, December 17
 - 6 pm | Zion Church Council
- Wednesday, December 18
 - 7 am | Men's Bible Study
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
 - 5:30 pm | Worship Planning Meeting
 - 6:30 pm | Meditation Class
- Thursday, December 19
 - 6:30 pm | Meditation Group
- Friday, December 20
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
 - Last Day of LMS for Christmas Break
- Saturday, December 21
 - Childrens Christmas Program Rehearsal
- Sunday, December 22
 - 8:15 am | Awakening Worship
 - 9:15 am | Sunday School || Education Hour
 - 10:30 am | Traditional Worship
 - 6 pm | Children's Christmas Program

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.

For information on this and other news and events go to zelc.org

Gathering

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 253 || “He Came Down” – Vs. 3
Chancel Choir

“The Lighting of the Advent Wreath”

The Advent Wreath

The concept of the Advent Wreath originated with Lutherans in Germany in the 16th century. It traditionally is a horizontal evergreen wreath with four candles plus a fifth in the center. Each week of Advent, one candle is lit leading up to the last Sunday before Christmas, when all four are lit, followed by Christmas Eve, when the fifth center candle also is lit. The candles symbolize the hope of eternal life through the birth of Jesus Christ. Three candles are purple or blue, the fourth, lit on the third Sunday of Advent is rose, a color to represent joy on Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin word meaning “to rejoice.”

Our wreath at Zion sits upon a base formed from part of the old west side of the church. On its peeled and cracked façade that represents our own sin sits the wreath, reminding us of the promise in Christ’s birth.

The stained glass wreath was designed and crafted in 2018 by artist Karen Ober and the base was crafted by Bob Hackworth.

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

Hymn No. 264 || "Prepare the Royal Highway”

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.
Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10
Page 578 in the pew Bible

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.

Refrain

You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

Refrain

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You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Refrain

The Magnificat
Luke 1: 46-55 *All:*

1.3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, heart, You have looked with love on your
You have filled the hun - gry with

fine last time
ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith-ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
As you prom-ised to Sar-ah — and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

Scripture

James 5:7-10

Page 982 in the pew Bible

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

All children are invited to meet Pastor Steve and the choir at the communion rail.

Gospel Verse

Hymn No. 247 || Come Now, O Prince of Peace - Vs. 1

**Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body
Come, O Lord Jesus reconcile your people**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Page 792 in the pew Bible

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Go back to John and tell him your stories”

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Hymn

Hymn No. 266 || “All Earth Is Hopeful”

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.**

The Prayers

- ☐ for our congregation and our stewardship response
- ☐ for our nation
- ☐ for mission partners, Vicar Lisa Mensinger, Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services
- ☐ for Erin Bramscher, Ellen Liu
- ☐ for continued healing: Terri Moffit, Dave Zabriskie, Susan Swidnicki, Michael Chard, Bonnie Judge, Elfie Wright, John Krehbiel, Ron Finner, Cindy Haverkost, Paul Krehbiel, Rowan Ayers
- ☐ for those who request prayers: Amy Larsen, Saria Woodall, Ronnie, Vicki, Mike, Olena, Darrel, Rupel & Devin, Charm, Kirsten, Carol, Ken, Richard Fiefr, Charlie Ostegren, Norma Klemz, Ken, & Kristen Doran, Ric & Diane, Kirsten Zumonja, Ken Reid, Kelly, and Ric

Each petition concludes, “let us pray,” and the people prayerfully respond,
“Come, Lord Jesus.”

The Sharing of the Peace

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.

The Meal

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

“Come, Lord Jesus” – Dave Zabriskie

Chancel Choir

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Giver of every good thing,

we set before you the gifts that you have already given
to sustain our lives and to share with others.

Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it,
and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast
you prepare for all who hunger.

Amen.

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.

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.

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

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.
Feast at the banquet of hope and love.
Thanks be to God.

The 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.

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

- Hymn No. 490 || "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
- Hymn No. 240 || "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”
- Hymn No. 262 || "Wait for the Lord"

After all have received communion, please remain seated until the Blessing.

The Table Blessing

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

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance,
we give you thanks that in this holy meal
you have invited us to feast with you and one another.
May the taste of your love remain with us,
and may our words and our work in your name
invite others into your bountiful grace.
Send us from your table to proclaim your presence,
even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Announcements

Call for help for Christmas Eve Worship

Blessing

May God, who gathers us in love,
lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.
May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves,
lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.
May God, who fills us with good things,
lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.
The blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God,
be upon you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Hymn No. 249 || "On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Puer nobis" – David Chamberlin

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<p>Today's Worship</p> <p>Pastor Steve Klemz—Presiding + Preaching David Chamberlin—Organist Susan Swidnicki—Children's Choir Director Dave Zabriskie—Choir Director Brandt Graham—Child Care Steve & Marie Newton + Denny Gross—Altar Guild Ethel Olson + Fred Strohacker—Counters Rachel Kibler—Assisting Minister Lois Graham + Linda Strohacker—Coffee Hour</p>	<p>Church Office</p> <p>Pastor Steve Klemz Pastor pastor@zelc.org Christian Mogren Office Manager office@zelc.org Lisa Mensinger Intern, Vicar youth@zelc.org Resident Property Managers <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Mitchell <input type="checkbox"/> Kaci Evans</p> <p>1070 Foothill Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84108 801.582.2321: phone 801.583.8043: fax</p>
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Next Sunday

December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Financial Stewardship

Yearly Operating Budget 2019: \$480,450
Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,240
Last Week's Offerings: \$14,276.64
YTD Total Received: \$395,426

December 8, 2019
8:15 am = 27 | 10:30 am = 85

Pulpit Swap

Next Sunday, Pr. Bruce Kolasch, Pastor of Elim Lutheran Church, Ogden, will be preaching at Zion; Pastor Steve Klemz will be preaching at Elim. The exchange is a way for our congregations to grow into our shared partnership in ministry. Zion offers financial support for Vicar Lisa Mensinger's internship at Elim; and, Elim, provides on-site internship supervision for Vicar Lisa. Thank you, in advance, for sharing a warm welcome with Pastors Bruce and Reba Kolasch.

Book 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.

...reflect...think...write...draw...contemplate...



What's Happening at Zion

Gingerbread House Party (today!)

We have our annual Gingerbread House decorating party after church on December 15th after worship. We will be doing a Macaroni and Cheese bar for lunch. Bring your favorite topping for macaroni or bring a side or dessert to share.

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

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.

- ☐ Reader rehearsal- Saturday, December 21 - 9 am
- ☐ Joyful NOIZ - Youth choir rehearsal - Saturday, December 21 -10 am
- ☐ Rehearsal: Sunday, December 22 - 9:15 am in Sanctuary

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.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to sponsor one of the poinsettias used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, please contact the church office for more information or mark your envelope "poinsettia" in the offering plate. The suggested donation is \$10.

Christmas Worship

Please join us on Tuesday December 24th for our traditional Christmas worship. Child-friendly worship begins at 6 pm with carols and celebration. Following a festive organ recital at 9:30, the traditional "candlelight" service begins at 10 pm with choir and brass.

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 27 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.

A message from Marsha Gilford

Dear Zion Friends, my deepest appreciation to you for prayers in support of my grandson's recent fall. God's love abounds- he is healing well. -*Marsha*