



“Feeling Inadequate!”

Worship | 10:30 am

December 22nd, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pastor Steve Klemz

Guest Pastor Bruce Kolasch

Elim Lutheran Church

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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 23
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
- Tuesday December 24
 - 6 pm | Child Friendly Christmas Service
 - 9:30 pm | Festive Organ Recital
 - 10 pm | Candlelight Christmas Service
- Wednesday, December 25
 - Church Offices Closed (**Christmas!**)
- Thursday, December 26
 - Church Offices Closed
- Friday, December 27
 - Yoga Exercise Group
- Sunday, December 29
 - 10:30 am | Traditional Worship

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

Welcome, Pastor Bruce!

We welcome Pr. Bruce Kolasch, Pastor of Elim Lutheran Church, Ogden, as our guest preacher today. Pastor Steve Klemz is 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, Pastor Bruce and Reba, for your gracious presence and partnership with us.

Gathering

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 253 || “He Came Down” – Vs. 4

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 peeling 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

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 Trinity, ✚ one God,
the parent who rouses us from slumber,
the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain,
the deliverer who sets us free.

Amen.

Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

we open our hearts to you, O God.

Search us and know us.

Reveal all that we keep inside.

To you, O God, we confess our sins,

known and unknown.

Forgive us, renew us,

and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.

Make us reflections of the radiant love

of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Beloved children of the Most High,
you are gathered before the righteous judge
who has mercy on all.

Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism,
where sin is washed away in the river of life.

Dwell peacefully in the loving arms
of the one who nurtures all creation.

Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven
in the name of the one who is coming and is already here,

✚ Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Hymn No. 723 || “Canticle of the Turning”

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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 7:10-16

Page 554 in the pew Bible

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 80

D. Chamberlin

Refrain



Re - store us, O God, — and
show us your light, O Lord; let your face shine up -
on — us, and we shall be saved.

Verses (sung by cantor)

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Refrain

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Refrain

Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Refrain

Scripture

Romans 1:1-7

Page 913 in the pew Bible

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

All children are invited to meet Pastor Bruce at the communion rail.

Gospel Verse

Gospel Acclamation

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Page 783 in the pew Bible

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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Hymn

“Jesus Child!” b & r k – 2002 |(based on Isaiah 61)Key of “G”

O Jesus Child! O Jesus Child!
Born to set Your people free
Living in darkness
Living in fear
O Jesus Child! O Jesus Child!
Come and set Your people free
Be born in us anew.
Little Jesus Boy! Little Jesus Boy!
You came to live; You came to die
Prisoners of darkness
Prisoners of fear and death
We need Your life, We need Your love
Proclaim God’s favor to us Lord.
Be born in us anew.

Little Jesus Boy! Little Jesus Boy!
Born to set Your people free
Prisoners of hope we are
We wait on You, Lord
Given oil of gladness, clothed with praise
We are Your servants, O Lord
Be born in us anew.

Lord Jesus Christ! Lord Jesus Christ!
Born to set Your people free
We are Your eyes and ears
Your feet, Your hands, Your touch
We live for You, We die in You
Live Your life through us O Lord
Be born in us anew.

(musical interlude)
Repeat verse one

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

- for our congregation and our stewardship response
- for our nation
- for mission partners, Vicar Lisa Mensinger, Lutheran Immigration Refuge 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, Carla, Mike, Olena, Darrel, Rupel & Devin, Charm, Kirsten, Carol, Ken, Richard Fiefr, Charlie Ostegren, Norma Klemz, Ken, & Kristen Doran, Marjorie Johnson, Ric & Diane, Kirsten Zumonja, Ken Reid, and Ric

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

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

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" – arr. *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. 251 || "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

Hymn No. 272 || "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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.

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. 267 || "Joy to the World"

Dismissal

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

Postlude

"The Rejoicing" (Fireworks Suite) – Handel/Biggs

Today's Worship

Pastor Bruce Kolasch –Presiding + Preaching
 David Chamberlin–Organist
 Susan Swidnicki–Children's Choir Director
 Dave Zabriskie–Choir Director
 Brandt Graham–Child Care
 Jan Heins + Marci Hall –Altar Guild
 Ann Marie Mogren + Fred Strohacker–Counters
 Rachel Kibler–Assisting Minister

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Next Sunday

December 29, 2019

First Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

Financial Stewardship

Yearly Operating Budget 2019: \$480,450

Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,240

Last Week's Offerings: \$8,033

YTD Total Received: \$403,460

December 15, 2019

8:15 am = 30 | 10:30 am = 103

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

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.