



“Dreams and Hope”

Worship | 10:30 am

December 29th, 2019

First Sunday of Christmas

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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

- 10:30 am | Worship



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Events at Zion This Week

- Monday, December 30
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
- Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)
 - Church offices closed
- Wednesday, January 1
 - Church offices closed (*New Year's Day!*)
- Thursday, January 2
 - Meditation Group
- Friday, January 3
 - Yoga Exercise Group
- Sunday, January 5
 - 8:15 | Awakening Worship
 - 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

Gathering

Music

“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!”

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

**Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!**

“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.

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. 288 || “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

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.
O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, 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 63:7-9

Page 605 in the pew Bible

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
⁸For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely”;
and he became their savior
⁹in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.
²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;**
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.
³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,**
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.
⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,
⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,**
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.
⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;
⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,**
creeping things and | flying birds;
¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
¹²**young | men and maidens,**
old and | young together.
¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.
¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful**
servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. | Hallelujah!

Scripture

Hebrews 2:10-18

Page 971 in the pew Bible

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

All children are invited to meet Vicar Lisa at the communion rail.

Gospel Verse

Gospel Acclamation

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is written in a soprano clef (treble clef) and the piano accompaniment is in a bass clef. 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 music features a simple, rhythmic melody with a steady accompaniment of chords and eighth notes. 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 2:13-23

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Dreams & Hope!”

Vicar Lisa Mensinger

Hymn

Hymn No. 290 || “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

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

Offertory

“Away in a Manger”, arr. M.McDonald
Wayne Graham

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.

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.

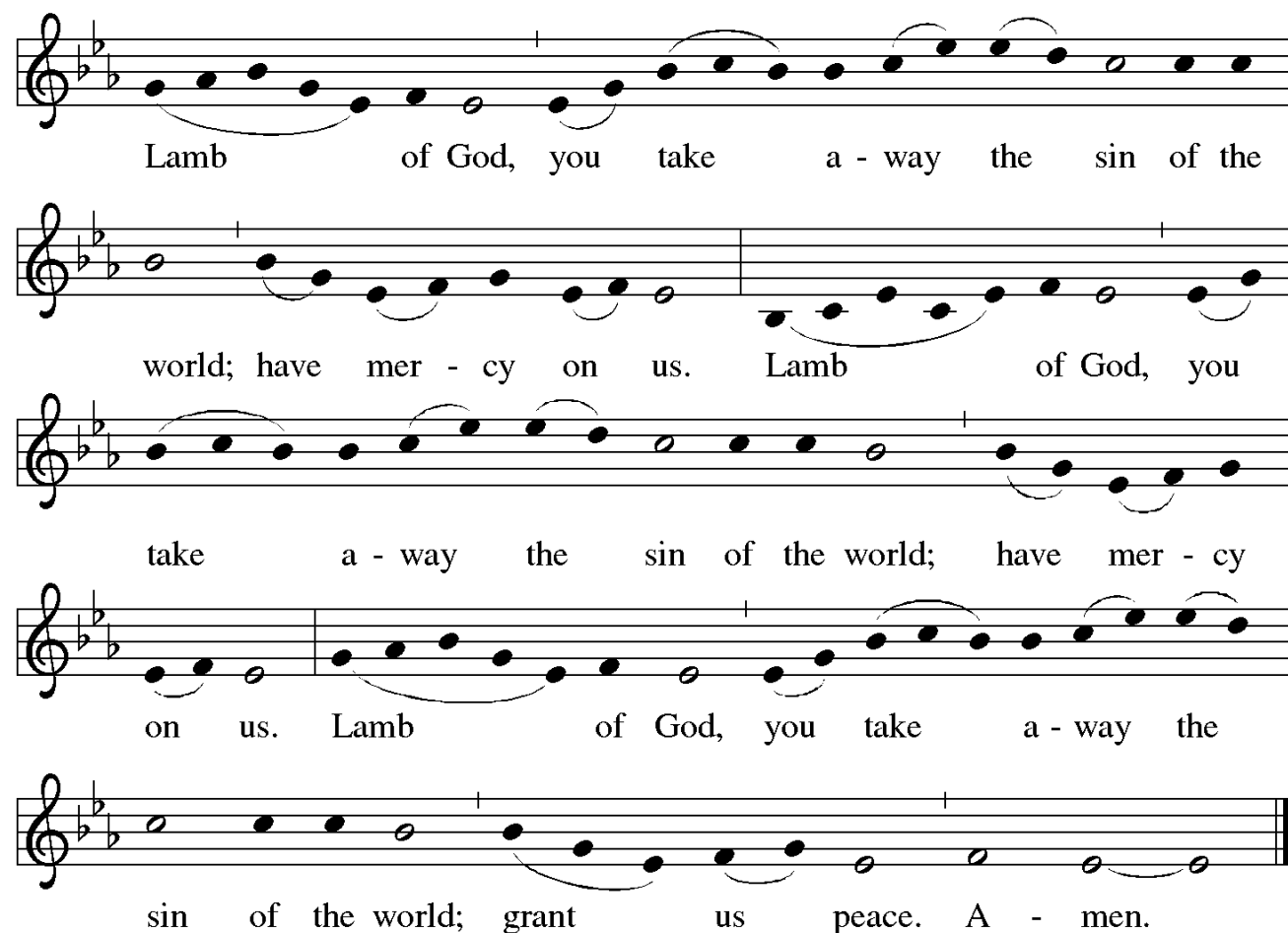
Invitation to Communion

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. 296 || "What Child is This"

Hymn No. 295 || "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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

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.

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.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Hymn No. 299 || "Cold December Flies Away"

Dismissal

Christ is born!
Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Once in Royal David's City" - *Henry Gauntlett*

Today's Worship

Vicar Lisa Mensinger – Presiding + Preaching
Wayne Graham – Guest Musician
Susan Swidnicki – Children's Choir Director
Dave Zabriskie – Choir Director
Brandt Graham – Child Care
Steve & Marie Newton + Denny Gross – Altar Guild
Ethel Olson + Janice Ruggles – Counters
Ross Anthony – Assisting Minister

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Next Sunday

January 5, 2020

Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Financial Stewardship

Yearly Operating Budget 2019: \$480,450

Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,240

YTD Total Received: \$407,482

December 22, 2019

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

December 24, 2019

6 pm = 141 | 10 pm = 141

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What's Happening at Zion

Sunday, December 29 (today!)

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

Coffee Hour

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

Childcare available

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

Education opportunities

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.

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.

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.

Adult Forum

Wayne Graham leads a morning adult forum. All are welcome. We are in the atrium, 9:15-10:15 am.

Lectionary

Alyce Gross leads a morning lectionary. All are welcome. 9:15-10:15 am.

Coffee Hour

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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 32 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.

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.