

“ This is what
Grace +
Looks Like ”

Worship | 10:30 am

December 8st, 2019

Second 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 9
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
- Tuesday, December 10
 - 6:30 pm | German American Chorus
- Wednesday, December 11
 - 7 am | Men's Bible Study
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
 - 5:30 pm | Worship Planning Meeting
 - 6:30 pm | Meditation Class
- Thursday, December 12
 - 6:30 pm | Meditation Group
 - 6:30 pm | Church Council Meeting
- Friday, December 13
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
- Sunday, December 15
 - 8:15 am | Awakening Worship
 - 9:15 am | Sunday School \ Education Hour
 - 10:30 am | Traditional Worship
 - 6 pm | German American Chorus Concert

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

Join us after service for a “Grace” open house in the Narthex where you can learn how to contribute to Zion

- Sunday School
- Sunday lectionary/scripture study
- Sunday Adult Forum
- Wednesday morning Men’s Bible Study
- Men’s Bible Study
- Mutual Conversation Shared in the Kitchen
- Women’s Bible Study
- Meal ministry (funeral and home meals)
- Coffee Hour
- Coalition of Religious Communities, CORC
- Counters
- Bright Minds
- Courage Reins
- Youth Ministry
- Building/Plant Support
- Worship – Assisting Ministers
- Worship – Altar Guild
- Worship – Ushers
- Worship – Greeters
- Worship – Choir
- Worship – Children’s Music and Vacation Bible School
- General Invitation

Gathering

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 253 || "He Came Down" – Vs. 2

Chancel Choir

"The Lighting of the Advent Wreath"

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

Hymn No. 260 || "The King Shall Come"

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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 11:1-10

Page 558 in the pew Bible

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
 and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹They will not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain;
 for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
 as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
 nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.


The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 72

D. Chamberlin

Refrain



Bles - sed are you, Lord God of Is - ra - el; you a -
 lone do won - drous deeds! And bles - sed be your name for -
 ev - er, may your glo - ry fill the earth. Let there be
 peace in a - bun - dance till the moon shall be no more.

Verses (sung by cantor)

Give the king your justice, O God,
 and your righteousness to the king's son;
 that he may rule your people righteously
 and the poor with justice;
 that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
 and the hills, in righteousness.
 Let him defend the needy among the people,
 rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

Refrain

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Refrain

Scripture

Romans 15:4-13

Page 924 in the pew Bible

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 3:1-12

Page 784 in the pew Bible

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“A Sermon on Advent Hospitality”

Pastor Steve Klemz

Hymn

Hymn No. 256 || “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

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
- for resurrection peace, the Damsen family

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

Thank you for prayerfully offering your statement of intent in this morning’s offering.

Anthem

“Keep Silence” – John Helgen

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

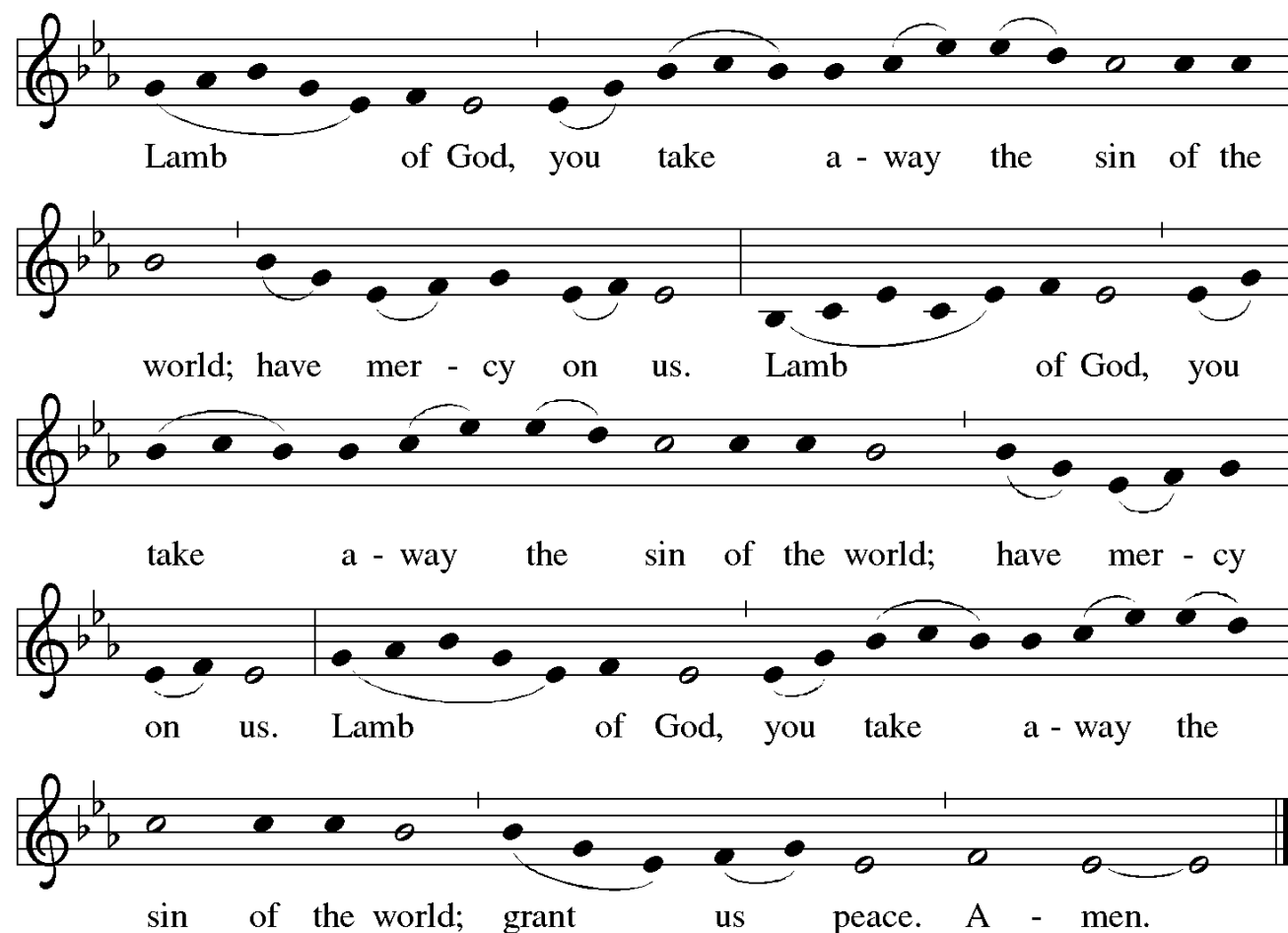
Invitation to Communion

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. 243 || "Lost in the Night"

Hymn No. 257 || "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Vs 1,2,3,4

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.

This is What Grace Looks Like

We invite you to participate and serve with our community of faith in Zion.

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. 711 || "O Day of Peace"

Dismissal

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

Postlude

"The King Shall Come" – *David Chamberlin*

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
Marci Hall + Jan Heins—Altar Guild
Ann Marie Mogren + Erin Basta—Counters
Denny Gross—Assisting Minister
Paul Sanchez + Jaden Newkirk—Coffee Hour

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Next Sunday

December 15, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Financial Stewardship

Yearly Operating Budget 2019: \$480,450
Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,240
Last Week's Offerings: \$3,979
YTD Total Received: \$380,955

December 1, 2019
8:15 am = 29 | 10:30 am = 92

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What's Happening at Zion

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.

This-is-what-grace-looks-like-Sunday - December 8 (today!)

With displays, we are invited and encouraged to learn about more ways that we can participate in our life together in Zion. The offerings range from brushing down a horse to setting the table for the Holy Meal. All are welcome to join in following 10:30 am worship. Prayerfully consider how you will complete your Statement of Intent for 2020. Your statement will be received during the offering in worship. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

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.

Save the Date!

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. There is a family-friendly worship at 6 pm with carols and celebration and a traditional late service at 10 pm with choir and brass, preceded at 9:30 by our organist David Chamberlin's annual organ concert.

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*