



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 5, 2025 – 10:00 AM

WELCOME!

We are delighted you are here today! No matter who you are, or where you are in life's journey, you are welcome at Zion. All, without exception, are welcome to Holy Communion.

We invite you to wear a name tag. Single use name tags are available on the welcome table in the gathering space. When you desire one, a permanent name tag will be provided.



Connect with us or update your contact information! Please scan this QR code using your phone. You can indicate prayer requests and find a link to subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. You may also fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

We are blessed to be able **livestream** our worship service, available on YouTube and the Zion Facebook page. While our cameras are generally directed at the front of the sanctuary, please be aware that you may appear in the livestream. Our Children's Sermon is blurred during the livestream.

Wi-Fi Network: Zion Guest Wi-Fi Password: Zion5822321

Please join us for coffee hour after worship in the Atrium (near east entrance).

Prayer Podium – inside the center entrance to the sanctuary is a Prayer Podium where you can write your prayer request(s) to be included in today's Prayers of Intercession.

We welcome children of all ages and we welcome the sounds and actions that accompany them. Children are invited to enjoy the carpeted space in the rear of the worship space. There are activity bags, hanging on hooks along the back wall, for children to use. Check out our Kids Station in the same area.

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary, but if you desire childcare, our nursery, located downstairs, is available from 9:45 to 11:15 am, for ages 5 years and younger.

All floors of the building are accessible by elevator. Special seating areas in the sanctuary are available to support those with wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"God who Made the Earth and Heaven"

Marpurg

** Indicates stand as you are able*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 303 *

Brightest and Best of the Stars

GREETING, HYMN OF PRAISE, & PRAYER OF THE DAY *

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.**

Sung by Cantor:



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Sung by all:



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, **on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Refrain

D. Chamberlin



All kings shall bow down be-fore him, and ev-'ry na - tion shall serve him.

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. May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts. **Refrain**

May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.
For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have
no helper. He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the
needy. From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood
in his sight. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that

through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and

myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 300 *

The First Noel

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *

*After each petition ending: God of grace, congregation responds: **receive our prayer.***
*Pastor: We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God-with-us,

we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, ✚ forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING

With gratitude, we receive offerings during worship to support the mission and ministries of Zion Lutheran Church. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ✚ By placing your offering in the plate that is passed now or
- ✚ By scanning the QR code with your phone.



MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Wold

OFFERTORY *

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The image shows a musical score for an offertory. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

OFFERING PRAYER *

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, **from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.**

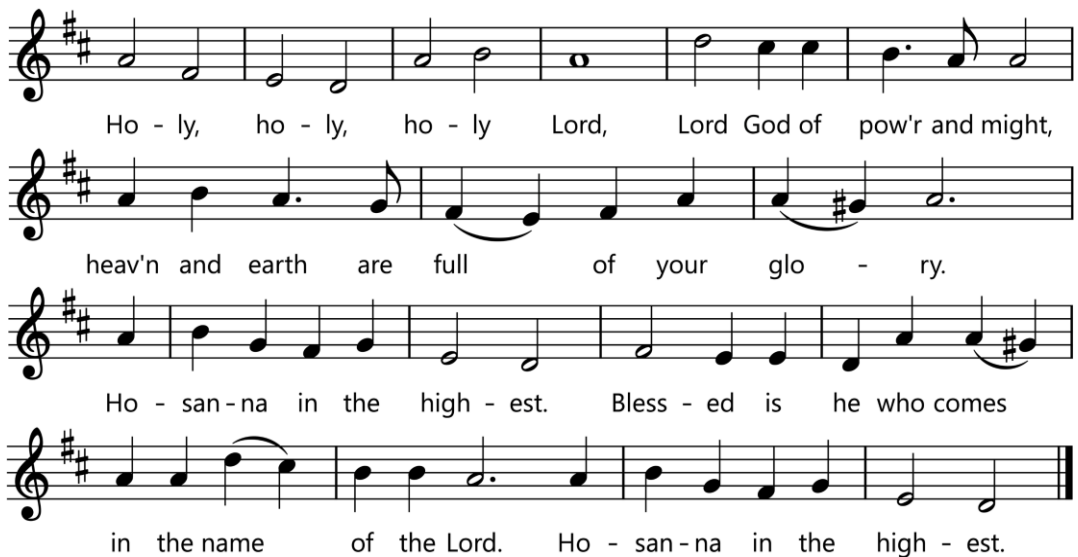
GREAT THANKSGIVING *

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.**

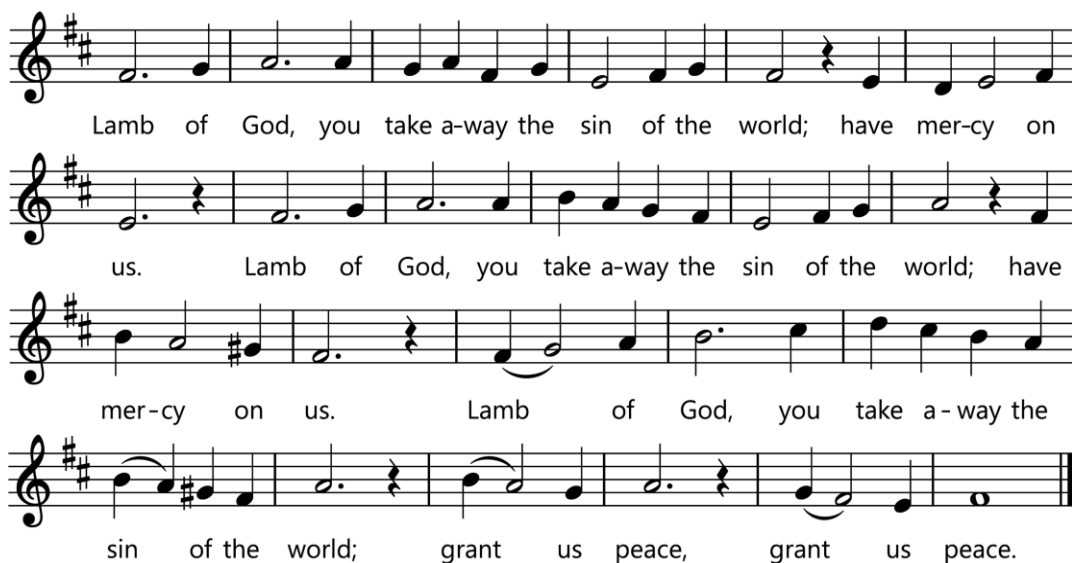
Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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.

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, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to Holy Communion at Zion. To receive communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, forming two lines in the center aisle.

To receive the bread, place one hand in the other, like a manger or a bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may eat it. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Continue to the side to receive either wine (red) or grape juice (white) in an individual cup.

If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an x form across your chest and you will receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN 593
COMMUNION HYMN 306

*Drawn to the Light
Come, Beloved of the Maker*

TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER *

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Merciful God, **we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.**

BLESSING *

The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 671 *

Shine, Jesus, Shine

DISMISSAL *

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

Manz

TODAY'S MINISTRY LEADERS

Presiding & Presiding Minister	The Rev. Michael Tassler
Assisting Minister/Crucifer	Marc Foulks
Organist/Pianist	David Chamberlin
Cantor	Rachel Kibler
Reader	Sabrina Bell
Communion Assistants	Sabrina Bell & Erin Basta
Altar Guild	Tracy Hackworth & Denny Gross
Ushers	Doug Graham
Counters	Fred Strohacker & Erin Basta
Fellowship Hosts	Sabrina Bell & Holly Graham

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Zion Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation – We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God, we welcome all. We celebrate the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. Our Table is open and we invite all to full participation in the life of our church regardless of race, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, socio-economic and marital statuses, physical or mental capacities, age, or social position. We commit to the work of anti-racism and all forms of structural, systemic, institutional, and personal bias.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts – What are your unique spiritual gifts? How can you discover, develop, and deploy them to serve Christ’s mission? Join Pastor Michael Tassler and Liz Prystas on Saturday, January 18, 2025, from 10 am to 2 pm to begin this discovery. Morning coffee and a light afternoon lunch will be provided. Scan this QR code to sign up. Questions? Ask Pastor Michael or Liz.



Dinner Church beginning soon! *“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” (Acts 2:42)* All are welcome to attend Zion’s inaugural hosting of Dinner Church on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:15 pm**, in the Terrace Room. Join us for a simple catered meal around the dinner table as we worship with prayer, scripture, music, fellowship, and spiritual discussion. We encourage you to invite family members, friends, and neighbors who may feel uncomfortable attending church in a more formal setting. As one of Zion’s 2025 Abundant Grace/Abundant Giving Stewardship Appeal initiatives, Dinner Church will be held once monthly. If you are unable to join us on January 15, we look forward to worshipping (and eating) with you in February! For more information or to participate in any way in this new church mission, please contact Liz Prystas (eprystas@gamil.com).

Secure, Confidential Online Statement of Intent - For those who wish a secure, confidential online version of our Abundant Grace, Abundant Giving Statement of Intent for 2025 is available now. Scan this QR code with your phone to go to the form.



A Series of Conversations on Lutheran Identity with Pastor Tony – Curious about Lutheranism? Pastor Tony is presenting *A Series of Conversations on Lutheran Identity* on Sunday mornings at 9 am. The series continues today, January 12 & 26. We will focus on the New Testament.

Zion to Receive New Members on January 12 - We will receive new members next Sunday, January 12, 2025 during the 10am service. If you would like to become a member of Zion, please contact Pastor Michael and fill out a membership form by scanning this QR code. A paper form is available if needed.



Bi-Monthly Mission January/February - Lutheran Family Services, Rocky Mountains (LFSRM) is a faith based, non-profit human services agency providing disaster relief, foster care, adoption, older adult guardianship, family support & education, and refugee/immigration services since 1948. LFSRM supports children and families regardless of race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation or age. With locations throughout the Rocky Mountain region, including Salt Lake City, LFSRM partners with local communities to meet the needs of their most vulnerable populations.

The LFSRM Salt Lake City location houses an Immigration Legal Services Program that provides legal assistance and general immigration consultation for immigrants. To learn more about Lutheran Family Services, Rocky Mountain, please visit lfsrm.org. Contributions may be made through Zion's donor link (zelc.org/give.html) or by writing "Lutheran Family Services" on your check or envelope.

We will continue to collect "noisy offerings" on the final Sundays of each month to support our bimonthly missions! Please remember your loose change on January 26 and February 23. Thank you!

Sunday School – Zion extends a warm invitation for you to join our Sunday school classes.



We have wonderful, dedicated teams of teachers meeting each Sunday from 9-10am. Questions? Contact Teresa Gresham – teamgreshamgo@gmail.com. If your child is not yet registered, please scan this QR code to connect to the registration form.

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study - We will meet Sundays at 9:00 am to discuss the lessons of the day. (Forthcoming lessons are found at the end of the bulletin.) We will meet in the Lounge (directly across from the sanctuary). All are welcome. Contact Alyce Gross with questions. 801-557-9646; adgross1@msn.com.

Informal Yoga Exercise Group – Please join us at 10AM in the atrium each Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Bring your yoga mat. No experience needed!

Crossroads Urban Center – Zion is a drop off for Crossroads Urban Center, receiving donations of food and small household items for those in need across the Salt Lake Valley (the drop off bin is directly under the stairway leading to the balcony). **Currently in need of peanut butter, canned soup, vegetables & fruit, pasta, powdered milk.**

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Looking Ahead – Readings and Psalm for next Sunday
Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22