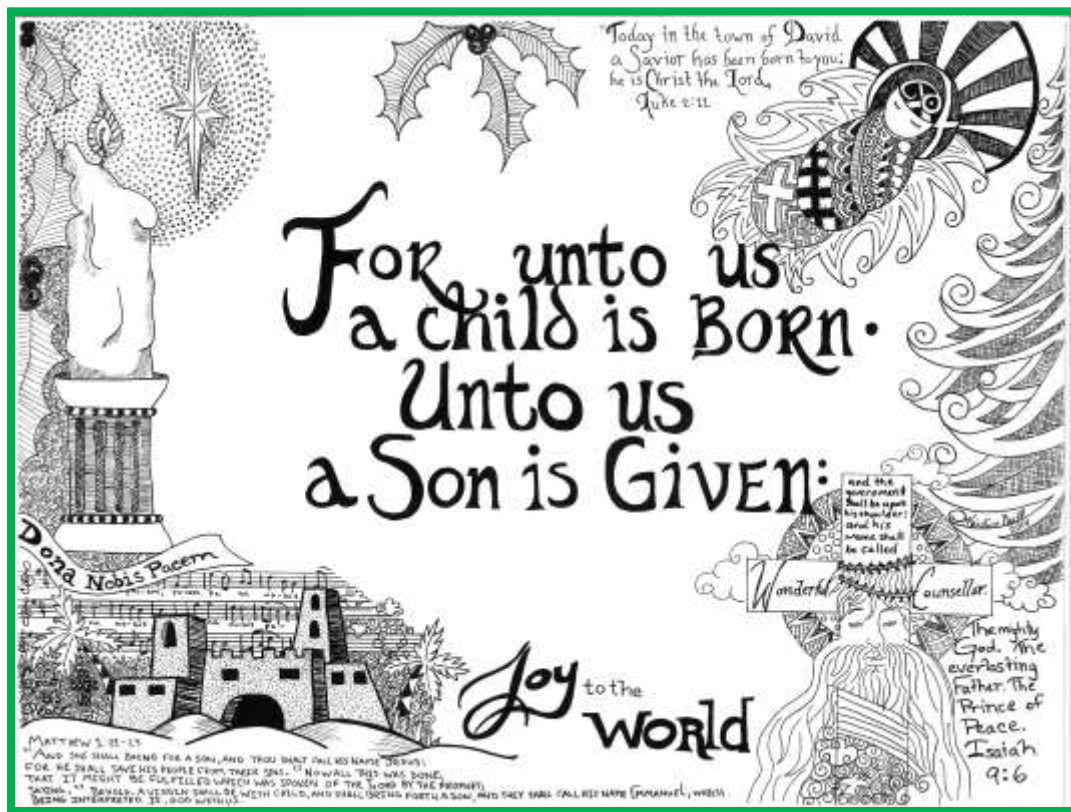


Zion Lutheran Church



Christmas Eve
December 24th 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are Jack & Jacque Oelschlager in Memory of Loved Ones and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hayes in Honor of the Birth of Jesus Christ.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given in Honor of the Birth of Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES. On December 25th at 10:00am we will celebrate the birth of Christ at our Christmas Day Service. We wrap up our Back to Basics series this Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 as we take a look at the role of the Christian in the world. Our midweek service on Wednesday at 7:00pm will take a look at some of Pastor's favorite Bible Passages. On December 31st at 7:00pm, we will have our annual New Year's worship service. Join us for worship!

OPERATION STARS & STRIPES collections have begun. Please see the insert for more details.

CHURCH NURSERY: Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

USHERS NEEDED! Please consider volunteering to be an usher for early or late service for 2016. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Contact Larry Zreliak with any questions!

CHILDRENS CHOIR is every Tuesday from 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH can use your help! We want to expand Children's Church to twice monthly. If you want to help out with this ministry to our children, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office. We'd love to have you serve!

ADULT CHOIR rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00PM. We are looking to add to our numbers from last year! Do not worry if you can't attend regularly, we can work around just about any schedule!

NEED PRAYER? Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlcb.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

Peace on earth. Good will to men.

Fact, or wishful thinking? Peace on earth? Better not tell the people fleeing the middle east, churches burning in the background, with only the clothes on their back. And don't tell the persecuted church in Africa, whose daughters have been kidnapped and turned into slaves, that the earth is a peaceful place. The residents of San Bernardino know all too well that "peace," if it exists at all, is a fragile thing.

Good will to men? Tell that to the driver waving a one-finger salute, the talking heads on TV, or the company who will fire its loyal employees to move production overseas to increase pennies per share. Good will to men? Maybe.

"A baby was born," you might say to yourself, "maybe even miraculously. And maybe there were angels and magi and shepherds... so what? How can this be peace on earth? Why is this good will to men?" We're glad you are here.

In the face of mounting evidence against it, we are still bold to unflinchingly proclaim that yes, there is peace on earth and good will to men. And this peace and good will are found not only in a manger thousands of years ago and thousands of miles away, but that they are here tonight. They are here for you!

God bless your time at Zion this evening.

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ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

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The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

Prelude

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Processional Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful 379

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: This evening, as we come together to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us first confess our need for Him. If you and I were without sin, we would not need a Savior to come into the world. But the Lord did send a Savior into the world for all people because all have sinned. Therefore, let us confess our sins, trusting in the mercy of God through our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, we come before You tonight to celebrate the birth of Your Son. But we also come before You to confess our need for a Savior. We have sinned in thought, word and deed. We ask that You would have mercy on us, forgive us all of our sins and lead us to greater faith in Christ and obedience to Him. We ask this in His name, the name of Jesus. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise – Intro (Brass & Organ)

Hymn of Praise: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 380

The Service of the Word

***The First Reading:* Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

(Please be seated.)

The First Message

(Please stand.)

The Prayer of the Church

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Second Reading: Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

(Please be seated.)

The Second Message

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Please stand.)

The Third Reading: Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

(Please be seated.)

The Third Message

The Offering

The Offertory: Mary, Did You Know

Adult Choir

(Please stand.)

The Fourth Reading: Luke 2:8-21

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

(Please be seated.)

Hymn: What Child Is This

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The Fourth Message

The Lighting of the Candles

Hymn: Silent Night

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Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World

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Postlude



† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
	Mike Sterba & Neil Ackerman
The Acolytes:	Anna Gresh & Matt Liberatore
The Crucifer:	Chris Yellig
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Jack Oelschlager, Loren Luedeman, Vince Kimberland, Jim Oelschlager Ron Meier & Ted Siek
Altar Guild:	Janet, Marian & Molly Oelschlager
Piano:	Matt Liberatore, Shelley Killinger, Sandra Quinlan
Saxophone:	Josh Snyder
Flute:	Kristen Neill
Guitar:	Jesse Carter
Trumpet:	Dan Killinger, Mark Killinger
French Horn:	Molly Oelschlager
Trombone:	Jesse Carter
Tuba:	Brian Hopkins

Upcoming Events Dec. 24th - Dec. 27th

FRIDAY 12/25	10:00AM – Christmas Day Worship 
SATURDAY 12/26	
SUNDAY 12/27	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study (Mark) 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 12:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Training

What's Next?

Zion Youth Present Duck Tape Paddle Ball



When?

**Jan. 3 @ Zion
5-7:00pm**

Zion Youth Group Schedule

	Event:	Where:	Time:
1/3	Duck Tape Paddle Ball	Zion	5-7:00pm
1/24	Blow Dart Battle	Zion	5-7:00pm
2/7	Flight Trampoline Park	Bridgeville	5-7:00pm
2/21	Minute to Win it Night	Zion	5-7:00pm
2/6	Hungry Hungry Hippos	Faini's	5-7:00pm
2/20	Glow in the Dark Dodgeball	Zion	5-7:00pm
3/3	Youth Group	Zion	5-7:00pm
3/17	Faini Family Dinner Night	Zion	5-7:00pm
4/1	Movie Night	Zion	5-7:00pm
4/15	Slip n Slide Kickball	Zion	5-7:00pm
4/29	Ultimate Frisbee	Zion	5-7:00pm
5/12	Flag Football	Zion	5-7:00pm
5/26	Night Games	Zion	5-7:00pm

LCMS Youth Gathering!!!

July 16-20 in New Orleans!

New Sunday School

9:15-10:15 am

Every Sunday

Middle and High School



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