

Zion Lutheran Church



December 24th, 2023
Christmas Eve



Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- zlc.org -- you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

Our Worship

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!

Prelude Music -- 2:00 Service

O Come, All Ye Faithful – Michael Kress (Piano)

Away in a Manger – Drew Kress (Piano)

O Holy Night – Daniel Grimenstein (Piano)

Angels We Have Heard on High, Silent Night – Nathan Grimenstein (Piano)

Silent Night – Faith Bell Choir

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Pippa Carter (Violin), Jesse Carter (Guitar)

Joy to the World – Madison Killinger (Alto Saxophone), Mark Killinger (Alto Saxophone)

Low How a Rose E're Blooming, The First Noel -- Lydia Grimenstein (Violin), Anna Grimenstein (Cello), Pippa Carter (Violin), Doug Krantz (Piano)

Low How a Rose E're Blooming, All Praise to Thee -- Tevia Grimenstein, Nyomin Hatok
Doug Krantz, Mark Killinger

Prelude Music -- 7:00 Service

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – Emily Trentini (Flute)

Angels We Have Head on High, Hark the Herald Angels Sing – Tracey Johnson (Tenor Sax), Mark Killinger (Alto Sax)

Angels We Have Heard on High, Silent Night – Nathan Grimenstein (Piano)

On This Day Earth Shall Ring, The First Noel, Joy to the World - Grace Bell Choir

O Holy Night – Daniel Grimenstein (Piano)

O Come, All Ye Faithful – Claire Schrag (Clarinet), Tracey Johnson (Clarinet)

O Little Town of Bethlehem; O Come, All Ye Faithful - Luke Lemonovich, Mark Killinger (Alto Sax)

He Is Born, The Heavenly Child - Nathan Grimenstein (Piano)

On this Day Earth Shall Ring - Grace Bell Choir

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Pippa Carter (Violin), Jesse Carter (Guitar)

Low How a Rose E're Blooming, The First Noel -- Lydia Grimenstein (Violin), Anna Grimenstein (Cello)



Opening Liturgy (Psalm 51)

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

C: Amen.

P: Have mercy on me, O God.

C: according to your unfailing love,

P: according to your great compassion,

C: blot out all my transgressions.

P: Wash away all my iniquity,

C: and cleanse me from my sin.

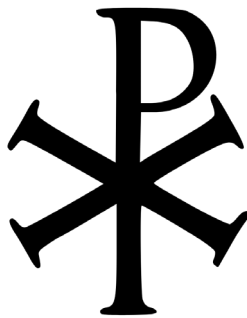
P: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean,

C: Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.

P: Let us pray.

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen



First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Hymn – All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall

#562



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

Second Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Quartet (2 pm)

Choir (7 pm)

Third Reading:

-- *Mary Did You Know?*

Micah 5:1-5

Hymn -- O Little Town of Bethlehem #361



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Sermon

Prayers

P ...Lord in your mercy.

C ...Hear our prayer.

Fourth Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hymn -- Angels We Have Heard on High #368



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav' - n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



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Fifth Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Quartet (2 & 7 pm) – Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

****The Christ Candle is lit to symbolize the coming of Christ into the world****

**Hymn -- Joy to
#387**



the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
poy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.



Sixth Reading: Luke 2:8-16

Hymn -- O Come, All Ye Faithful #379



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come___ ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee___ be___ glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God___ In___ the___ high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Seventh Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn -- What Child Is This

#370



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Closing Liturgy (*Revelation 22*)

- P** Behold, I am coming soon!
- C** **My reward is with me,**
- P** The Spirit and the bride say,
- C** **"Come!"**
- P** and let him who hears say,
- C** **"Come!"**
- P** Whoever is thirsty,

C Let him come;
P and whoever wishes,
C Let him take the free gift of the
water of life.

P He who testifies to these things says,

C Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.

P The grace of the Lord Jesus be with
God's people.

C Amen.



*****Lighting of the candles*** (7 pm)
*During lighting, please tip only the UNLIT candle***

Hymn -- Silent Night, Holy Night #363

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| 1 Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace. | 2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born! |
| 3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. | |

**Christmas Poinsettias, Altar
Flowers & Eternal Light
Given By ...**

- ~ Carl & Karen Bauer in Memory of George & Nancy Geregach, and in Honor of our Children & Grandchildren (2 red glitter)
- ~ Bishop Family in Memory of Loved Ones Singing in Heaven's Choir (2 red)
- ~ Judy Dames in memory of Loved Ones (eternal light)
- ~ Mike & Cheryl Debowski in Memory of our son, Matthew, and our Parents (1 red, 1 marble)
- ~ Paul & Terry Hayes in Celebration of the Birth of our Lord & Savior Jesus (altar vase)
- ~ Bobbie Hoelle in Memory of my husband, John (1 red)
- ~ Gene & Sharon Koop in Memory of their Daughter, Stacy (1 red)
- ~ Jane Kozak in Memory of Loved Ones (altar vase)
- ~ Brent & Marianne Miller in Memory of our Beloved Parents, Ray & Millie Thielet and Bill & Margaret Miller; and my dearest friend, Darlene Pirmez (2 red)
- ~ Mary Lou Rilee in Honor of Loved Ones (3 ice punch)

... and by Zion Lutheran Church in Honor of Christ's Birth

Music Ministry Service Participants

Organist- Douglas Krantz

Quartet Members:

Tevia Grimenstein- Soprano
Nyomin Hatok - Alto
Douglas Krantz- Tenor
Mark Killinger- Bass

Choir:

Jack Bishop
Judy Bridges
Nyomin Hatok
Roger Diederich
Anna Grimenstein
Tevia Grimenstein
Douglas Krantz
Luke Lemonovich
Kristen Neill
Mary Lou Neill
Jim Oelschlager
Marian Oelschlager

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Faith Bell Choir:

Nancy Klemash
Jim Neill
Mary Lou Neill
Barb Oechslein
Wayne Oechslein
Marian
Oelschlager

Grace Bell Choir:

Kari Gresh
Tracey Harris
Tracey Johnson
Megan Migyanko
Megan Pasquini
Mary Lou Rilee
Bethany Schrag
Claire Schrag



Mer's Choir:

Jack Bishop
Roger Diederich
Douglas Krantz
Luke Lemonovich
Ben Meyer



Interested in becoming a member?

Pastor Grimenstein will be starting an
Adult Confirmation Class on

Thurs., January 11th at 6:00 for those
interested in learning more about the
Lutheran faith who are considering
church membership. The class is
also open to current members
interested in a "refresher" on the
basics of the faith. The class will meet
every Thursday from 6:00-6:45 for six
weeks and will cover topics ranging
from Baptism to the Ten
Commandments.

Please email Zion secretary Susie
Bishop secretary@zlcb.org to let her
know you're interested in joining the
class.

