



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 26, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church!

Thank you for joining us in worship this 1st Sunday after Christmas!

You are important to God and to us, and we extend a warm welcome to you.

IN-PERSON: All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

ONLINE: Worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live. If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON

- ❖ Mask wearing is recommended for all who attend or participate in any indoor gathering, including worship, at the church. This recommendation is for those who are vaccinated as well as for those who are not. If you are not vaccinated, we are asking you to please wear a mask to keep your fellow congregants as safe as possible. Church should be a loving, caring environment, and we would like to keep it that way.
- ❖ Communion is distributed in continuous fashion or you may take one of the communion kits at the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer to commune at your seat.
- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the Narthex and in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located in the Narthex with quiet worship activities which can then be taken home. Currently, nursery care is not available.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister R: Reader C: Congregation (bolded)

**Please Stand if you are able.*

* GATHERING SONG

Joy to the World

ELW 267; vs. 1 & 2

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings -
na - tions 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

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

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.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

* CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

C: **By day and night he shines for all to see.**

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty
that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,
so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world.
Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!
A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

* OPENING PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts.

C: **Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1–5, 14–18

A: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

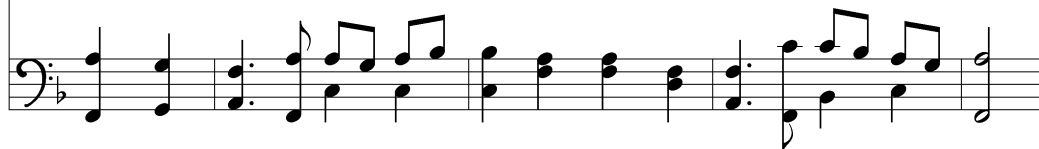
CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

ELW 269 (vs. 3 & 4)



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.



SECOND READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined.³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

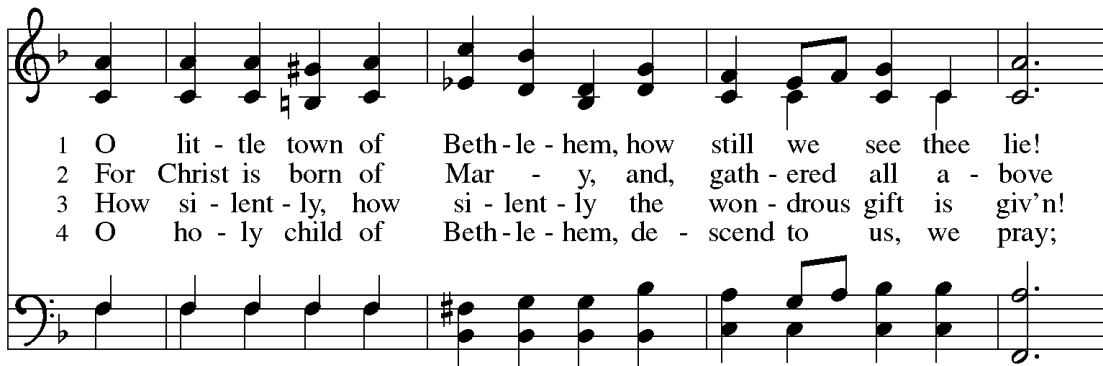
THIRD READING: Micah 5:2-5a

A: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW 279; vs. 1&2



The image shows a musical score for the carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are:

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.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893
 Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

FOURTH READING: Matthew 1:18–25

P: Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

CAROL

Angels from the Realms of Glory

ELW 275

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

FIFTH READING: Matthew 2:1-11

A: ¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"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."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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.

CAROL

Bring We the Frankincense

1. Bring we the frankincense of our love
To the feet of the holy Child,
Ever remembering God's great gift
Of a love that is undefiled.

Refrain

Holy the Infant and holy the mother
And holy and precious the gifts that we bring;
Praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit
And praise to Christ Jesus our King.

2. Bring we the myrrh of humility
To the throne of the Son of God,
Ever recalling the purity
Of His life when the earth He trod. *Refrain*



3, Ever secure in His changelessness,
Though the kingdoms of earth may fall,
Bring we the gold of our faithfulness
To the King who is Lord of all. *Refrain*

SIXTH READING: John 1:1-14

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

CAROL

Love Has Come

ELW 292

1. Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

2. Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
what is the name her heart is saying?

Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

*** RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

P: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

C: **Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

In his light, draw all to the manger
to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger
to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger
to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life
cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.
In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.
Amen.

HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW 288

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795–1856

* APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: 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 into hell. 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.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. You come to us in gatherings of your church across the globe. Unite us with those who celebrate your birth even when they are weighed down by grief, loss, poverty, hunger, or injustice. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

You come to us in the diverse splendor of the universe. Grant us the humility to trust our place in the network of creation, that we live in service to you and the natural world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You come to us through relationships of many kinds: families, friendships, communities, and nations. Guide us in these relationships, that we recognize the Christ child in one another and show your love to those most vulnerable. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You come to us through people whom the world forgets. Poor shepherds and an imprisoned Paul announced your good news. Send your Spirit to all who are imprisoned, struggling with addiction, unwell, or in any need this day. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You come to us in acts of justice and forgiveness. Open our hearts to forgive one another, without permitting injustice. Supply us with the wisdom to be clothed with love, binding all things together in perfect harmony. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You come to us through those who have died yet live with you forever (*especially*). We give thanks for Stephen, deacon and martyr, who gave his life to tell the story of your love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Additional prayers may be offered at this time.

P: Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

*** OFFERING SONG**

Lo, How a Rose

ELW 272

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung,
it came, a flow'r so bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

2. Isaiah had foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half-spent was the night.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. Loving Father, we thank you for the gifts you have given.
We thank you for all the blessings we have received. Help us to always give you
glory and to love each other as you love us. Make holy our gifts and our actions,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

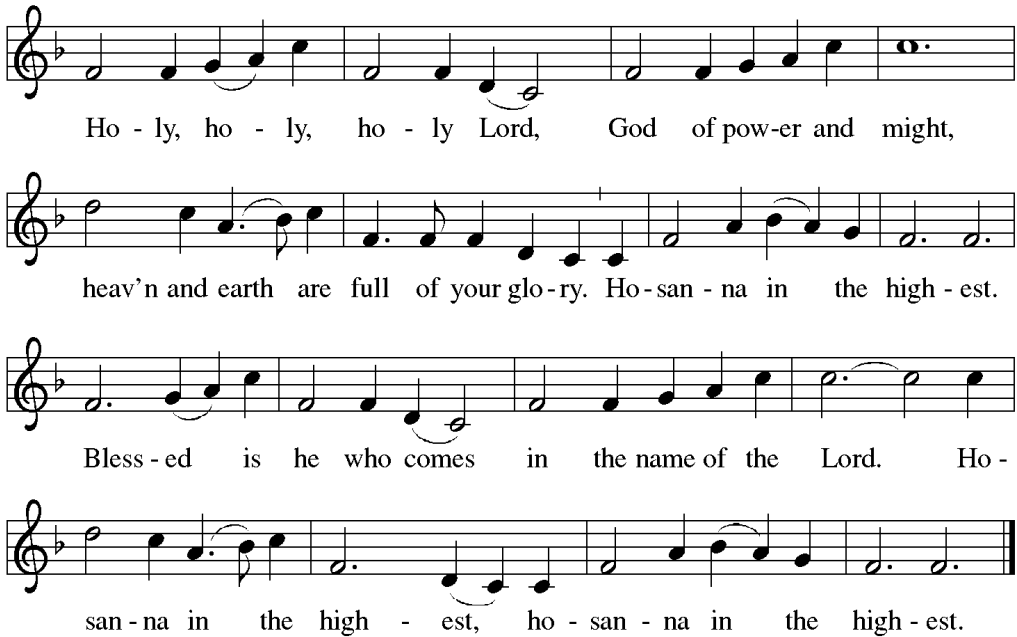
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Preface

P: It is indeed right and 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 for in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have given us a new revelation of your glory; that seeing you in the person of your Son, we may be drawn to love those things which are not see. 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 with these words:

C:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.*

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: We pray together.

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. You may commune in your pew with one of the individually packaged kits or you may commune by coming forward to receive the elements in continuous fashion. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.

FOR THOSE COMMUNING WITH THE KITS

Open the wafer packet.

P: The body of Christ given for you.

C: **Amen.**

Open the cup.

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: **Amen.**

Please place communion cups & wrappers in the trash can as you exit the Sanctuary.

FOR THOSE COMMUNING BY COMING FORWARD

For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."

AFTER COMMUNING

Please use this time for quiet reflection until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seat.

*** POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit’s power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

*** BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

P: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

C: **Praise God, all creatures here below!**

You are the shepherds telling the story.

We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshipping with thanksgiving.

We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

You are the angels announcing peace.

We live with joy and go now in peace.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

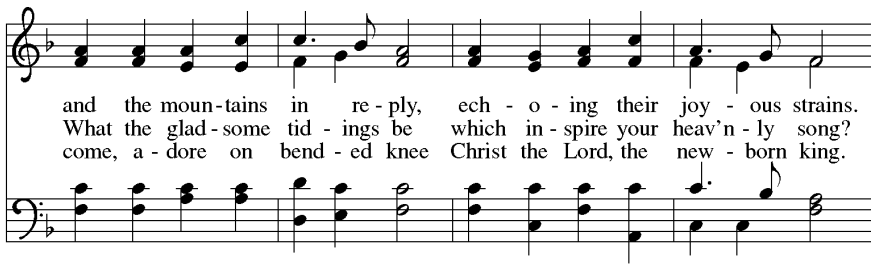
*** SENDING SONG**

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW 289; vs. 1&2

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;



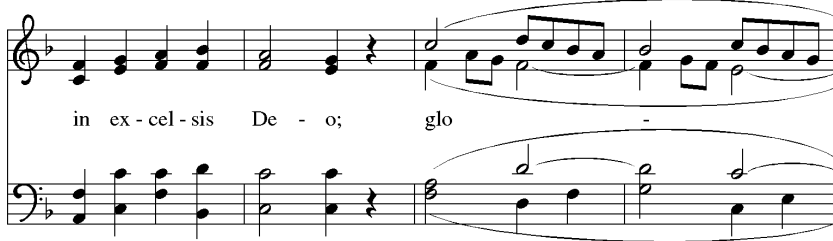


and the moun-tains in re-ply, ech-o-ing their joy-ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid-ings be which in-spire your heav'n-ly song?
 come, a-dore on bend-ed knee Christ the Lord, the new-born king.

Refrain



Glo-ri-a



in ex-cel-sis De-o; glo-



-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Commissioning

A: Go in peace to share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ZION & WITHIN THE WIDER CHURCH

Sunday, December 26

** The altar flowers are sponsored by the Grubes in honor of Deb's birthday on 12/28!*

** The bulletins are sponsored anonymously in celebration of the Christmas season!*

** The communion elements are sponsored by Bob Wildasin in anticipation of the new year.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m. (Service of Lessons and Carols)

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

No Sunday School Classes (Classes will resume on 1/9)

Monday, December 27

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 28

Bible Study – 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

No Scouts

Wednesday, December 29

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 30

No Community Meal (Will resume on 1/13)

Choir – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 31

Saturday, January 1 – *Happy New Year!*

Sunday, January 2

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

JOYFUL NOISE

Today is the last day to give to the Joyful Noise for the Night to Shine. Night to Shine is an annual prom experience event for those with special needs. This event is one that these folks look forward to all year; it is one that gives them the chance to feel like other kids who get to experience the prom or some other special dance night. Beginning next Sunday and throughout the remainder of January, the Joyful Noise collection will go to “Off the Streets”, an organization that helps individuals and families move from homelessness to permanent housing.

THE COFFEE TABLE IS BACK!

Cookies, coffee, and hot water for tea are available on Sunday mornings again in the Narthex. Beverages can be found in the carafes. Decaffeinated coffee will be available in the Zone using Keurig single cup pods. Anyone interested in helping with the coffee set-up should contact Sue Wise (swoogle53@aol.com).

MINISTRY TEAMS

It's that time of year again...Please email your year-end ministry team report to Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net) this week.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes are typically held every Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. There will be no classes held today or next Sunday, January 2.

➤ ***IN THE SOCIAL ROOM***

- *This class explores current events and other relevant topics within a biblical and Christian framework.*

➤ ***IN THE PARLOR***

- *This class will begin a Box Office Bible Studies series on the letters to the churches in the book of Revelation.*

COMMUNION CARDS

If you haven't already, please be sure to fill out a communion card after you commune today.

CHECK YOUR LISTING

Copies of a draft of an updated church directory is on the ushers' table in the Narthex; please check your listing and note any corrections so your information can be updated prior to printing. Please do not remove the directory from the table so others can make changes!

JANUARY CALENDARS

Please take the calendar in your bulletin home with you! Extra copies are available on the ushers' table.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

In November 2021...a total of **505 persons** were served **which included 139 children, 269 adults, and 97 seniors.** During this pandemic time, we continue to serve clients with a pre-packed box of food items (staples, fresh produce, meat, eggs, cheese, and bread/pastry items) placed directly in their car trunk. Clients do not enter the building for their food items. Clients may visit the pantry once a week, either Monday or Wednesday; an average of 75-100 families currently visit the pantry each week. The pantry clients are very appreciative for the food assistance they receive to feed their families as they struggle to make ends meet!

2022 FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

Please sign up to sponsor flowers, bulletins, and communion elements in 2022. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for those who come to in-person worship. If you do not come to the church to sign up, you may still do so by emailing Anne the date you would like to sponsor, what you would like to sponsor, and the occasion for which you would like to have noted in the bulletin.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRENDA ALIMO

I am so happy to take this special time to communicate to you! I hope the grace of the Lord is keeping you safe and covering you with the precious blood of the Lord. Back to me – I am fine and healthy. I am helping my home people to weed cassava, maize, millet, and sweet potatoes. The weather currently is hot with little rainfall. The rains are only once in a while but we still hope to get a good harvest.

Thank you so much for the nice birthday card you sent to me. I love it so much. Thank you for thinking about me. I feel so much love and I can't stop smiling and reading it! And thank you so much for the education gift you sent me of \$534 which is what paid my school fees for the whole year.

Once again I want to thank you so much for the special love you have shown me. Without you I would be a wasted girl in the village, but with your support, I am a proud girl attending school. Through your support, my family standard of living has changed. There is nothing I can pay you back with but the best gift I can give you is prayer and protection that comes from God. Send greetings to all your church members. Tell them I love them all!

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes have been distributed into mailboxes! If you did not receive an envelope box, please contact Phil Houseal (phouseal@comcast.net).

Some important points to note:

- Some members' envelope numbers have changed for 2022. So please do not use a 2022 envelope for a 2021 offering. If you do, you risk not being credited for your contribution. Also, when we cross into the new year, please discard all unused 2021 envelopes so you don't accidentally use them in the future.
- All offerings that should be recorded in 2021 must be received at the church office by Friday, Dec. 31. If an offering is received after that date, it will be recorded in 2022.
- If you know a member who is unable to pick up their envelope box, please feel free to deliver it to them. That will help to defray the cost of mailing it to them.

ZION MUSIK CONCERT SERIES

2022 Zion Musik Concert Series

To help sustain the Zion Musik Concert Series at Zion Lutheran Church, consider being a sponsor.

Please complete this form and place in the offering plate or mail to:

Zion Lutheran Church
Attn: Concert Series
85 East Brandt Blvd.
Landisville, PA 17538

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount I wish to donate: _____

Please note the sponsorship levels from the categories below:

Diamond Sponsor \$400+
Platinum Sponsor \$300 - \$399
Gold Sponsor \$200 - \$299
Silver Sponsor \$100 - \$199
Bronze Sponsor \$50 - \$99
Copper Sponsor \$1 - \$49

In memory/honor of: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Zion Lutheran Church

[Please indicate "Zion Musik" in the memo line on your check.]

Visit www.zionhempfield.net for more information about the Zion Musik Concert Series and upcoming concerts!

Concerts Scheduled in 2022

May 22 at 3:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania Flute Choir

October 9 at 3:00 p.m.
Rizzetta's Tones

Please consider being a Concert Series Sponsor to help sustain this ministry of the church for us and for the community!

Sponsor forms are available on the ushers' table and on the window ledge in the back hallway.

WINTER EVENTS AT KIRCHENWALD & NAWAKWA

Winter Fun Day

at Kirchenwald

Sunday, January 16
Sunday, February 20
1:00pm - 6:00pm

Bring your family or youth group and enjoy an afternoon on Kirchenwald's award-winning toboggan run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge.

Free-will offering accepted.

RSVP to the Camping Office at
717-677-8211.



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LutheranCamping.org



Chicken & Waffles

at Nawakwa

Sunday, January 16, 2022
12:00pm - 2:00ish

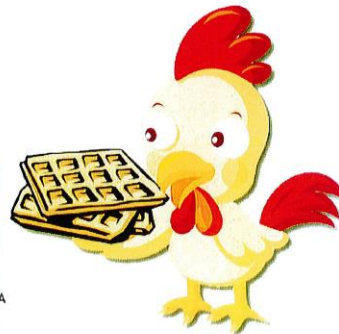
Spend a Sunday at camp with a delicious home-made chicken and waffles dinner. Bring your sleds if there's snow!

Free-will offering accepted.

RSVP to the Camping Office at
717-677-8211 by January 12.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR THE WINTER FUN DAY, VISIT:
[HTTPS://WWW.LUTHERANCAMPING.ORG/EVENT/WINTER-FUN-DAY-FEB-2022/](https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/winter-fun-day-feb-2022/)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR THE CHICKEN & WAFFLES DINNER, VISIT:
[HTTPS://WWW.LUTHERANCAMPING.ORG/EVENT/CHICKEN-WAFFLES-2022/](https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/chicken-waffles-2022/)

PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

Joanne Grim	Dolly Overly	Doug Grow
Marvin Ruch	Kate Donnan	Barbara Williams
Don Heartter	Joe Adams	Judie Ingersoll
Bill Grove	Kay Crawford	Holly Hoover
Sam King	Mary Zimmerman	
Janet & Harry Musselman	Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)	
Bobbi (Friend of a member)	William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)	
Ron Carroll (Stepfather of Wilson Pipkin)		
Skipper Mann (Sister of Dolly Overly)		
Meghan Frey (Friend of the congregation)		
Ashley LaFata & Mike Walker (Bill & Julia Grove's Granddaughter & Husband)		
Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman)		
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)		

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson	Lucy Davis	Betty Stoner
Arlene Miller	Deb McCartney	Bette Geibel
Richard & Marilyn Heim	George Potts	
Jess, Matt, & Grant Barcaro	Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)	
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)		
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)		
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)		

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Evan Benedict	Christopher Wright	Chris Andrew
Thom Whitesel	Ryan Stitzel	Doug Kautter
Justin Gorlaski	Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)	
Jared Shiner (Grandson of Diane Gerlach)		
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)		
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)		

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

27th – Connor Donnan
28th – Deb Grube, Judy Brady, Floyd Weidler
29th – Steve Haun
30th – Joan Mays
1st – Collin Donnan, Darlene Smeltz

MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers	Members of the Congregation
Interim Pastor	Rev. Melody Sell
Music Director	John Landis
Parish Administrator	Anne Rankin
Worship Technology Assistant	David Albin
Lay Ministry Assistant	Diane Gerlach
Council President	Adele King
Council Vice President	David Wise
Sextons	Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
	Tom Miller (p.m.)
	Brenda Stover
Today's Assisting Minister	

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

In-Person Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link for all services	http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
Adult Sunday School Classes (Parlor & Social Room)	Sundays @ 10:15 a.m.
	No class today
Church Office	717-898-2911
Pastor	570-916-8835
Parish Administrator	717-945-4585
Council President	610-247-1497
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Pastor Email	prmsell2@ptd.net
Council President Email	adelel3@aol.com
Music Director Email	zionlandisvillemusic@gmail.com
Website	www.zionhempfield.net
Facebook	Zion Lutheran Hempfield
Church Address	85 E. Brandt Blvd. Landisville, PA 17538
Office Address	75 E. Brandt Blvd. Landisville, PA 17538

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