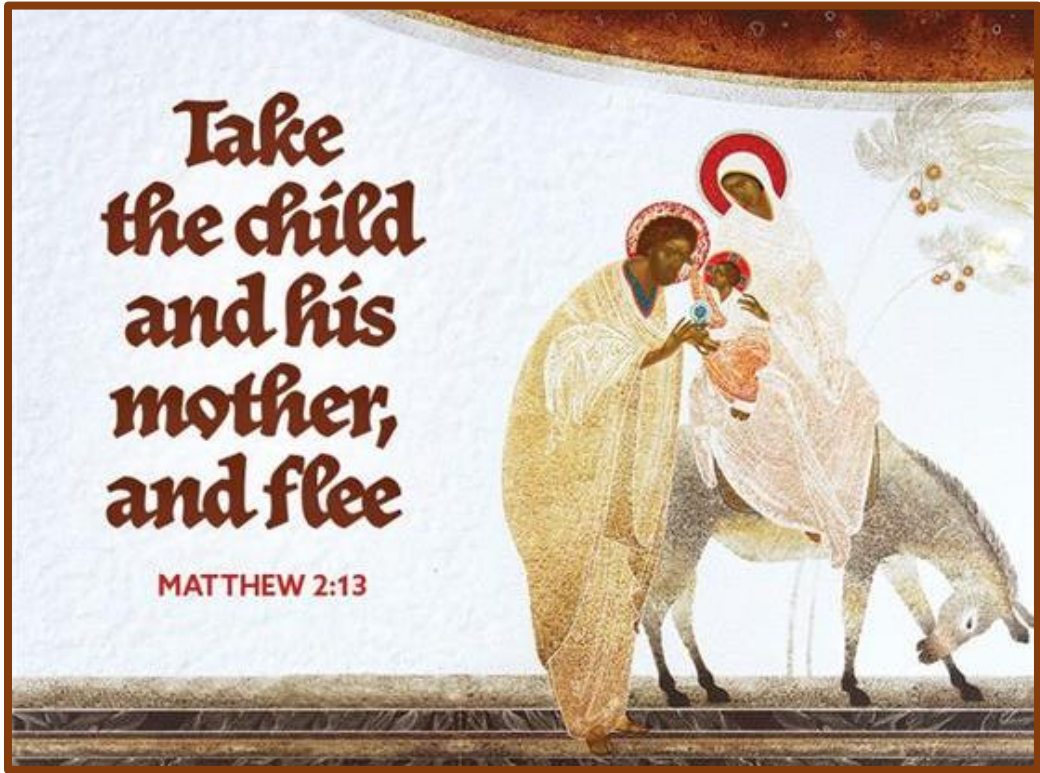


FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

A Service of Lessons, Carols, & Sacrament

December 28, 2025



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

85 E. Brandt Boulevard

Landisville, PA

Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ZION! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us in-person or online this First Sunday of Christmas! The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). This morning we welcome The Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin, pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ (East Petersburg), who is filling in for Pastor Tim while he is on vacation.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION

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

ONLINE: Indoor worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw. 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.+

SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION

- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Kids of all ages are invited to come forward for the Children's Chat. After the Children's Chat, all children are welcome to leave the service to attend Sunday School. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the nursery room or the parlor as a calming room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating, assist with other matters, and to answer questions.



First Sunday of Christmas

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: **Congregation (bolded)**

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

As we celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, our gospel today confronts us with the death of innocent children at the hands of Herod. The birth of Christ does not remove the power of evil from our world, but its light gives us hope as we walk with all the “holy innocents” of past generations and today who have suffered unjustly. In our gathering around word and meal, God continues to redeem us, lift us up, and carry us as in days of old.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand if you are able.

CHRISTMAS HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

ELW 288

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

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with the first three lines corresponding to the first three parts of the hymn. The final line of the score is a large, bold arrow pointing to the right.

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: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

ISAIAH 63:7-9

Israel saved by God's own presence.

A: ⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸ For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully,” and he became their savior ⁹ in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHRISTMAS HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

ELW 269

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

PSALM 148

Please read responsively.

A: ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD ¹ from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

C: ² **Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

⁶ **who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸ **fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ **wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² **young men and maidens, old and young together.**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose
splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

CHRISTMAS HYMN

The First Noel

ELW 300

verses 1 & 2 only

The musical score for 'The First Noel' is presented in two systems. The first system contains the first five lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The music is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The piano accompaniment is shown in the right hand of the grand staff, with chords and single notes supporting the vocal lines.

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . up - on . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional
 Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840–1901

HEBREW 2:10-18

Christ shares flesh and blood to free humankind.

- A: ¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” ¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Word of God. Word of Life.

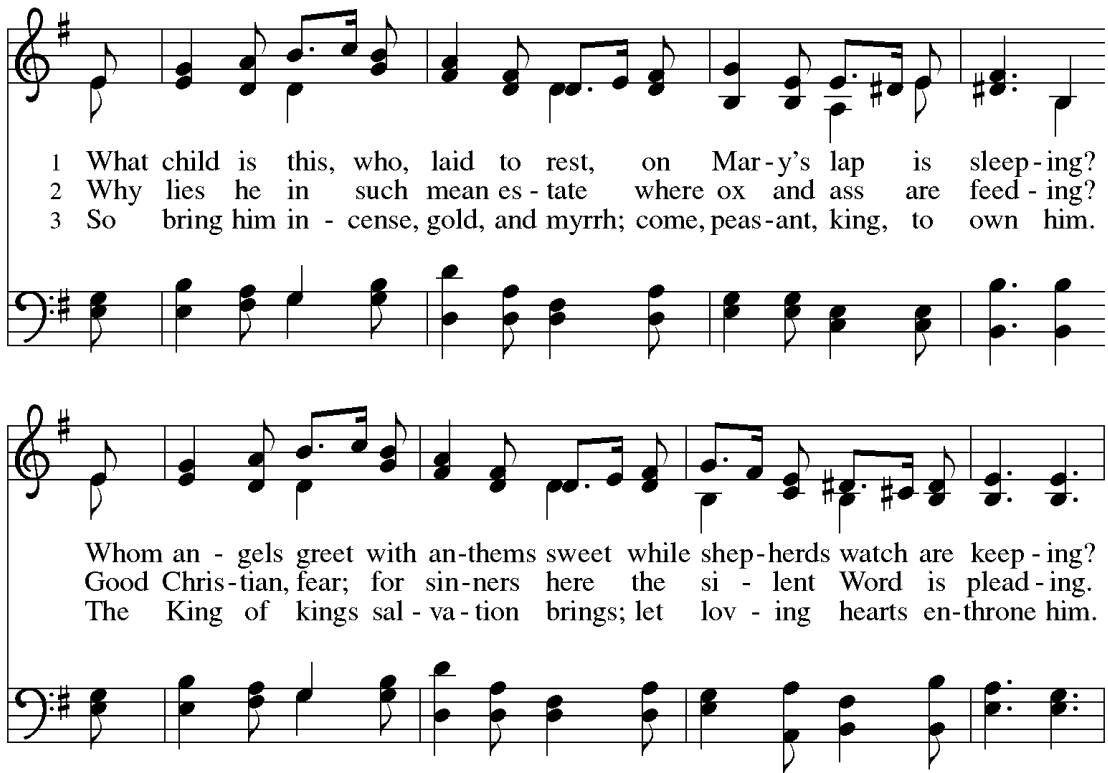
C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

CHRISTMAS HYMN

What Child Is This?

ELW 296



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the 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!

Please stand if you are able.

MATTHEW 2:13-23

The slaughter of innocent children

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ¹³Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years

old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

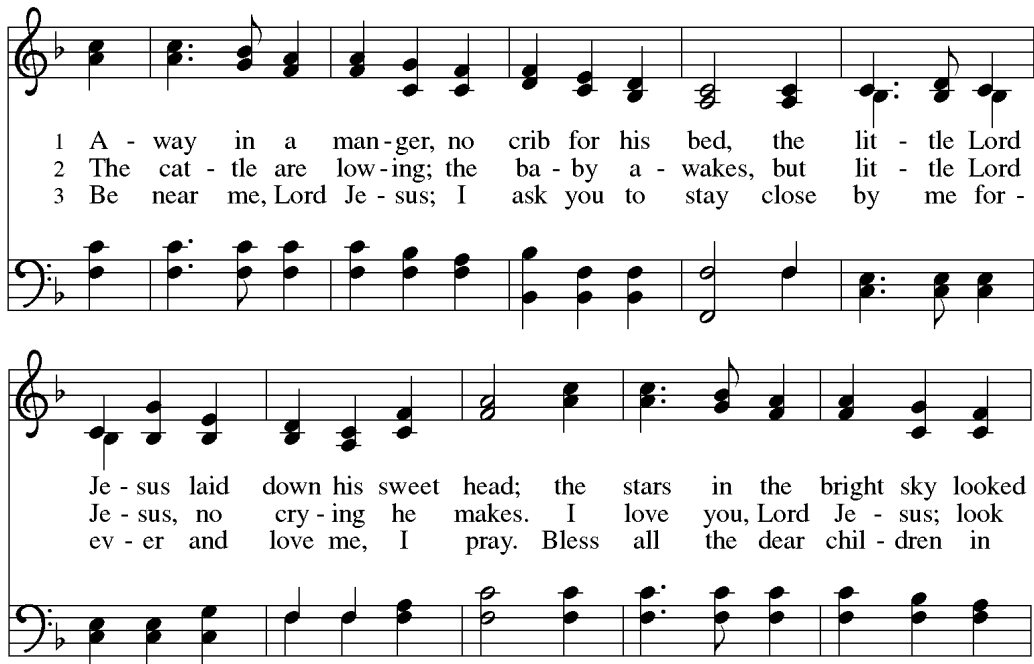
The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHRISTMAS HYMN

Away in a Manger

ELW 277



The musical score is written for four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It features a treble and bass clef for the Soprano and Alto parts, and a treble and bass clef for the Tenor and Bass parts. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics. The lyrics are as follows:

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in





Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

Please be seated.

MESSAGE “A Bad Situation Confronted with Good News” Rev. Chris Rankin

Please stand if you are able.

CHRISTMAS HYMN *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*

NICENE CREED

P: Let us profess our faith together.

C: **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.* With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

ELW note: “and the Son” reflects the Western tradition.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Empowered by the news of Christ’s birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

God of grace, you show mercy not according to our worthiness, but according to the abundance of your steadfast love. Grant us courage to go into the world and act with the same mercy toward others. Bless the full communion relationships of the ELCA with our ecumenical partners: the Episcopal Church, the Moravian Church in America, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reformed Church in America, the United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church.

Your mercy is great.

God of abundance, the sun and moon praise you, and the shining stars sing of your love. Where we have desecrated your creation, make us instruments of healing and restoration. Strengthen our care for Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, that our stewardship may honor your gift of creation.

Your mercy is great.

God of righteousness, when leaders fail to enact justice, you suffer with us. Inspire those in power—at the national level, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and here in Landisville—to see your image reflected in every face they serve. May your will be done here on earth as in heaven.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, you claim us as your own and care for us as siblings of Christ. Pour out your compassion where your people suffer, and protect them in the palm of your hand. We lift especially those on Zion's prayer list.

Your mercy is great.

God of compassion, you cherish children as the apple of your eye. Just as you sheltered your son Jesus from Herod's grasp, shelter all children in danger. As you comforted Rachel, comfort all who have lost children to violence. Rescue us from the hells we create on earth; tear down the gates of suffering, and bring us into your reign of peace and justice.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of love, you console those who mourn, especially for loved ones who have gone before us and passed on the faith. Even as we grieve, we give thanks for their witness, trusting in your comfort and protection.

Your mercy is great.

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

† THE MEAL †

PRAYER

A: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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:

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: 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.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: 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.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

C: **Amen.**

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: God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

Please be seated.

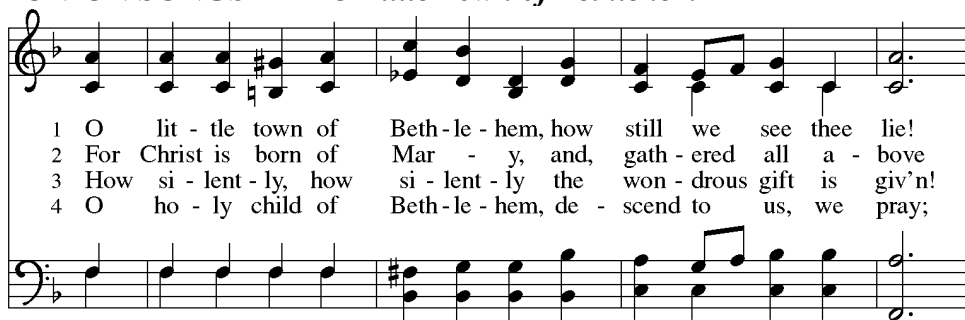
PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may receive a blessing.

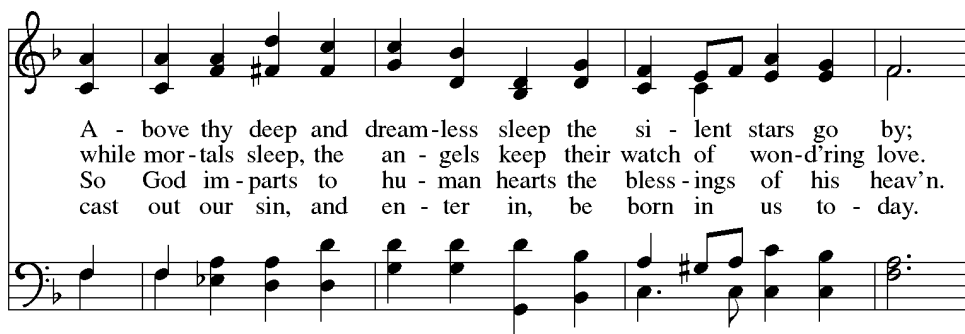
For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: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

Please use this time for quiet reflection and to sing the communion songs until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.

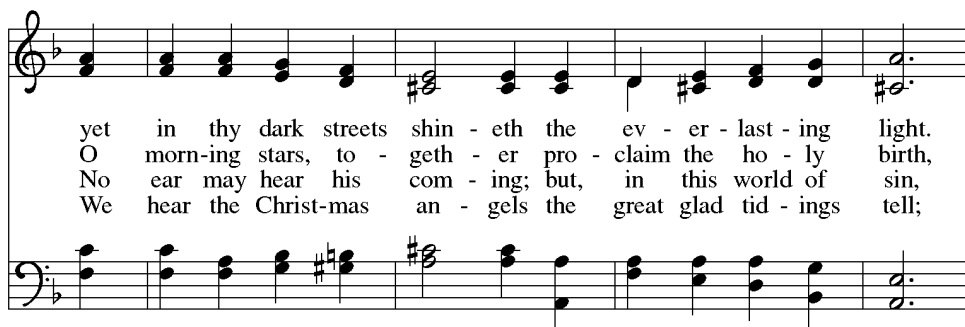




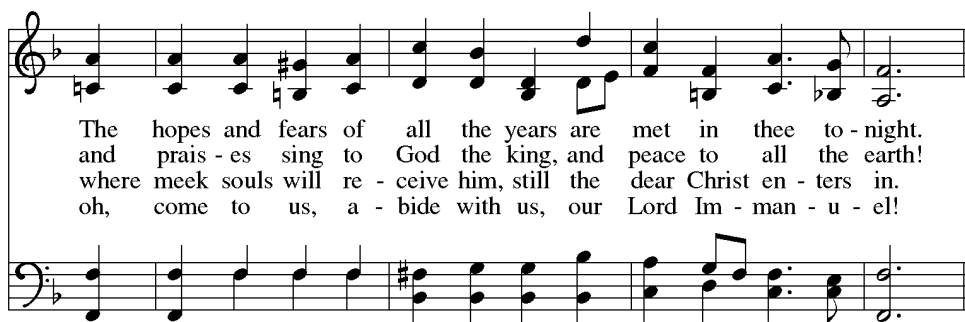
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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!

Love Has Come

ELW 292



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Please stand if you are able.

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: Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

C: **Amen.**

† THE SENDING †

BLESSING

P: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One,
abiding Comforter, † bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW 289

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

P: Glory to God in the highest! Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
C: **And peace to God's people on earth!**
P: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, December 28 – *Pastor Tim on vacation (Rev. Dr. Chris Rankin, guest pastor)*

** The altar flowers are sponsored by Al & Diane Ramer with gratitude for the past year and blessings for the coming year!*

** The yellow rose bud is in honor of Joan Mays in celebration of her 91st birthday!*

** The communion elements are sponsored by Amy & Jeff Thompson in celebration of Claire's birthday today!*

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

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Children's Sunday School – Kids are excused after the Children's Chat

Monday, December 29 – *Pastor Tim on vacation*

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30 – *Pastor Tim on vacation*

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Wednesday, December 31 – *Pastor Tim on vacation*

Food Pantry Closed

Thursday, January 1 – *Happy New Year*

Office Closed

Friday, January 2 – *Pastor Tim on vacation*

Saturday, January 3

Sunday, January 4

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

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Children's Sunday School – Kids are excused after the Children's Chat

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone



ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Our Daily Bread and Christ in Our Homes devotionals can be found on the ushers' table and on the window sill ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room. The January-March Christ in Our Homes booklet is now available. Help yourself!

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for the new year have been distributed in church mailboxes. Please get yours today!

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING: DECEMBER

This month contributions will go to Day of Smiles. Contributions collected will be disbursed between the various organizations in the community that this annual event will support, including Clare House, Milagro House, Pet Pantry of Lanc., and Hershey Mill Home. Day of Smiles is a way to remember and honor the smiles and generosity that locals Erin (McCartney) and Max Nusbaum shared with many before their tragic death 20 years ago; Erin was 27 and Max was 30.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS from Lucy Davis ... May the peace and joy of the holiday season remain with you always.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from Cub Scout Pack 37... Thank you for always supporting our pack!

THANK YOU from Janet Musselman ... Thank you for the cards and phone calls. A special thank you to Pastor Tim for the visit while I was a patient at the Hershey hospital.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

All children are invited to go with their teachers after the Children's Chat for Sunday School. Class will be held each Sunday at this time during the service. Questions? See Denise Haun.

BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in the parlor and focuses on the scriptures and their related topics. Everyone is welcome – come discover the message God has for each of us!

ANNUAL REPORTS

Attention All Ministry Teams: Please email Anne your end of year report and goals for 2026!

JOURNEYS: A GROUP TO SUPPORT WELLNESS

Journeys will continue to meet in 2026 on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor: January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19.



STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SYNOD & ELCA

Interested in knowing what is going on in the Synod and around the world in other congregations? Subscribe to the weekly email, “WE News.” Go to the Lower Susquehanna Synod website and subscribe today! The homepage for the Synod is: <https://www.lss-elca.org/> and the direct link to subscribe is: <https://www.lss-elca.org/we-news-signup/>

ONLINE GIVING

Interested in online giving? The link is on the homepage of the church website, or go directly: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZM24/home>

COMING UP ON TUES., JAN. 6 at 12 Noon in the Zone

“You Are Not Alone”:

**A luncheon for widows & widowers to celebrate the
Twelve Days of Christmas**

****Sign up on the bulletin board by next Sunday, Dec. 28*
~Sponsored by the Care Team~***



**Be a part of Joan Mays’ milestone birthday celebration on
Tuesday, December 30 by sending cards!**

1212 Nissley Rd., Lancaster 17601

**COMMUNITY MEAL
AT ZION (LANDISVILLE)**

*Come Join Us for a Free Meal
and to Meet Your Neighbors!*

2026 DATES

January 8 & 22 February 12 & 26
March 12 & 26 April 9 & 23
May 14 & 28

FOOD PANTRY REQUESTED ITEMS

Peanut butter (1 pound size)

Spaghetti sauce

Canned pineapple

Canned spinach

Canned red beets

Strawberry jelly

Canned mandarin oranges

Canned chick peas

Canned chicken (regular size)

Lentils (1-pound bags) and other dried beans

Tomato paste

Canned pears

The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/>

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WORK RETREAT

Come together as God's community to serve one another and the surrounding community of Nawakwa for a weekend of service! We will be serving camp and local organizations. Working could include making blankets, packing care kits, and working on camp facilities. There will also be games, a winter hike, and worship. Put your faith into action this weekend through service work with Nawakwa.

WHERE: Camp Nawakwa

WHEN: January 16-19, 2026

WHO: This retreat is for adults, families, and youth!

HOW MUCH: \$210 per person
All meals on Saturday and Sunday, and Monday Brunch are included.

Register online:



COME HELP AT NAWAKWA!

WHEN? January 6; February 31; March 3; April 7; May 5, Beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending whenever you need to leave!
There will be coffee and donuts!

WHAT? Anything from maintaining the trails to hanging pictures/plaques.

WHY? Nawakwa is a large property, and your help will not only help us maintain our property and buildings but make them better.

WHERE? Please meet in the camp office.



Lutheran Camping Corporation

PARENTS GROUP AT NAWAKWA

Whether you are a parent with older or younger kids, you are invited to find a community and talk about the joys and struggles of parenting. Find a community that can lift you up and remind you of the blessings of parenting through the journey.



Details

First Saturday of the month at
Nawakwa's Lower Camp Dining Hall

10-12 children activities provided
12-1pm lunch provided

Optional \$15 donation per family

Dates

Saturday, January 3rd, 2026

Saturday, February 7th, 2026

Saturday, March 7th, 2026

2025 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SPONSORS

Lisa & Horst Bernhard

In memory of Bob & Charlotte Williams and Andy & Lori Bernhard

Ed and Cindy Blough

In memory of Henry & June Duke

In memory of Charlie & Nancy Blough

Dave and Donna Dumeyer

To the glory of God

For World Peace

Darrell Gerke

In memory of Barbara

James Grube

In memory of my parents

Steve & Denise Haun

In memory of Bill & Charlotte Haun and Bill Mattern

In honor of Dorothy Mattern

John and Kathy Hay

In memory of our parents: Harold & Gladys Ney and Paul & Dorothy Hay

Scott and Mary Hetrick

In memory of loved ones

Sue and Joe Hindes

In memory of William R. May (Susan's father)

John Hinkle

In memory of Pat K. Hinkle, Elwood J. King, and John F. Hinkle Sr.

Kautter Family

In memory of Pat

Adele King

In honor of our children: Alison, Jessica, and Justin

In honor of our grandchildren: Alexander, Emerson, and Leia

In memory of our parents and grandparents

In memory of our deceased friends, especially Pat Hinkle, Betsy Youndt, Sharon Hollenbach, and Linda Heck

Nina Laliberte

In honor of my Zion family

John & Joanne Marrs

In honor of our children: Josh, Jenna, and Jamie (and Brandon & Carson)

Randy Miller

In honor of my family

In memory of my parents and Rae's parents

Janet Musselman

In memory of Harry Musselman and Rebecca Miller

Jan Reeves

In memory of Arlie

Pastor Tim and Ann Seitz-Brown

Keep the Main Thing, the Main Thing

Cathy & Bob Shirk

In memory of Delores Derr and Eugene & Phyliss Shirk

Brenda Stover

In memory of my mother, Lillian Stover

Bob and Judy Traup

In honor of our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

In memory of Mamie, our parents, and Mary Ann

Bob Wildasin

In memory of Cleo, Lillian, and Harry Wildasin

Bob, Kurt, & Nicole Wildasin

In memory of Barbara Wildasin

Kurt Wildasin

In memory of Sarah Wildasin

Barbara Williams

In memory of Tom Williams

Dave and Sue Wise

In honor and memory of loved ones

In thanks for our Zion church family

CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Worship: Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

DECEMBER

28: Service of Lessons and Carols (9 a.m.)

JANUARY

6: Twelve Days of Christmas Luncheon for Widows & Widowers
(12 Noon; Zone)

8: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

17: Social Room & Kitchen Reserved (1 p.m.–5p.m.)

20: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)

22: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

FEBRUARY

12: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

17: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)

18: Ash Wednesday Worship (7 p.m.; Sanctuary)

26: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

MARCH

12: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

15: Elizabethtown College Choir Performance (During Worship)

17: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)

26: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

29: Palm/Passion Sunday Worship (9 a.m.)

APRIL

2: Maundy Thursday Worship (7 p.m.; Sanctuary)

3: Good Friday Worship (7 p.m.; Sanctuary)

5: Easter Sunday Worship (9 a.m.; Sanctuary)

9: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

21: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)

23: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

MAY

2: Lancaster Liederkrantz Concert (4 p.m.; Sanctuary)

14: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

14: Landisville Area Church Choir Festival (7 p.m.; Sanctuary)

19: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)

28: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

HEALING

Joan Mays	Janet Musselman	Al Alsedek	Julia Grove	Holly Hoover
Deb Overly	John Gerlach	Dave Wauls	Connie Alsedek	Bob Shirk
Dave Wise	Kathryn Kochel	Joe Adams	Jess Barcaro	Bill Grove
Kay Crawford	Judie Ingersoll	Barb Williams	Kate Donnan	Sam King

Tom Grzybowski
Sandy Marrs (Mother of John Marrs)
Lissa James (Niece of Connie Alsedek)
Arabelle Page (Student of Amy Thompson)
Joanne Myers (Friend of Connie Alsedek)
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)
Ron Kessler (Brother-in-law of Ann Seitz-Brown)
Angie Immel (Step-Granddaughter of Bob & Judy Traup)
Zac & Cindy Zibura (Neighbor of John & Joanne Marrs)
Randy Smith (Father-in-law of Adele King's daughter)
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)
Kara Escalante (Goddughter of Barb & Tom Williams)
James Marks (Nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)

COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Lucy Davis Bill Piper Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)
Brooke Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)
Dennis & Marie Dezort and the extended family of Thelma Pearson

PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Doug Kautter Chris Andrew Evan Benedict Justin Gorlaski
Christopher Wright Thom Whitesel Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)
Benjamin Hansen (Grandson of Al & Connie Alsedek and son of Holly)
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay; husband of Liz)

WIDER CHURCH

Masebe congregation Konde Diocese Stephen Herr (Bishop, LSS)
Pastor Subi Mwakitalima Yehiel Curry (Presiding Bishop, ELCA)
Pastor Lucille ("CeCee") Mills (Secretary, ELCA)
Geoffrey Samuel Mwaihaba (Bishop, Konde Diocese)
Imran M. Siddiqui (Vice President of the ELCA)

CELEBRATING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

28: Deb Grube, Judy Brady
30th: Joan Mays
3rd: Sarah Laliberte, Eric Searle

29th: Steve Haun
1st: Collin Donnan, Darlene Smeltz

MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers
Pastor
Music Director
Parish Administrator
Lay Ministry Assistant
Council President
Council Vice President
Sexton

Members of the Congregation
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown
John Landis
Anne Rankin
Diane Gerlach
Kim Paternoster
Denise Haun
Tom Miller

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream Link:	https://www.youtube.com/@zelc_landisvillepa7249
Bible Study Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Children's Class Sundays:	Start in service, then excused until communion
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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