

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

A Service of Lessons, Carols, & Sacrament

December 29, 2024



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). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim.

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. Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Chat. In addition, there are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use 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

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

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 system of music and the last three lines to the second system. The music is arranged in a three-part setting, with the Soprano part on the top staff, the Alto part in the middle, and the Tenor/Bass part on the bottom staff. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with the first three lines corresponding to the first system of music and the last three lines to the second system.



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. Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

1 SAMUEL 2:18-20, 26

The boy Samuel grew in favor with the LORD and the people.

A: ¹⁸ Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰ Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶ Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHRISTMAS HYMN

Once in Royal David's City

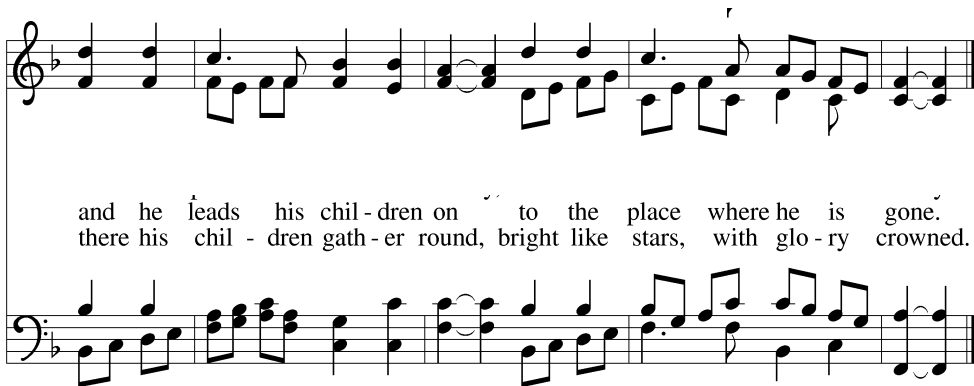
ELW 269 (vs. 3 & 4)



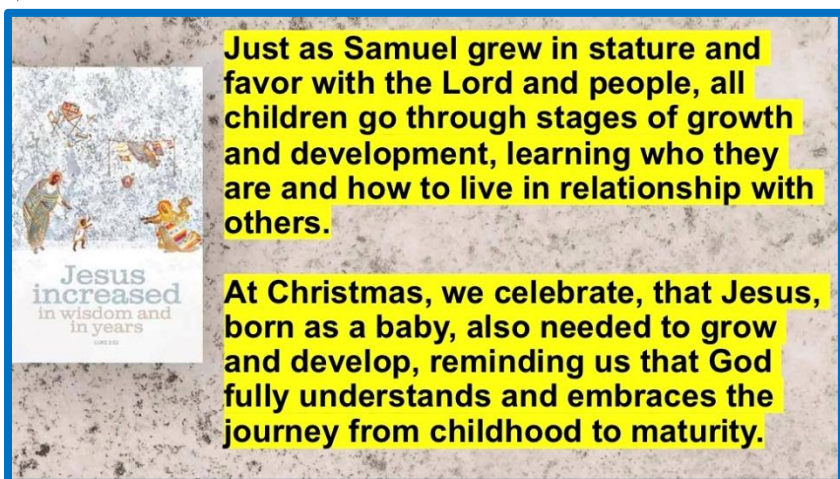
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re-deem-ing love;
4 Not in that poor low-ly sta-ble, with the ox-en stand-ing by,

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;





Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876



PSALM 148

Please read responsively.

A: ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD 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 (vs. 1&2)

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

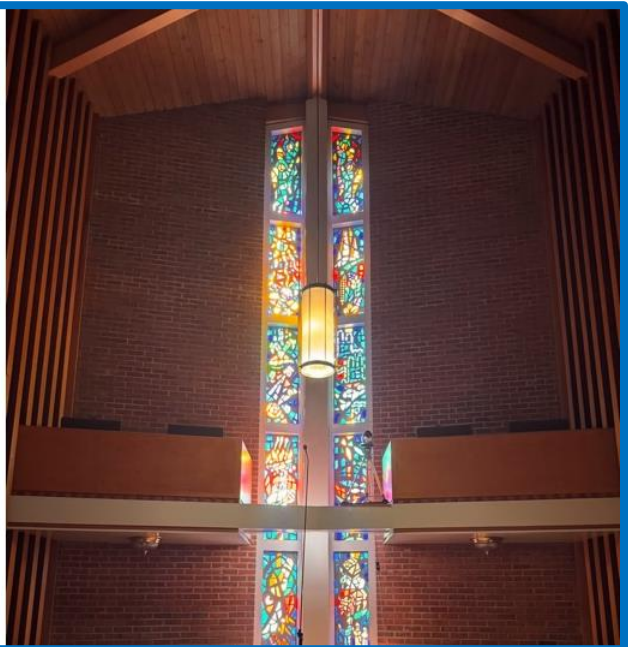
night that was so deep.
tin-ued both day and night.
star where - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

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

In the back of our church, the stained glass windows beautifully depict Psalm 148, showing how all creation— the sun, moon, stars, mountains, animals, and people— is called to praise God.

At Christmas, we celebrate that even the heavens and the earth rejoiced at Jesus' birth, the angels sang, and the star guided the Magi.

Just as creation praises God, it also grows and matures, reminding us that our lives, too, are part of this journey of learning to glorify God in all that we do.



COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Children and heirs of God.

A: ¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

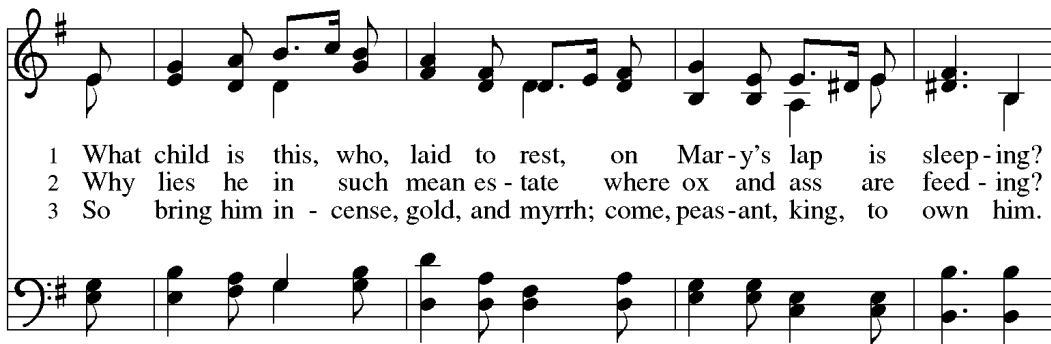
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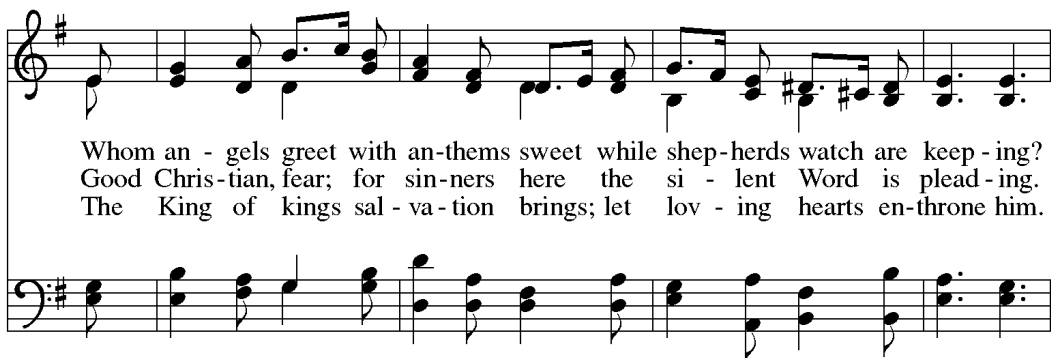
CHRISTMAS HYMN

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.

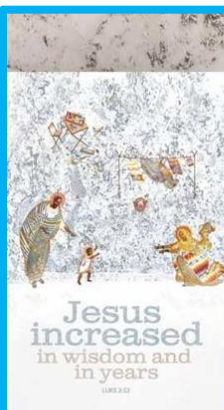


Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



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!



Luke 2:41-52 shows that Jesus, fully divine, was also fully human— he embraced the normal process of human development, increasing in wisdom, years, and favor with God and others.

His time in the temple, listening, asking questions, and amazing his teachers, highlights both his humanity as a growing child and his divinity as one uniquely connected to God.

By sharing in our human journey of learning and maturing, Jesus reveals a God who fully understands and values what it means to be human.

Please stand if you are able.

Luke 2:41-52

The boy Jesus increased in wisdom, and in divine and human favor.

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

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

P: ⁴¹ Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHRISTMAS HYMN

Away in a Manger

ELW 277

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 -

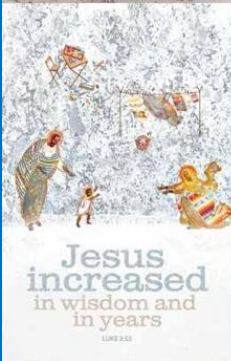


Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

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

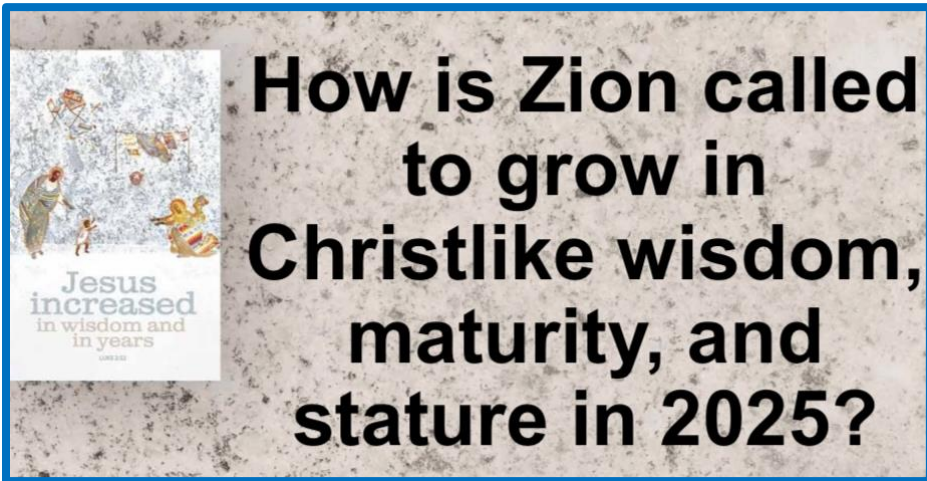


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CHRISTMAS HYMN

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people. For those who teach and those who learn, we pray. Bless the education ministries of your church. Guide Sunday school teachers, college and seminary professors, and Bible study leaders in our ongoing faith formation and curiosity. God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

For the thriving of creation, we pray. Protect the habitats of pangolins and porcupines, penguins and parrots, and all wild animals and creeping things. Increase our knowledge of the natural world and the care of its inhabitants. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

For the nations of the world, we pray. Raise up rulers who lead with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Let your peace rule in their hearts and in all lands. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your people, we pray. Keep watch over all who travel this holiday season. Accompany those who are alone or ill. Console parents and children whose relationships are strained or severed. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

For the ministry of this place, we pray. Let the word of Christ dwell among us. In times of conflict, clothe us in love and move us to forgiveness. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

For your holy, beloved, and chosen ones of every time and place, we give thanks. Draw us all into everlasting praise and joy. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Additional prayers may be lifted up by the congregation and/or pastor.

P: We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

C: **Amen.**

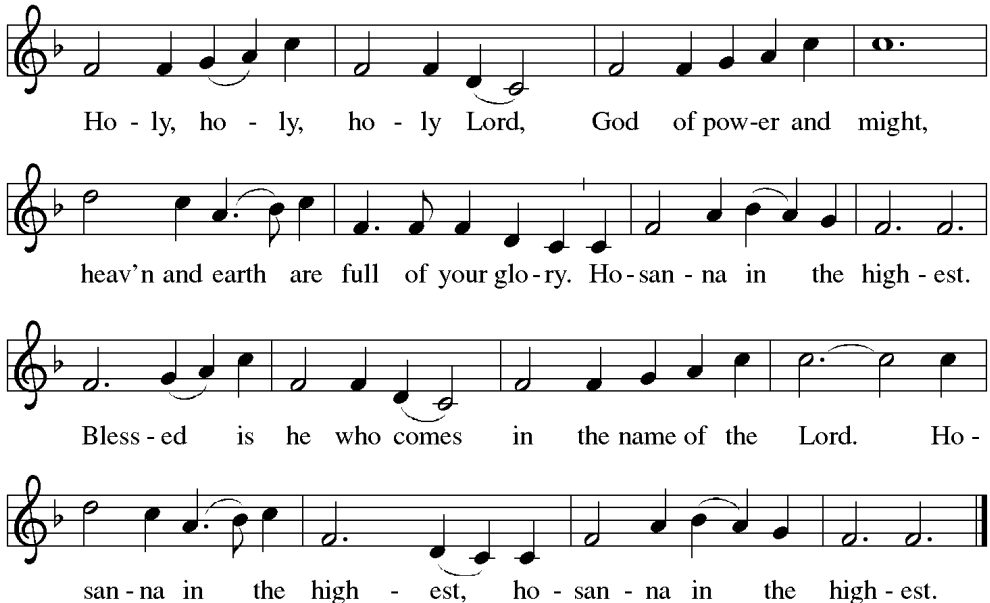
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

- 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.**

PREFACE

- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

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: A child has been born for us, a Son given to us. Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

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.

COMMUNION SONGS

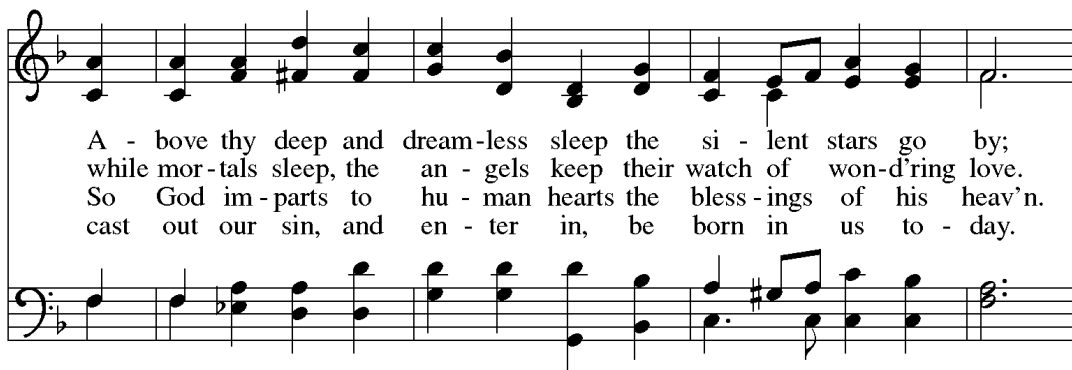
O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW 279

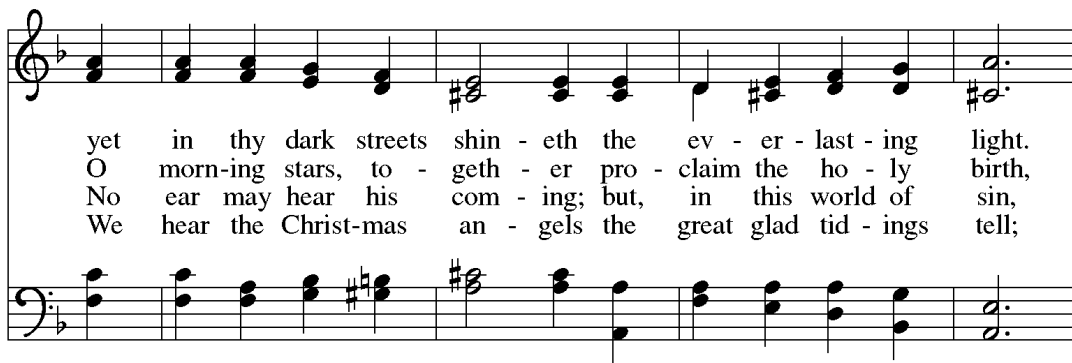
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

The musical score is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, corresponding to the four verses of the song.





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

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!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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

C: Amen.

† THE SENDING †

BLESSING

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

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: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on 'March of the Three Kings'

Gordon Young

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, December 29

** The altar flowers are given in gratitude for the year that has passed and in anticipation of the year that is ahead.*

** The yellow rose is in celebration of Joan Mays' 90th birthday tomorrow!*

** The communion elements are sponsored by Jeff & Amy Thompson in honor of Claire's birthday which was yesterday (12/28)!*

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

Livestream/Recorded Link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone (No Zoom option today or 1/5)

Monday, December 30

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31

No Bible Study

No Scouts

Wednesday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

No Choir

Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- The adult Bible class will meet in the parlor for a single-class Box Office Bible Study using the 1955 Humphrey Bogart movie “We’re No Angels.”
- Today (12/29) and next Sunday (1/5), the Wired Word class will only meet in the Zone (no Zoom option). The Zoom option will resume on January 12.

OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONALS: DECEMBER – FEBRUARY

The winter devotional booklets are available on the ushers’ table in the narthex and on the window ledge in the back hallway. Help yourself! Take one for you and more to share with others!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

In the spirit of Zion’s Stewardship Initiative and being generous followers of Jesus, be sure to pick up your offering envelopes in your church mailbox! (Please note that some envelope numbers may have changed in 2025 from what they were in 2024. Make sure you use the correct envelope number!)



Thank you for the 51 pounds of food contributed and financial donations made to the pantry last month! There were several food drives in November which has helped keep the shelves are well stocked...thank you Lord!!! In November, 461 children, 823 adults, and 393 seniors were served... it is remarkable to know that the pantry helped a total of 1,677 people in only one month! If you would like to donate to the pantry, requested items include: red beets (whole and diced), alfredo sauce, pancake mix, and syrup.

2025 FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND COMMUNION ELEMENTS SPONSORS

The sign-up sheets for all three of these sponsorship opportunities next year are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex across from the mailboxes. This is a great way to help offset the church’s cost for these worship service expenses and a special way to honor, remember, and celebrate someone or an occasion! Cost is \$40 for flowers, \$40 for bulletins, and \$35 for communion elements. You can pay online using the new VANCO giving site (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZM24/home>).

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Donations this month will go to Day of Smiles. Next month, contributions will go to COBYS, an organization that provides services for local youth and families.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Attention All Ministry Teams: Please email Anne your end of year report and goals for 2025! (adminzelc@comcast.net).!

COMMUNITY MEAL

Meals in the new year are on Jan. 9 & 23, Feb. 13 & 27, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, and May 8 & 22. To help with any of these in any way, contact Mary (717-333-6173)!

CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

December

29: Service of Lessons & Carols (9 a.m.)

January

8: Basketball Game Outing
(LVC vs Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ) (7 p.m.)

February

10-16: Small Group Listening Sessions (“What Is God Calling Us to Do?”)
15: Basketball Game Outing (PSU vs. WSU) (2 p.m.)

March

30: E-Town College Choir (During Worship)

April

13: Zion Arts Event (Magician) (Time TBD)



Be a part of Joan Mays' milestone birthday tomorrow (Mon., Dec. 30) by sending cards! 1212 Nissley Rd. Lancaster 17601





PROPERTY TEAM REQUEST

The Property Team is looking for volunteers to help with snow removal. Volunteers would be notified when and where to report for walk cleaning. The main concern is with Sunday mornings before the church service and on Monday and Wednesday mornings for the food pantry. If you are available to help clean our sidewalks, sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. Remember: many hands make light work. Contact Dave D. with questions (717-413-0408).

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AN OPTION!

Create a MyVANCO account for the flexibility to give

- ❖ *when you want*
- ❖ *how much you want, and*
- ❖ *to what area or ministry you want*

The link is on the homepage of the church website, or go directly:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZM24/home>

*Questions or need help? Contact Phil Houseal (phouseal@comcast.net)
or Randy Miller (randymiller107@comcast.net).*

If you did not get a copy of the letter explaining more about this program or the instructions for how to create an account, copies are available on the ushers' table.

CHICKEN & WAFFLES

When? Sunday, January 19; 12:00p.m.-2:00p.m.

Where? Camp Nawakwa (Arendtsville)

What? Spend a Sunday afternoon at camp with a homemade chicken & waffles meal! Invite a neighbor or grandchild and have them bring their sled (if there's snow!)

A free will offering will be accepted.

RSVP to the Camping Corporation Office by January 10 (717-677-8211).



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania**

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

WINTER BASKETBALL EVENTS

Zion's Men's Group is planning two basketball events for all church members!



The first is in honor of Pat Hinkle, who was a huge fan of her grandchildren's contests. To that end, Zion would like to invite members to travel on **Wed., Jan. 8** to Lebanon Valley College (Annville), when the Dutchmen take on the Ducks of Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, NJ).



John and Pat's grandson John "Jack" Spellman is a 6'9" senior on the Stevens team. Although Pat will not be there, we would like to show our spirit for her grandson by cheering him on. Tickets are general admission and cost less than \$10. Tip-off is at 7:00 PM. Carpooling is suggested. It's a great way to honor Pat and John.



The second basketball event will be on **Sat., Feb. 15** at the Bryce Jordan Center at Penn State University. The Nittany Lions will play the Washington Huskies in a 2:00 PM tip-off. There are tickets for 20 seats in adjacent rows. Ticket price is \$10/person. We typically meet for dinner after the game at the Clubhouse Grille in Mifflintown right off 322. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who wish to attend. Carpooling is encouraged, and there is a \$10 charge/car for parking using the HONK app. This has become an annual event and we hope that you will join us!

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

Bob Shirk	Sam King	Bill Grove	Joe Adams
Dave Wise	Deb Overly	Nancy Price	Dave Wauls
Jess Barcaro	Marvin Ruch	John Gerlach	Kate Donnan
Holly Hoover	Barb Wildasin	Barb Williams	Kay Crawford
Judie Ingersoll	Connie Alsedek	Kathryn Kochel	Tom Grzybowski
Mary Zimmerman	Wendy Gibbs (Friend of John Marrs)		
Rick Nickel (Friend of Randy Miller)		Lissa James (Niece of Connie Alsedek)	
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)		Joanne Myers (Friend of Connie Alsedek)	
Amy Jones (Neighbor of Bob & Judy Traup)		Dennis Barcaro (Jess Barcaro's father-in-law)	
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)		Rev. Janyce Jorgensen (Wife of Rev. Jorgensen)	
Rev. Doris Bray (Sister of Diane Gerlach)		Pastor Tim & Ann Seitz-Brown & Family	
Dolly Overly on the death of her sister, Dianne Riggi			
Randy Smith (Father-in-law of Adele King's daughter)			
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)			
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)			
Rev. Pam & Ed Illick (Pastor at Zion (East Pete) & her husband)			
Rev. Tom McKee and family on the death of his wife, Rev. Judith McKee			
James Marks (Grandson of Thelma Pearson and nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)			

COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Lucy Davis	George Potts	Thelma Pearson	John Hinkle & Family
Brooke Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)		Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)	
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)			
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)			
Family of Mike Zizzamia (Grandfather of Pastor Tim & Ann's granddaughter, Kay)			

PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Ryan Stitzel	Doug Kautter	Chris Andrew	Evan Benedict
Justin Gorlaski	Thom Whitesel	Christopher Wright	
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)			
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay; husband of Liz)			

WIDER CHURCH

Konde Diocese	Masebe congregation	Pastor Subi Mwakitalima
James Dunlop (Bishop, LSS)	Elizabeth Eaton (Presiding Bishop, ELCA)	
Geoffrey Samuel Mwaihaba (Bishop, Konde Diocese)		

CELEBRATING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

29th: Steve Haun

30th: Joan Mays

1st: Collin Donnan, Darlene Smeltz

3rd: Sarah Laliberte, Eric Searle

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

5th – Nathan & Danielle Myers

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

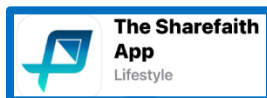
Members of the Congregation
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John Landis
Anne Rankin
David Albin
Diane Gerlach
Kim Paternoster
Denise Haun
Tom Miller

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream Link:	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfI2cSw
Bible Study Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266 No Zoom on today & 1/5
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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