



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 25, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church!

Thank you for joining us in worship this Christmas Day!

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 optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.
- ❖ 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. Please fill out a communion card and place it in the offering plate so your record can be updated.
- ❖ 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. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the Parlor as a cry 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 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Arr. by M. Hayes

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.

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

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. All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, 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.

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;

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the first four lines of the carol. The second system contains the remaining lines of the carol. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.



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.

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

SECOND READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

R1: 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: 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. 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. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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. 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

R2: 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

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 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.

FOURTH READING: Matthew 1:18–25

R3: 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: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: '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.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then 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." When 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On 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 1:1-18

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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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.



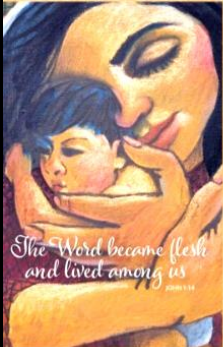
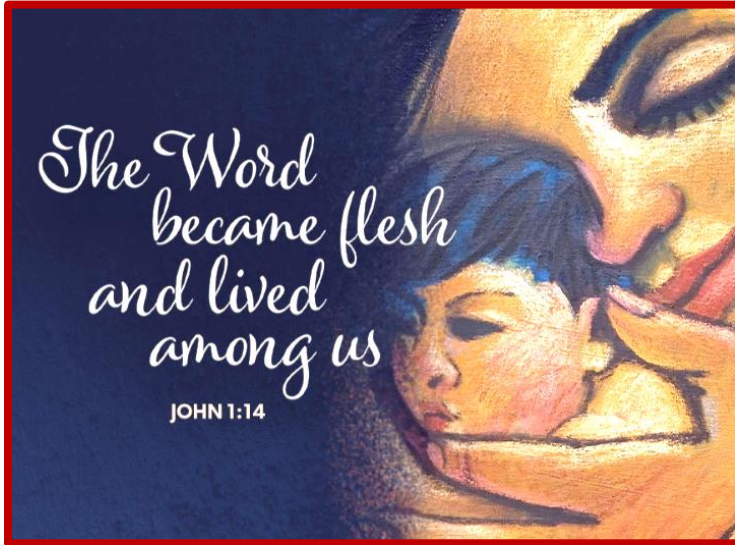
2. Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.

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.

CHRISTMAS DAY ONE-MINUTE HOMILY



**The Word (Logic)
of the
Greek/Roman Empires=**

*healing comes
through
expulsion and violence*

**The Word (Logic)
of God in the flesh
and the Kingdom of God=**

*healing comes
through
love and compassion,
not violence.*

Please stand if you are able.

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 - 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 consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It features a melody line with lyrics underneath and a bass line with chords. The second system continues the melody and bass line. A red arrow points to the right at the bottom right of the page.

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.
 C: **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: With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family. The church in every land makes a joyful noise to herald your coming, O God. We give thanks for poets, musicians, and hymn writers who give voice to our praise, and for all who lead the church's worship. God of grace,
 C: **hear our prayer.**

This day dawns with new hope for all living things, and from ocean depths to mountain peaks the earth rejoices. Inspire in us an urgent zeal to protect the planet and renew its resources. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bring heavenly peace to this world and an end to armed conflict. Raise up leaders in every nation who will honor human rights and establish equal justice for all people. Give courage to all who speak out against oppression and advocate for the powerless. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Guard the lives of any in danger, especially those who work to protect others. Lead any who are in desperate circumstances to sanctuary, help, and safety. Grant rest to the weary and soothe those who are troubled. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bless all who gather to worship on this holy day. Be present at our tables and celebrations, and watch over those who travel. Sustain charities, outreach ministries, and food pantries that give generously to people in need. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

In Christ we have beheld your glory, full of grace and truth. We give thanks for those in every generation who reflect the light of Christ. May their witness shine forth in our time. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Additional prayers may be offered at this time.

P: Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

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. God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
- 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: Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

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. **Please fill out the communion record card and put in the offering plate as you exit the Sanctuary at the end of the service.***

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: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

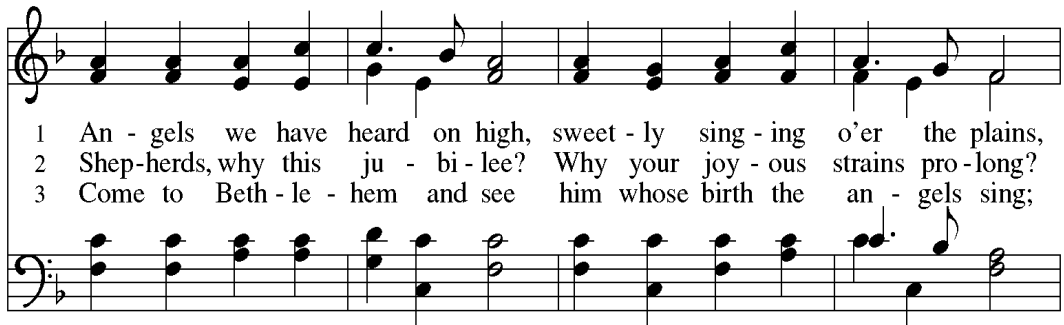
BLESSING

P: God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

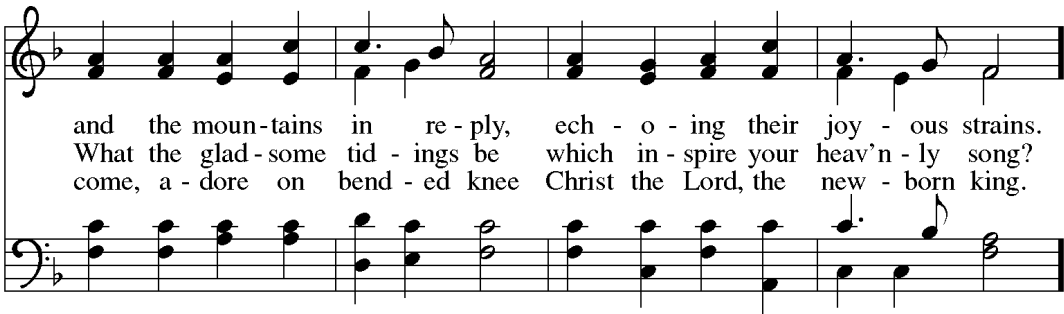
SENDING SONG

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.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887–1958

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace to share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, December 25 – *Merry Christmas!*

** The flowers are sponsored by Randy Miller in memory of Laura Wierschke.*

** The communion elements are sponsored by the Thompsons in celebration of the birth of Jesus!*

In-Person Worship [Service of Lessons & Carols] – 9:00 a.m.

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

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

No Sunday School

Monday, December 26

Office Closed

Food Pantry Closed

Tuesday, December 27

No Bible Study

Wednesday, December 28

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thursday, December 29

No Community Meal (Will Resume on 1/12)

Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, December 30

Model Club – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

Saturday, December 31

Sunday, January 1 – *Happy New Year!*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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

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No Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Thank you to everyone who sponsored poinsettias this year! Please take yours with you at the end of worship today!

2023 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. Cost is \$40 for flowers, \$40 for bulletins, and \$35 for communion elements.

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

Joyful Noise contributions given through December will go to the Hempfield School District. In January, this outreach collection will go to Day of Smiles. Day of Smiles helps a variety of local non-profit organizations as a way to help spread joy in the community by helping others. This organization was founded in memory of Max and Erin Nusbaum, a young couple who were tragically killed in a car accident.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Hopefully your ministry team is working on its 2022 annual report. Please email your report about what was accomplished this year and what is on your to-do list for 2023 to Anne (adminzelc@comcast.net).

THANK YOU FROM HEMPFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNSELORS

...From Centerville Middle School

Thank you so very much for your kindness to us in the CMS guidance office! Your gratitude gift basket was so appreciated and came to us at a great time! Thank you and have a safe, happy holiday season!

...From Farmdale Elementary School

Thank you so very much for the snack basket! I am so very grateful for this kind gesture. We are so happy to have the partnership with your church in our district. Thank you!

...From Landisville Primary Center

I want to take time to thank you all for the kind gift basket and treats. I really appreciate you thinking of me and the role our school counselors play in our schools. With great kindness and thanks, I wish everyone at your church a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School on December 25 or January 1. Both classes will resume on January 8 at 10:30 a.m.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

If you or someone you know from the church has been hospitalized or is having a procedure and would like the pastor, the prayer team, or the congregation to know, please call or email Pastor Tim or the church office.



THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the meal throughout 2022! It is so appreciated in the community! There have been several comments recently on the Next Door app that express how grateful people are:

- “What a wonderful service your church provides for the community.”*
- “Thank you to the people running the meals out to our cars tonight in this nasty rain! The meal was delicious and loved the casserole and the ham loaf ... won’t ask for the recipe but it sure was good!”*
- Thank you, Mary, for organizing these meals and Merry Christmas to you and all of the organizations that provide meals for us! God Bless!*

The only remaining open dates through June are April 6 and 20. It is wonderful to see everyone coming together to keep this ministry going. If you haven't been involved with the Community Meal before and would like to participate, please contact Mary Hetrick (psuocn92@comcast.net).

CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRENDA ALIMO

I am so happy to have received the beautiful card and the booklet from you! How are you all at Zion? I hope you are all fine. I thank the almighty God for keeping you safe.

Thank you so much for loving me and changing my life. You hold a special place in my heart and I can’t stop thinking about you people! I am fine and busy with books since I just have a few weeks before I sit for my primary learning examination. I am very hopeful that I will pass well.

Thank you so much for the happy birthday wishes that you have wished to me! I am so happy and I had a wonderful birthday. Even though I had my birthday at school my friends sang for me happy birthday songs! Thank you so much for the love and care that you have for me and my family. We love you so much.

UPDATED ADDRESS FOR CONNIE GROW

*1301 Hyde Park Dr.
Lancaster 17601*



OFFERING ENVELOPES

On behalf of the envelope company, we apologize! There have been production delays out of our control and the envelopes will likely not arrive until sometime in the new year ... hopefully sooner rather than later! BUT, in the meantime, please give your offering in the form of a check so that the finance team can be sure to credit your account appropriately. If you give cash and want credit on your church account, please put it in an envelope marked with your name. Thank you for your understanding and your patience!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY FROM THE ZION STAFF!

~John, Pastor Tim, Anne
Dave, Brian, & Tom





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Chicken & Waffles

at Nawakwa

Sunday, January 15, 2023

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) to work off the calories, as if camp food actually has calories!

Free-will offering accepted.

RSVP to the Camping Office at 717-677-8211 by January 11.



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For more information & to register, go to:

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Winter Fun Day

at Kirchenwald

Sunday, January 15

Sunday, February 19

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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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SPONSORS

Ed & Cindy Blough

In memory of Henry & June Duke

In memory of Charles Blough

Diane Gerlach

In memory of Bruce Gerlach

James Grube

In memory of my parents, Gloria & Weidler

Jim & Millie Gundel

In loving memory of our son, Steven

In loving memory of Jim's brother, Jerry

In loving memory of Millie's parents, Dr. & Mrs. George B. Stineman

In loving memory of Jim's parents, Mr. & Mrs. George A. Gundel

In honor of Ken & Mimi and family

In honor of Doug & Christine and family

In honor of the faithful volunteers that serve the family of Zion

Denise & Steve Haun

In memory of William Mattern (Denise's father)

In memory of Charlotte & William Haun (Steve's parents)

Scott & Mary Hetrick

In memory of loved ones

Joseph and Susan Hindes

In memory of William Robert May

Pat & John Hinkle

In memory of our fathers: Elwood J. King and John F. Hinkle, Sr.

The Kautter Family

In memory of Pat Kautter

Adele King

In honor of our families making life full and joyful!

In honor of Brenda Stover for being a superior Council Secretary and recording minutes. You are a blessing and a tremendous help.

In honor of Anne Rankin for being a great resource for me over the past years.

Thanks for all your help. You are a blessing!

In memory of friends who have passed this year: Hal, Jim, and Austin

In honor of all my former vice presidents who helped me tremendously: Scott Hetrick, Mark Coons, Dave Wise (x2), and Dave Dumeyer



Harry & Janet Musselman

In memory of Rebecca Miller

In memory of Pat Lorah

The Paternoster Family

In memory of our parents: Bill, Rocco, and Marie

Jan Reeves

In memory of Arlie

Cathy & Bob Shirk

In honor of Tyler, Taylor, and AJ

In memory of Dolores Derr and Eugene & Phyllis Shirk

Jo Stone

In honor of her children and grandchildren

In loving memory of her parents, brothers, sister, and grandparents

Brenda Stover

In memory of Lillian Stover

Bob & Judy Traup

In honor of our children, grandchildren, great grandson, and Zion friends

In memory of our parents, Mamie, Mary Ann

Dave & Dottie Wauls

In honor of the Wauls and Duhart families

Bob & Barb Wildasin

In memory of Robert & Helen Doll

In memory of Cork Doll

In memory of George Doll

In memory of Cleo & Lillian Wildasin

In memory of Harry Wildasin

Kurt Wildasin

In memory of Sarah Wildasin

Barb Williams

In memory of Tom Williams

Dave & Sue Wise

In honor of Sue's parents, John and Loma Slike

In honor of their grandson, Grant Barcaro



PRAYER LIST

FOR HEALING

Tom Grzybowski	Jesse Landis	Lisa Nelson
Jess Barcaro	Harry Musselman	Sam King
Connie Alsedek	Joe Adams	Mary Zimmerman
Marvin Ruch	Kate Donnan	Bill Grove
Judie Ingersoll	Joan Mays	Holly Hoover
Kay Crawford	Barb Williams	
Sharon Carroll (Mother of Wilson Pipkin)		
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)		
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)		
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)		
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)		
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)		
Ernie Johnson (Friend of Barb Williams)		

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson	Lucy Davis	Betty Stoner
Arlene Miller	Deb McCartney	George Potts
Richard Heim and the extended Heim family		
Dawn Reinhart and the extended Reinhart family		
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)		
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)		
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)		
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)		
Dorothy Mattern (Mother of Denise Haun)		
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)		
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 Gorklaski	Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)	
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)		
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)		

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Today – Dave Wauls, Mary Gerlach	29 – Steve Haun
27 th – Connor Donnan	30 – Joan Mays
28 th – Deb Grube, Judy Brady, Floyd Weidler	1– Collin Donnan, Darlene Smeltz

MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers

Pastor

Music Director

Parish Administrator

Worship Technology Assistant

Lay Ministry Assistant

Council President

Council Vice President

Sextons

Assisting Minister

Reader 1

Reader 2

Reader 3

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Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown

John Landis

Anne Rankin

David Albin

Diane Gerlach

Adele King

Dave Dumeyer

Brian Bourassa (a.m.)

Tom Miller (p.m.)

Doug Rhoads

Bob Wildasin

Darrell Gerke

Lisa Nelson

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship

Christmas Eve Worship

Livestream & Recorded Link

Sunday Scholars Class (Parlor)

Wired Word Class (Zone)

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

December 24 @ 7 p.m.

http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

Note: There will be no class today or next Sunday.

Bible Study (Parlor)

Tuesdays @ 9 a.m.

Note: There will be no Bible Study on 12/27.

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