



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

First Sunday After Christmas

December 29, 2024

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: Christ Jesus lives as our substitute.

LITURGY: Morning Praise

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS While we are in the construction phase, the bathrooms that are functional are located in the East Foyer or down in the school hallway. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

OPENING OF SERVICE

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To Your Temple I Draw Near



1 To your tem - ple I draw near;
 2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled;
 3 While your glo - rious praise is sung,
 4 While the prayers of saints as - cend,
 5 While I lis - ten to your law,



Lord, I love to wor - ship here.
 I through Christ be - come your child.
 Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,
 God of love, to mine at - tend.
 Fill my soul with ho - ly awe



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word;
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace
 That my joy - ful soul may bless
 Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads;
 Till your gos - pel brings to me



Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.
 In your courts to seek your face.
 Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.
 Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.
 Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6 While your ministers proclaim
 Peace and pardon in your name,
 Through their voice, by faith, may I
 Hear you speaking from the sky.

7 From your house, when I return,
 May my heart within me burn,
 And at evening let me say,
 “I have walked with God today.”

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: GOTT SEI DANK DURCH ALLE WELT (77 77) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.

STAND



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



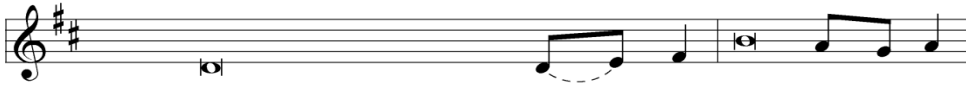
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



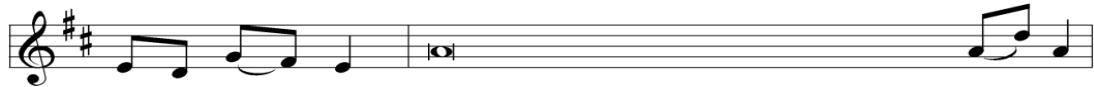
C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: (Advent) Behold the _____ King comes: let us wor - ship him.
 (Christmas) Unto us the _____ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.
 (Epiphany) The glory of Christ _____ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.
 (Lent) Behold the _____ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.
 (Easter) The Lord is _____ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.
 (Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord _____ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.
 (General) Praise be to God, the Father,
 the Son, and the Holy _____ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



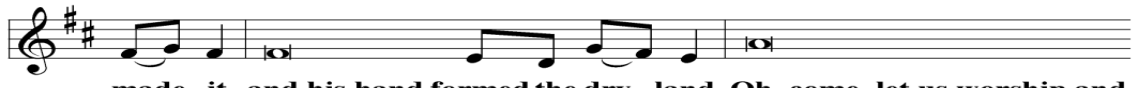
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



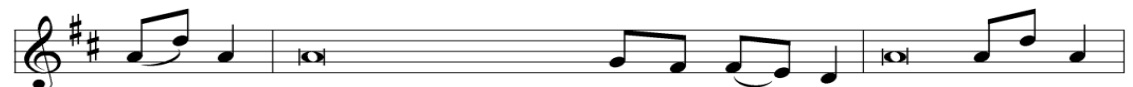
great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



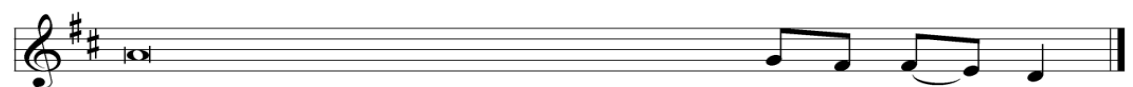
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸ But Samuel ministered before the LORD while he was still a young boy, dressed in a special vest made of linen. ¹⁹ His mother would make a little robe for him and bring it to him whenever she came up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD give you offspring from this woman in place of the son she asked for, whom she loaned to the LORD.” Then they would go back to their home.

²⁶ The young man Samuel continued to grow, and he increased in favor with both the LORD and with men. (EHV)

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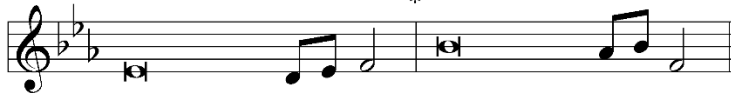


Sing to the Lord a new song, for



he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone



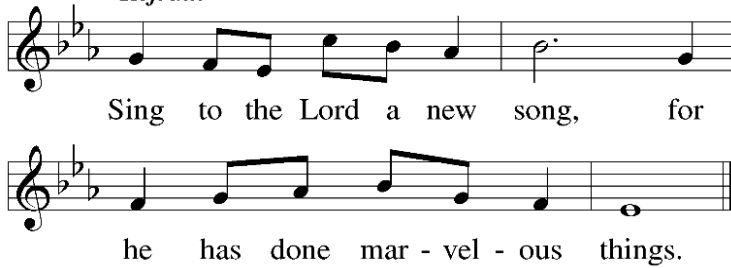
Great are the works of the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;*
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Refrain

Refrain



Psalm tone



The works of his hands are faithful and just;*
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;*
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ Certainly it was fitting for God (the one for whom and through whom everything exists), in leading many sons to glory, to bring the author of their salvation to his goal through sufferings. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified all have one Father. For that reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers. ¹² He says: I will declare your name to my brothers. Within the congregation I will sing your praise. ¹³ And again: I will trust in him. And again: Here I am and the children God has given me. ¹⁴ Therefore, since the children share flesh and blood, he also shared the same flesh and blood, so that through death he could destroy the one who had the power of death (that is, the Devil) ¹⁵ and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely he was not concerned with helping angels but with helping Abraham's offspring. ¹⁷ For this reason, he had to become like his brothers in every way, in order that he would be a merciful and faithful high priest in the things pertaining to God, so that he could pay for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Indeed, because he suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15a)

GOSPEL:

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. ⁴³ When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day’s journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, 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. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.” ⁴⁹ He said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father’s business?” ⁵⁰ They did not understand what he was telling them. ⁵¹ He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵² Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people. (EHV)

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 41

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

CHRISTMAS

41 Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his
2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine A ser - vant's
4 A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our
5 He serves that I a lord may be— A great ex -



high - est throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
form to take; In want and low - li - ness must die Who
flesh and blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His
change in - deed! Could Je - sus' love do more for me To



gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.
maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.
help me in my need, To help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door
Of paradise today.
The angel guards the gate no more;
To God our thanks we pay,
To God our thanks we pay.

Text: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.

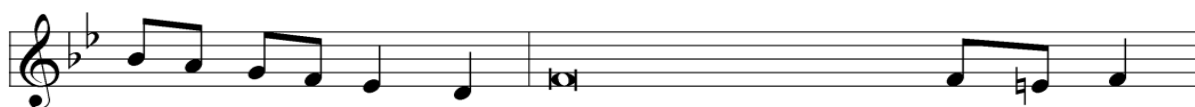
SERMON TEXT AND THEME: based on Hebrews 2:10-18

JESUS IS OUR BROTHER

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



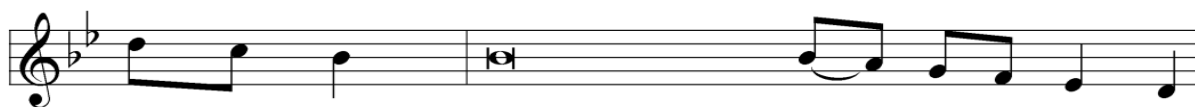
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



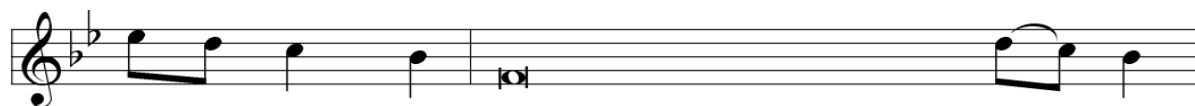
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



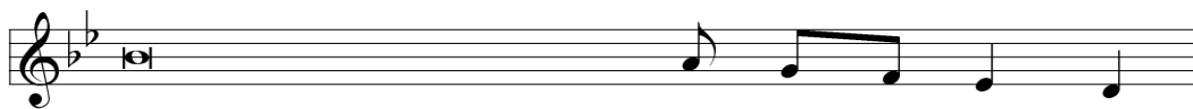
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



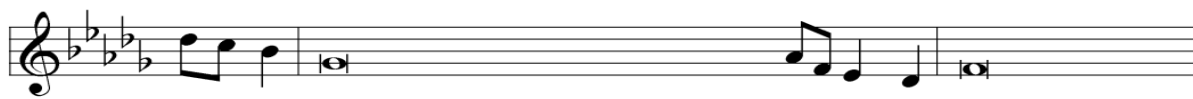
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



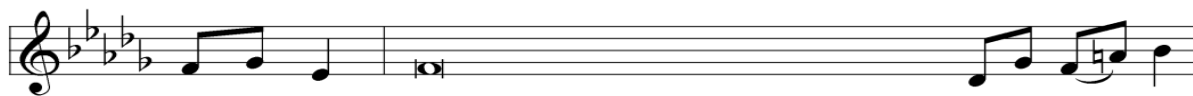
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

OFFERING: (Sunday Only) *The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.*

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: CWS 707

“Peace Came to Earth”

CHRISTMAS

707

Peace Came to Earth



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held
3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And
The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The
In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In
How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but
wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but
bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but
else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

Officers

Accompanist: Kayla Liechty

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

2024 Christmas Poinsettias



In Memory of . . .

In memory of our brother Bill Vitale and sister Thekla Schneider from Russ and Mona Vitale
In memory of loved ones from Ken and Gail Heusman
In memory of Dave Holsen and Arvin Schneck from Bryan and Deanna Schneck
In memory of Kenneth and Margaret Pitcher from Carol Pitcher
In memory of loved ones from Bari and Wendy Waltz
In memory of Becki Brasher and Birdie Duby (Paula's mom) from Mark and Paula Kipf
In memory of Gary Nied from Beth and family
In memory of Dannie M. Younglove, Hazel Younglove, and Annette Younglove
from Lee A. Younglove
In memory of Larry Miller and Tim Miller from Annette Miller and family
In memory of Roger & Della Premo and Frank & Evelyn Tomczak from Frank and Kris Tomczak
In memory of Adam, Muriel, and Richard Yeager from Tom and Ruth Moran
In memory of Rita Raasch, Jim & Norma Bechberger, and Harry and Frieda Raasch
from Howard Raasch and Juergen and Lorrie Koenig
In memory of parents Leonard and Leona Selvidge and Bobby Selvidge from Linda Selvidge
In memory of Ernest & Margaret Howerton and Urban & Mary Jane Trowbridge
from Robert and Joyce Trowbridge
In memory of Glen Eckel from Jackie Eckel
In memory of Lyle Kull, Kevin Kull, and Albert Kull from Maxine Kull

For Blessings Received . . .

Alan and Dottie Bober
Ray and Brenda Chandonnet
Jesus from Ray and Melanie Palmatier
Grandchildren from Larry and Deb Sachs
Linda Selvidge Family from Linda Selvidge
Sarah, Otto, Kirsten, Nigel and Zachariah from Jim and Kathy Vanisacker

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CALL UPDATE—The Members of Zion and St. Paul extended a call to Pastor John Moll. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates his call.

TWO IMPORTANT MEETINGS:

- 1) Special Voter's Meeting-**Today** at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the parking lot.
- 2) Preschool Director Call Meeting-Sunday, January 5th at 11:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Tuesday, December 31st at 6:00 p.m. there is going to be a family friendly fun night at Zion in the gymnasium to celebrate the new year. We ask everyone to bring a favorite snack, finger food or munchie to share. There will be pickleball, volleyball, cornhole, card games, board games, movies and other activities. Please come and join in on the fun.

STEWARDSHIP GIFT OF TIME OPPORTUNITY: Zion is in need of members who would be willing to input the attendance information into Church 360 following the service each week. Training will be provided and this is something that can be done from home. We hope that if we get five or six people to help it would have to be done once every month to month and a half. If interested, please reach out to Rob Krueger at 734-770-1149.

CHURCH ENVELOPES OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025 are available in the west foyer. The envelopes will be in alphabetic order. If you don't see your envelopes, please contact the office.

2024 CONTRIBUTIONS - The financial secretary will close the books for 2024 on December 31, 2024. To receive credit for 2024, all contributions must be received by that date.

ALTAR GUILD FOR 2025 — There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer for Altar Guild volunteers for 2025. We really do appreciate all the help we get through the year with this service of love. If you haven't ever done Altar Guild, please consider helping out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: In the East foyer Friends in Faith is now selling greeting cards for \$1.00 each. There are different occasion cards available. The money raised from the sales is going towards future Friends in Faith projects, such as the Kleenex box ministry project and other shut in projects they do throughout the year.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service
	NO Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 a.m. Special Voter's Meeting
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Celebration
Wednesday	NO Evening Worship Service
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)
	10:15 a.m. Sunday School or Bible Class

January Volunteers

	Jan. 1 & 5	Jan. 8 & 12	Jan. 15 & 19	Jan. 22 & 26	Jan. 29 & Feb. 2
Altar Guild			NEED VOLUNTEER		
Live Stream Helpers					
Ushers	<p><u>Jan. 1</u> No Service</p> <p><u>Jan. 5</u> Dave Bengé Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>Jan. 8</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p> <p><u>Jan. 12</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner</p>	<p><u>Jan. 15</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p> <p><u>Jan. 19</u> Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick</p>	<p><u>Jan. 22</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p> <p><u>Jan. 26</u> Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier</p>	<p><u>Jan. 29</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling</p> <p><u>Feb. 2</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling</p>
Communion Helpers	<p><u>Jan. 5</u> Alan Bober Mark Kipf</p>		<p><u>Jan. 15</u> Ken Vagt</p> <p><u>Jan. 19</u> Jeremy Robinson Ray Palmatier</p>		<p><u>Jan. 29</u> Alan Bober</p> <p><u>Feb. 2</u> Erich Freiny Ron Krueger</p>