



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS DAY ~ DECEMBER 25, 2022

~ ORDER OF SERVICE ~

Opening Hymn: *CW 55 (vs. 1-3)*

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

All sing: 1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
 Oh, come ye, oh, come, ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold him, Born the King of angels.
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Women sing: 2. God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,
 Born of a virgin, to earth he comes,
 Only begotten Son of God the Father.
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Men sing: 3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
 Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above.
 Glory to God, all Glory in the highest.
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Stand

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

M: On this holy day, dear Father, we rejoice to hear the good news of great joy that a Savior has been born for us. For fulfilling your prophecies and in the fullness of time sending your Son to be our Savior, we give you our heartfelt thanks and praise.

C: Unto us a child is born! Unto us a Son is given!

M: What a great mystery of our faith this is: that God has become fully human for our salvation! Even though he is the all-powerful Lord of all, he is wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

C: Help us always believe that this precious child was born as our substitute to be our Savior.

M: In the midst of our joy, we grieve for the many people in our world who do not know that Jesus has come to bring them forgiveness and healing. As the shepherds spread abroad the good news of the birth of the Savior born for all the world, may we also make use of the unique opportunities this holiday presents to tell others of what we have seen and heard concerning the child.

C: Grant that the true peace between God and fallen mankind may comfort all people.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: As the angels sang out their praise, move us also to sing out our praise to you, today and every day, as the joy of Christmas remains in our hearts.

C: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

1st Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Hymn: *CW 2 (vs. 1-3)*

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

**1. Savior of the nations, come; Virgin’s Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.**

**2. Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh, Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.**

**3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child Of the virgin undefiled.
Though by all the world disowned, Yet to be in heav’n enthroned!**

2nd Reading

Matthew 1:18-23

Hymn: *CW 23 (vs. 1-3)*

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

**1. Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**2. Oh, come, O Root of Jesse, free Your own from Satan’s tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save, And bring them vict’ry o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**3. Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!**

Hymn: *CW 42 (vs. 1-3)*

“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

1. Come, your hearts and voices raising,
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing his love amazing,
Worthy folk of Christendom.

2. See how God, for us providing,
Gave his Son and life abiding;
He our weary steps is guiding
From earth’s woe to heav’n; y joy.

3. Christ, from heav’n to us descending
And in love our race befriending,
In our need his help extending,
Saved us from the wily foe.

Hymn: *CW 65 (vs. 1 & 3)*

“Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem”

1. Oh little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep And dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

3. How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav’n.
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Sermon Text:

Isaiah 9:6 & 7

⁶For to us a child is born. To us a son is given. The authority to rule will rest on his shoulders. He will be named: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷There will be no limit to his authority and no end to the peace he brings. He will rule on David's throne and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from now on, into eternity. The zeal of the LORD of Armies will accomplish this. (EHV)

Sermon Theme:

“HE WILL BE NAMED . . .”

Hymn: *CW 34 (vs. 1-3)*

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

- 1. Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!**

- 2. Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto thee! Draw me unto thee!**

- 3. Now through his Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.
Death o'er us reigned Through sin and vanity;
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!**

5th Reading

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn: *CW 38 (vs. 1-3)*

“From Heaven Above To Earth I Come”

1 “From heav’n above to earth I come To bear good news to ev’ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:

2 “To you this night is born a child Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.

3 “This is the Christ, our God most high, Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will himself your Savior be From all your sins to set you free.

6th Reading

Luke 2:15-20

Zion Church Choir: *CW 54 (vs. 1-4)*

“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”

Lord’s Prayer

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.

BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look on you with favor ☩ and give you peace.

C (sung): AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.

Closing Hymn by Congregation: *CW 55 (vs. 4)*

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

**4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv’n.
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Officiants:

Accompaniment: Miller Sordahl

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Preacher: Pastor Ross Ulrich

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BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Dear Members of Zion,

Did you know that we have a capital campaign going on RIGHT NOW?

Within the past 14 months Zion has received two estate gifts totaling approximately \$80,000 and an additional \$25,000 through member offerings. These donations have helped seed a couple exciting projects and complete others. A list of projects that have been completed include:

- New furniture has been purchased for the west foyer (some furniture still pending delivery)
- A new security system has been installed. This project included the installation of multiple cameras on the property, both inside and outside of the building, a keyless entry system, and more
- Generator backup switches have been installed on each church own parsonage/teachorage
- Professional design services for handicap bathroom remodeling plans
- Miscellaneous repairs to church owned properties

Here is a list of projects that will be approved **as the funds are available**. It is important to note that the current plan is to only pursue these projects once funds are collected through the capital campaign. This will remain true unless the repair becomes urgent or emergency in nature.

- A major update to the restrooms to make them handicap accessible
- A backup generator allowing worship services and school to continue during times without power
- Repair and/or replacement of the roof

These are all very exciting projects that will serve Zion well for many years. As you consider a year end gift , please consider giving to these important projects and **mark your donations as “Capital Campaign”**.

Thank you for your support as Zion undertakes some large and much needed projects.

Sincerely, Board of Stewardship

THE BOARD OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP is planning to hold a marriage retreat in March 17-19, 2023. WELS Pastor Randy Hunter will lead the discussions. We would start on Friday evening and run through Sunday at noon. A worship service will be conducted on Sunday morning. We need to get an approximate number of persons who would attend. If you sign up, it does not mean you are locked into attending. We are trying to make the best arrangements for rooms and meeting rooms. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Vagt.

SECURITY UPDATE: Zion Church Council has decided that starting on **Sunday, January 8th** for security reasons they will be locking the school door entrance at 9:10 a.m. If you get to church after 9:10 a.m. please use the other church entrances. Thank you.

COMING UP AT ZION

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Service NO Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class
Wednesday	NO Worship Service
Sun., Jan. 1	9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC) NO Sunday School, Youth Group and Adult Bible Class

2022 Christmas Poinsettias In Memory of . . .



In memory of Stanley Gautz from Mary Lou Gautz

In memory of our parents, Russell & Madeline Vitale, and Roland & Frances Hoenecke
from Russ and Mona Vitale

In memory of our sister, Barbara Naumann from Jim and Kathy Vanisacker

In memory of Thomas Fitzgibbon from Barb Fitzgibbon and family

In memory of loved ones from Ken and Gail Heusman

In memory of David C. Holsen 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 Millins, Shackleys, and Ulrichs from Pastor Ross and Cindy Ulrich

In memory of Frank & Sarah Cole and Lyman & Viola Baumann from Marvin and Jean Baumann

In memory of Gary Nied from Beth and family

In memory of Dannie M. Younglove and other family that have passed from Lee A. Younglove

In memory of Larry Miller from Annette Miller and family

In memory of Tim Miller from Annette Miller and family

In memory of our parents: Frank & Evelyn Tomczak and Roger & Della Premo
from Frank and Kris Tomczak

In memory of Jan & Tim Smith, and Jerry Smith from Jeff and Mary Smith

In memory of Ken & Mary Lou Joyce, and Gerald & Linda Joyce from Barb and Chuck McMullen

In memory of Poppa Dahl from Gary and Sue Moore and family

In memory of Walter and Mary Henrich from Joe and Ruthanne Elmer

In memory of loved ones from Carol Eshelman and family

In memory of Leonard and Leona Selvidge and Robert Selvidge from Linda C. Selvidge

In memory of Jim and Charon Beeler from Brad and Cheri Baumann

In memory of Ernest & Margaret Howerton and Urban & MaryJane Trowbridge
from Robert and Joyce Trowbridge

In memory of Frederick Peters from Ruth Ann Peters

In memory of Peggy Lanagan from family

In memory of Lyle Kull, Kevin Kull, and Kristie Fultz from Maxine Kull

For Blessing Received



For blessings received of family from Marvin and Jean Baumann

For blessings received from Joe and Cindy Koch

For blessings received of grandchildren from Larry and Debbi Sachs

For blessings received from Alan and Dorothy Bober

For the blessings of 41 years of marriage from Ray and Melanie Palmatier

For blessings received of family from Bryan and Deanna Schneck

For blessings received of family from Linda C. Selvidge

For blessings received of the birth of our first grandson from Brad and Cheri Baumann

For blessings received of retirement of 49 years and God always with me from Marie Laura

For blessings received from the Wozniak and Ortiz family

For blessings received from the Sitzman family

For blessings received from Carlene Clem

For blessings received of family, friends, and health from Jim and Sally Pritchett

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

	Jan. 1	Jan. 4 & 8	Jan. 11 & 15	Jan. 18 & 22	Jan. 25 & 29
ALTAR GUILD					
LIVE STREAM HELPERS					
USHERS	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jan. 1</u> Joe Koch Dave Benge Joe Schmeling</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jan. 8</u> Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Alan Bober</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jan. 11</u> Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Alan Bober</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jan. 15</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jan. 22</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jan. 25</u> Russ Vitale Keith McBee Mark Kipf</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jan. 29</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny</p>
COMMUNION HELPERS					