

# Zion Lutheran Church



Second Midweek Advent  
Service  
December 7, 2016

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MIDWEEK SERVICE.** Please join us again next week for Advent Midweek service. Come early at 6:00pm and have dinner here!
- **2016 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM...** WHO: Zion family and friends WHAT: Come hear and encourage our youngest believers as they share the Gospel in "*S is for Savior*" WHERE: Zion Sanctuary WHEN: Sunday, December 11, 1 PM WHY: O come, let us adore Him!
- **LUNCH IS SERVED:** Prior to the Children's Christmas Program and immediately following the second service on December 11th, you are joyfully invited to join us for a pizza/subs/salad lunch with a homemade CHRISTMAS COOKIE STATION! Kindly RSVP in the narthex by Dec. 4th.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** leaders are needed for the January Sunday school unit "Jesus is Baptized". Available stations include: Art, Cookery, Games, Science, and Spiritual Practices. A helper for the preschool group is also needed. Please email [sundayschool@zxcb.org](mailto:sundayschool@zxcb.org) to sign up.
- **OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available in the back of the church. Please take your envelopes. Any questions please see Nancy Klemash.
- **WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.
- **BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!
- **CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)
- **NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.
- **TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zxcb.org/sermons](http://www.zxcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

## Welcome To Worship

This advent we are focusing on the coming of Christ. Last week we focused on Jesus as "the one who is to come". This week we focus on what Jesus was coming to do. For this, we look early in the Gospel of Luke, following the Virgin Mary as she learns what God will do with her and the wonderful baby she will carry in her womb. God went outside the normal means of human reproduction, outside of the created order to bring His Son into the world. Imagine the reaction of Mary, a virgin, to the angel Gabriel's words!

We will avoid the birth story of Jesus again tonight, and again it will be by design. We don't want to leapfrog the Old Testament of the beginning of the Gospels in our zeal to get to the work of our savior. Lest this advent series strike you as too focused on the past, next week we will talk about how Jesus comes, even today, to you and me. May God bless your worship this evening!

-Vicar Joshua

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**ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

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# The Service of the Word

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

## *Prelude*

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

## *Opening Hymn: Hymn Sing (Concluding with LSB 338)*

## *Opening Versicles*

Vicar: O Lord, open my lips.

**People: And my mouth will declare your praise.**

Vicar: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**People: Make haste to help me, O Lord. 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.**

## *Kyrie-LSB 152*

V In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

V Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

## *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

V The Lord be with you

**C And also with you**

V Let us pray... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

V The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

### **First Reading:**

### **1 Samuel 2:1-10**

And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord;  
my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation. "There is none holy like the Lord:  
for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.  
Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength.  
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were  
hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes  
rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,  
and on them he has set the world. "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man  
prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the  
earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

## **Second Reading:**

**Luke 1:39-56**

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

## ***Advent Responsory (please stand)***

V Stir up your strength, o Lord, and come

**C To reign over Your people Israel**

V I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

**C Stir up your strength, o Lord, and come. 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.**

V The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the First Chapter.

**C Glory to You O Lord.**

**Gospel Reading:**

**Luke 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

V This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

***Sermon***

***The Apostles' Creed***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead.  
    He ascended into heaven  
    and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
    From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
    the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
    the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
    and the life everlasting. Amen.

***The Collection of the Offering***

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by.

***Communal Prayer***

This evening we will open up the floor for prayer requests. Vicar will begin with several petitions and then we will continue with a period of silence. During the silence, you may voice your petition saying For \_\_\_\_\_ and concluding "let us pray to the Lord i.e. "For Mark, that his cancer would be healed, let us pray to the Lord". The congregation will respond "Lord have mercy". If two people talk at the same time, one person will stop and continue with the next petition.

C ... let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V for these and for all our needs of body and soul let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**



## ***The Lord's Prayer***

V Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

## ***Benedicamus***

V: Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

## ***Benediction***

V The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C **Amen.**

***The Recessional: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*** 348

## ***Postlude***

### **† *Service Participants* †**

Vicar:

Joshua Ulm

Music Director:

Mark Killinger

The Organist:

Sandra Quinlan

The Elders:

John Gielarowski & Mike Sterba

The Ushers:

Debbie Ford, Dale Miller (8:00)

Barb & Wayne Oechslein

Vince Kimberland, Bill Koester (10:30)

Mike Wallace & Chuck LaJeunesse

Altar Guild:

Janet & Marian Oelschlager

# S is for Savior

2016 Children's Christmas Program and Luncheon  
(Pizza, Subs, Salad, & Christmas Cookie Table)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**Luncheon immediately following second service  
Program (Sanctuary) 1:00PM**

**Kindly RSVP for luncheon on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.**



**COME WATCH YOUR ZION FAMILY'S YOUNGEST  
SHARE THE GOSPEL!**

**They will remember you came... some, all their lives !**