

# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*New Year's Eve  
Service*

*December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Klemash family in Memory of loved ones and also by Paul & Terry Hayes in Honor of their parents.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is dedicated to the Glory of God.
- **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@zlcb.org](mailto:sundayschool@zlcb.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. The envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you do not find a box of envelopes in your name, and are a member, and want envelopes to use for your offerings, please let Nancy know. And, if you have been contributing using the **online** system only, and do not desire physical envelopes, please let Nancy know.
- **SEAMLESS BIBLE STUDY** for Teen girls – 7<sup>th</sup> grade & up starting Sunday Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45 am. Sign up sheet is in the narthex or email Katie Gielarowski – [sundayschool@zlcb.org](mailto:sundayschool@zlcb.org)
- **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.
- **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.
- **TONIGHT'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

Welcome to Worship!

As Christians, we have double the fun. As we follow through the church calendar, we celebrate the New (church) Year as we go into December, just before the start of Advent. Now we celebrate the New Year again, beginning a new calendar year with those around us. In both celebrations we have the opportunity to rejoice in the faithfulness of our loving God and to look forward to the day when we live with Him forever.

Tonight we gather as God's people, looking forward to the New Year. We look back on the past year and give thanks to God for the blessings he has given us, for the challenges he has brought us through, and for the fact that he has preserved us in the true faith for another year. We look forward as well, trusting in the promises of god and taking a good hard look at how we can continue to serve our Lord in this next year.

May God bless you as you worship and throughout the New Year!

-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 Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray together

**All: Almighty and everlasting God, we ask You to bless this hour of worship. As we recall the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus, renew our faith in You, and increase our love for one another. Guide us with the Word of Truth, and feed us with the Bread of Life. Accept our prayers and praises through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**      O God, Our Help in Ages Past      *LSB 733 vs. 1-3*

### *The Invocation*

Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### *The Sharing of the Peace*

V The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

### ***THEME OF THE DAY***

Today's worship service is a fitting start to the New Year. We will be using familiar songs and readings from all the different seasons. Seldom do we get to see the whole picture. Hopefully, the colors, the readings, and the songs will enrich our understanding of the blessings of God reflected in the church year.

***THE ADVENT SEASON ~ The color is Light Blue.***

The Advent season is a time of hope-filled preparation for the coming of the Messiah. The verse we just sang dates all the way back to the 12th century, at the time of the Crusades. During the four weeks before Christmas, we will not only use more recent customs like the Advent wreath and candles, but also join with God's people throughout the ages who read words of hope and expectation from the prophet Isaiah while they waited for God to come to their rescue. Listen to the reading from Isaiah 35.

**Old Testament Reading:****Isaiah 35**

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

***THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ~ The color is White***

The Christmas season technically begins at 12 midnight on December 24, Christmas Eve, and lasts for 12 days (hence the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"). Although the first Christmas carols are already ringing through the stores, the church has traditionally limited its use of carols before



## ***THE TRANSFIGURATION***

During Epiphany, we recall Jesus' Baptism, His miracles, the call of His disciples, and finally, the Transfiguration of Jesus...on a mountain...before the very eyes of Peter, James, and John...and suddenly they see Him for who He really is.

***Transfiguration Hymn: O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair***  
*LSB 413 v. 1-3*

## ***THE LENTEN SEASON ~ The color is Purple***

During Lent we use the royal purple to focus our attention on the price Jesus paid to become our Glorious King for all ages—the price of death on the cross. Lent is actually a “40 day fast” before the celebration of Easter. Beginning on Ash Wednesday with the custom of applying oil and ashes to the forehead in sorrowful repentance for our sins, Lent is an excellent time to think about our Lord's death and what it means for us. Our reading comes from Luke.

### **New Testament Reading: Luke 23:33-38.**

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

## ***GOOD FRIDAY ~ The color is Black.***

After being arrested, Jesus is tried and beaten. He is then led to Golgotha and is crucified. After six hours of suffering on the cross Jesus dies for our sins.

***Good Friday Hymn:***    *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

*LSB 451 v.1,3.*

## ***THE EASTER SEASON ~ The color is White.***

Jesus died on the cross; God raised Him from the dead on the third day. Our celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday is the high point of the Church Year. Listen to 1 Corinthians. Let us praise our Risen Lord.

**New Testament Reading:**                    **1 Corinthians 15:19-20**

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

***Easter Hymn:***        *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

*LSB 457 v.1,4.*

## ***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.





**New Testament Reading:****Romans 13:3-8**

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**Hymn:**            *Let us ever walk with Jesus*

*LSB 685*

**Sermon****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.**

**† *Service Participants* †**

Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Neil Ackerman
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager



Operation:  
Bags of Love

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Help support our  
troops!

Last year, we sent **264** bags of love to American troops in Afghanistan, Korea and Greenland.

### Help make our 5<sup>th</sup> year the BEST EVER.

Your mission? Bring the following items and place in one of the Operation Stars and Stripes collection boxes:

**Ramen Noodles**  
**Drink Mix Singles** (Propel, Coffee, etc.)  
Snack sized packages of **Granola Bars**  
Snack sized packages of **Jerky** or **Slim Jims**  
**Chewing Gum**  
Gallon-sized **ZipLok** Bags

Other ways you can help:

Monetary donations to help with shipping costs (*make checks payable to Zion Lutheran church and label "OSS"*)

Write a **Letter of Encouragement** to a soldier. Must be written on provided letterhead.

Draw a **Picture** on our Operation: Bags of Love drawing page.

**Pray for our troops.**

Help Sunday school kids assemble items on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.

(Letterhead and drawing pages are available in the Narthex, school lobby and on the Sunday school tab at [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org).)

### Collections begin Sunday, December 11th

Thank you for your donations!  
~Zion Lutheran Sunday school

For more information about Operation: Stars and Stripes, Inc., please visit their website at [www.operationstarsandstripes.com](http://www.operationstarsandstripes.com).