

Zion Lutheran Church



December 17th, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Megan Richards in Memory of her mother, Luella Rilius.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...is from **Carolyn Wible** John 14:27 NIV Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

TODAY is the Sunday School Christmas **PARTY** and last Sunday School gathering of the year! **COME CELEBRATE** with friends, food, and fun!

BIBLE STUDIES during the week will be cancelled until after the New Year. This includes Wednesday evening bible study, Thursday morning bible study and Saturday morning Men's Bible Breakfast.

YOUTH GROUP LOCK IN! Join us on January 5th -6th for a Youth Lock In. This event is for kids grades 6-12th. Drop off Friday the 5th at 6:00pm (dinner will be served) and pick up Saturday the 6th at 8:00 am. Contact Michele & Mike Wallace with any questions! mikeandmichelewallace@gmail.com

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.

STAY CONNECTED with all that is going on at church. If your address, phone number or email address change please let the secretaries know at secretary@zlc.org

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.zlc.org/sermons



Baptism of Esther Joanne Ma (8:00am)



P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

P Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

**C Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to
| folly.**

**Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.**

Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
 and our land will yield its | increase.
 Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
 and make his foot- | steps a way.
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
 and grant us your sal- | vation.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

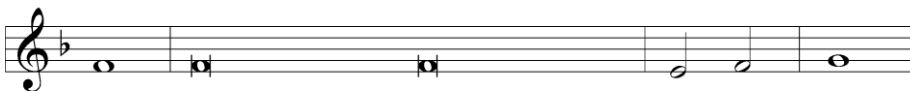


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are

you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn – Prepare the Royal Highway

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Sermon

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

8:00am Service – Adult Choir – Advent Alleluia

10:30am Service – Children’s Choir – Hart the Glad Sound

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. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord in your mercy.

G Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



G We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

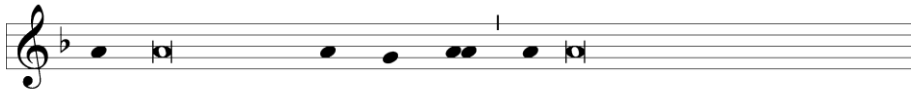
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth

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.**

The Words of Our Lord



P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My [†] bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

My † blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
 This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

G A - men.

Agnus Dei

G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



Sharing of Peace

Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.

We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.

We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.

We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

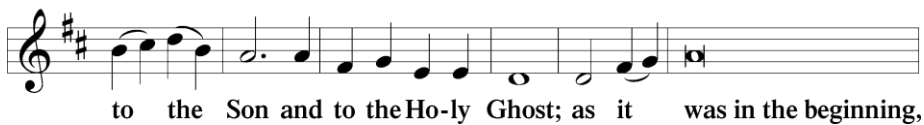
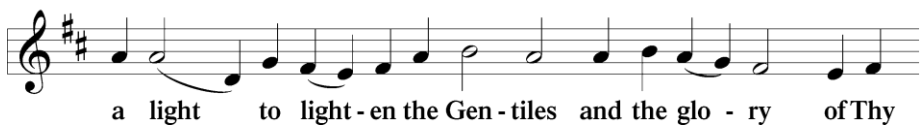
Son of God, Eternal Savior 842

The Body, Given for Me, O Savior 619

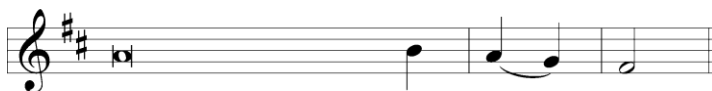
Jesus Comes Today with Healing 620

Nunc Dimittis





Thanksgiving



P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus



A Bless we the Lord.

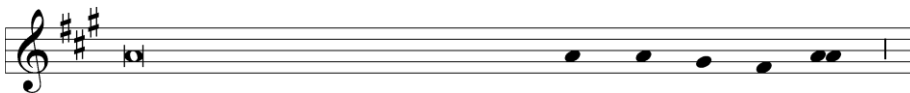


G Thanks be to God.

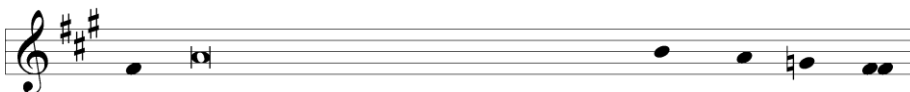
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn – Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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Prayer Request for Family & Friends

The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.

-Healing for: Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Dave Hutula, Ron Lyons, Vince Miller, Beatrice Decker, Ryan McCaffrey, and Bonnie Lewis.

-For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

The World:

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For those affected by the recent hurricanes.

- For godly care of the earth.

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski
The Acolyte:	Ava Pasquini (8:00) Bella Bonacci (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bill & Melanie Becker (8:00) Marian & Janet Oelschlager (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, (8:00) Ron Meier & Jack Oelschlager Kari & John Gresh (10:30) Dwight & Andy Weldon
Altar Guild:	Janet Oelschlager & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Adele Goodge & Carrie Lemonovich

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (12/10) – 209

Midweek Advent Worship - (12/13) - 32

Sunday Offering (12/10) - \$4,445.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~



Acknowledgments

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December 17th - December 24th

<p>SUNDAY 12/17</p> 	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM – Sunday School Christmas Party 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 2:00 PM – Christmas Concert – Choir & Bells</p>
<p>MONDAY 12/18</p>	<p>6:00 PM – First Year Confirmation 7:00 PM – Second Year Confirmation</p>
<p>TUESDAY 12/19</p>	<p>6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 8:00 PM – Faith Bell Choir</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 12/20</p>	<p>6:00 PM – Advent Dinner 7:00 PM –Advent Service</p>
<p>THURSDAY 12/21</p>	
<p>FRIDAY 12/22</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 12/23</p>	<p>9:30 AM – Men’s Choir Practice</p>
<p>SUNDAY 12/24</p>	<p>10:00AM – Worship w/ Communion 7:00 PM –Christmas Eve Service</p>
<p>MONDAY 12/25</p> 	<p>10:00AM – Worship w/ Communion</p>



Advent/Christmas Concert
TODAY: 12-17-2017 @ 2:00pm
Concert Features Ministry Ensembles:
Adult Choir, Men's Choir
Faith Ringers, Grace Ringers
Audience will sing Christmas Hymns
Free will offering to benefit Music Ministry



2017 Zion Annual Children's Christmas Program

And It Came to Pass...

A Presentation of the Jesse Tree

Sunday, December 10, 1 PM



**CONGRATULATIONS, WELL DONE, and THANK YOU,
for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ so beautifully!**

READERS:

Jack Bishop (6th gr.), Pippa Carter (Kind.), Sam Bishop (4th gr.), Kate Lemonovich (3rd gr.),

Claire Lemonovich (3rd gr.), Decklan Pasquini (3rd gr.), Max Gresh (6th gr.), Luke Lemonovich (5th gr.),

Stone Oechslein (3rd gr.), Joshua Grimenstein (5th gr.), Will Schrag (4th gr.), Christian Bonacci (3rd gr.),

Lizzie Lemonovich (3rd gr.), John Lemonovich (3rd gr.), Aiden Dill (5th gr.), Isabella Bonacci (6th gr.),

Carly Garrubba (5th gr.), Callista Chilcott (1st gr.), Lindsey Liberatore (2nd gr.), Lauren Liberatore (6th gr.)

ORNAMENT BEARERS:

ANGELS: Brooke Glasser (3 yrs.), Lexi Meyer (3 yrs.), Lily Oechslein (5 yrs.), Emily Trentini (6 yrs.), Claire Schrag (6 yrs.)

SHEEP: Rex Carter (4 yrs.), Roland Chilcott (5 yrs.), Dominic Dibert (4 yrs.), Samuel Trentini (4 yrs.)

SHEPHERD: Aidan Dibert (7 yrs.)

MARY: Madison Killinger (5 yrs.)

JOSEPH: Lucas Dill (6 yrs.)

MAGI: Jeremy Dyczewski (7 yrs.), Michael Dyczewski (7 yrs.), Daniel Grimenstein (7 yrs.)

ANNOUNCERS: John Garrubba (7th gr.), Alex Yellig (7th gr.)

STAGE GUIDES: Sarah Grimenstein (7th gr.), Ava Pasquini (7th gr.)

THANK YOU to the production team and all who assisted with rehearsals, ornament workshops, costumes, music, luncheon preparation and service....
and to parents, grandparents, and audience members for encouraging these children in the faith!



Jesus Christ is Lord!

Merry Christmas and God's Peace

from the ZION Sunday School!



Operation: Bags of Love



Help support our troops!

Last year, we sent **510** bags of love to American troops in Afghanistan, Korea and Greenland.

Help make our 6th year the BEST EVER!

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

- Kind Bars or Healthy Grains Cluster Bars
- Drink Mix Singles (Coffee is a favorite!)
- Snack sized packages of Jerky or Slim Jims
- Snack sized packages of Oreos
- Chewing Gum
- Travel-sized Toothpaste
- Toothbrush (Individually wrapped)
- 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 **THANK YOU** note 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 18th at 9:15am.

(Thank You Notes and drawing pages are available in the Narthex, school lobby and on the Sunday school webpage at www.zlcb.org.)

Collections are underway! Donate today!

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.org.