



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Day Worship Service
Dec. 25 at 9 AM

Winter Worship Schedule
Saturdays at 5 PM
Sundays at 8 AM & 10:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:15 AM

ZION CHOIR

Andrew Bengston, Amanda Born Bernath, Wendy Born, Bob Bartelt, Hugh Bruecker,
Marilyn Chizzo, Karen Childs, Marilee Duquaine, Deborah Maier, Joyce Phalen,
Winnie Preston, Nancy Schultz, Randy Steffen, Nancy Syndergaard,
Alan & Marge Wichmann, and Jill Sousek ~ Director.

JOYFUL RINGERS

Dawn Brock, Karen Childs, Noreen Christianson, Marilyn Dahl, Gail Hoffman,
Barb Hoppe, Winnie Preston, Joni Shebuski, Randy Steffen, Becky Van Buren,
and Jill Sousek ~ Director.

*As you leave, kindly place your candles on the designated table in the Narthex.
Thank you!*

MERRY
Christmas 



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A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Pastor Scott Ludford, Sr. Pastor | **Jill Sousek**, Organist & Music Director | **Kay Kristof**, Admin. Asst.
Kristin WhiteHorse, Family & Youth Director | **Nancy Schultz**, Health & Wellness Coordinator
Randy Steffen, Worship Coordinator | **Ann Johnson**, Custodian | **John Phalen**, Maintenance

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SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!





P R E L U D E

MUSIC — *Christmas Carols* ~ Jill Sousek, piano [3:30 PM]
— *Hark! The Harold Angels Sing:*
A Celebration of Christmas ~ Joyful Ringers [5:30 PM]

VIDEO — *Mary Did You Know?*

PROCESSION OF LIGHT

HYMN #283 — *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

T H E W O R D

READER: On a long winter evening, we gather to proclaim the coming of the Light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ’s birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, “Glory to God in the highest.” Amid our broken world, we proclaim that the prince is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh – in Christ’s body and blood – so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

PEOPLE: Lord, hear the cries of your people. We stumble in the darkness of our sin. We fear what we cannot see. Our lives, hopes, joys, and our very beings have been consumed in blackness.

PASTOR: *Isaiah 59:9:* Therefore, justice is far from us, and the righteousness does not reach us; we wait for light, and lo! There is darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

READER: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

P O I N S E T T I A S



- In Honor of:*
- Aunt Dora Slang [100 years old on Dec. 23] We love you!.. Lisa Onesti
 - Of Christ our Savior Debra & Scott Ludford
 - ZION Volunteers Mike & Dorothy Eidahl
 - Wee Care Workers Bonnie Wolf
 - ZION Office Staff Karen Childs
 - Jill Sousek..... Joyful Ringers
 - Jill Sousek..... ZION Choir
 - Joyce Phalen & Thanksgiving Dinner Crew Donna Davis
 - Eileen Ebel..... Dan & Diane Flessert
- In Loving Memory of:*
- Our Parents Debra & Scott Ludford
 - Pam Bruecker Hugh Bruecker
 - Mary Bjelland, Ellen Bjelland Brian & Jenny Hanson family
 - Our parents: Harold & Margaret Peterson,
Bill & Doris Steichen..... Bob & Geri Steichen
 - Eileen, Cliff & Danny Elertson The Elertson family
 - Marian Teckam..... Mike & Melody Boyd
 - Our Parents: Clyde & Dagmer (nee Olson) Olesen
and Our Grandparents: Olga & Pete Olson..... Bonnie Neumann & family
and Gene Olesen & family
 - Marian Teckam..... Mike & Melody Boyd
 - Jessica Robin & Samuel John Larry & Linda Trevarthen
 - Elmer & Florine Hoppe..... Gene & Barb Hoppe
 - Dorothy “Dot” Odden Shawano Friends
 - Willy & Rose Fritz (Dan’s Mom & Dad) Dan & Joy Fritz
 - Gordon Holten Marilyn Holten & family
 - Leo Wilharm..... Mary Ann Wilharm-Rudie,
Wendy Nead family & Dan Wilharm family
 - Ted Rudie..... Mary Ann Wilharm-Rudie,
Paul & Linda Rudie family
& Dennis & Leanne Rudie family
 - Lewis & Janice Schultz, Warren & Marge Sperberg..... Jill Sousek
 - Rita Trinko Diane Rugalski
 - Kenneth Rosenow Marcalene Rosenow
 - Randy Rosenberg Maynard & Annette Rosenberg
 - Steve Johnson, Chuck Vraney..... Ginny & Dick Vraney
 - Glenn & Ann Behnke, Clarence & Eva Schultz..... Dennis & Nancy Schultz
 - Gary DeFere & Doris, Joseph & Harry Rohr Joanne M. DeFere
 - Fred Peters, Roger & Ruth Miller..... Darrin, Ronda, Matthew,
Brandon & Lindsey Peters
 - Our Parents Dan & Diane Flessert
 - Donna Schultz From her loving family
 - Vern & Connie Birkholz, Erv & Grace Passon,
Dick & Donna Echtner, Lynn Waelchli..... Pete & Lori Hintz

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Most gracious God, we give you thanks that you have heard the cries of us, your children, lost in darkness. We joyously celebrate the birth of your Son, whom you sent to us to be our light and show us your way of life. Remember your people this night and always. Let the brilliance of your loving grace dispel the gloom and bleakness of our lives. And let the glow of your gospel glisten strongly in us so that we may be your light to the world. Remember those this evening that are in need of healing ... *and those we name in our hearts*. Keep those who travel these holiday days safe. In the name of your Son, our Savior and Light, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

MUSIC — *Joyful Tidings: A Christmas Medley* ~ ZION Choir [3:30 PM]
— *O Holy Night* ~ Becky Van Buren, vocalist [5:30 PM]

HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS — Jill Sousek

COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

HYMN #281 — *Silent Night, Holy Night!*

SENDING

BENEDICTION

HYMN #267 — *Joy to the World*

PASTOR: Go in joy! Fear the darkness no more!
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

PASTOR: He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

PEOPLE: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

MUSIC — *Advent Lullaby* ~ ZION Choir [3:30 PM]
— *Ukrainian Bell Carol* ~ Joyful Ringers [5:30 PM]

VERSICLE

PASTOR: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
PEOPLE: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
PASTOR: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has a light shined.
PEOPLE: We have beheld Christ’s glory ... glory as of the only Son from the Father.
PASTOR: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
PEOPLE: In him was life, and the life was the light of the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL — Luke 2:1-20

MUSIC — *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* ~ ZION Choir [3:30 PM]
— *A Winter’s Night, So Deep* ~ Joyful Ringers [5:30 PM]

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE — Pastor Scott Ludford

HYMN #290 — *Go Tell It On the Mountain*