



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Saturday, December 25, 2021
Christmas Day

Prelude
Tower Bells
Welcome
Announcements

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors. Those taking Communion are asked to fill out the “Communion” side (black print) of the card. Completed cards may also be left on the pew seat.

Opening Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379

Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

**His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

2 The LORD has made known his salvation;
**he has revealed his righteousness in the sight
of the nations.**

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and
faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the
earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
**make a joyful noise before the King, the
LORD!**

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

8 Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

9 before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

Kyrie (*Sing*)

LSB 152

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

This Is the Feast (*sing*)

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P: (*Sing*) The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

All: Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the pure Virgin. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 62:10-12 (*Sit*)

10 Go through, go through the gates;
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway;
clear it of stones;
lift up a signal over the peoples.

11 Behold, the LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion,
“Behold, your salvation comes;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”

12 And they shall be called The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD;
and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Titus 3:4-7

4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C: (*sing*) Glory to You, O Lord.

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*sing*) Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High*

LSB 368

Sermon The Shepherd Return Glorifying and Praising God

Nicene Creed

LSB 158 (*Inside back cover of hymnal*)

Offerings Brought Forward During Hymn for Offering (LSB 391)

**Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn,
A Savior unto us is born,
The Christ, the Lord of glory!
His lowly birth in Bethlehem
The angels from on high proclaim
And sing redemption's story!**

**My soul, extol
God's great favor;
Bless Him ever
For salvation;
Give Him praise and adoration!**

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who celebrate the incarnation, that the knowledge that their God reigns would cause them to lift up their voices and sing for joy, now and throughout the Church Year, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who publish peace and bring good news of happiness in Christ, that they would be kept faithful to declare His reign; and for all missionaries at home and abroad, that all the ends of the earth may see His salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For confidence to tell the joyful message of our Savior, just as Mary, Joseph and common shepherds first believed and proclaimed His incarnation, that the Holy Spirit may work the miracle of faith as He wills, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who administer and judge our laws in this land and for its citizens, that authority would be rightly honored and that we would be preserved from rulers who spurn God's calling to serve justly, show hostility to His truth or persecute His Church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who suffer sickness in mind or body, for the homebound and for all who ask our prayers, for _____; that God would grant them healing, peace, patience and faith that endures, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all communicants, that we may receive the great love of God that laid His Son in a manger and now lays His flesh and blood before us in bread and wine; and that we may bow our hearts before Him with all those in heaven and on earth who adore Him, receiving His forgiveness and life with repentance and joy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for the believers who have gone before us, especially those who have been with us during Christmases past and now live with Christ, that we may be confident in His promise of resurrection and eternal life and at last join them in His presence when His kingdom comes, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, the Word become flesh, the Savior of the nations, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God. Amen.

Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving (*sing*) LSB 160-161

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, 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, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things that are not seen. 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 (*sing*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord LSB 162

Pax Domini and Agnus Dei LSB 163

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (*sing*) Amen.**

**C: (*sing*) Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution *Continuous Line*

Distribution Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory* **LSB 367**

Distribution Hymn *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee* **LSB 632**

Distribution Hymn *Away in a Manger* **LSB 364**

(NOTE: The Pastor will commune the Communion Assistants and then the organist. Then those who commune in the pews will be served starting at the back of the church. Not all hymns/verses may be needed. Organist will play as needed.)

General Post-Communion Dismissal Blessing by Pastor

Thank the Lord (*sing*)

LSB 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

LSB 166

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: (*sing*) Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: (*sing*) Amen.

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

LSB 387

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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Zion Lutheran Church's Belief and Practice of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes again in glory.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study: Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f., 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; 11:17-34.

Sermon Notes – “Glorifying and Praising God for All They Had Seen and Heard.”

Luke 2:20

I. The shepherd’s response to the Gospel message from the angels:

- They _____ . “Let us go to Bethlehem and see...”
- The message was _____ to them. The message led them to take action
- They told _____. Why? It was all true and very good news for all.
- They glorified and praised God.

II. To Glorify and Praise...

- doxazo – to praise, to magnify, to celebrate, to give honor, to make renown (the “Doxology” – “Praise God from whom all blessings flow...”)
- By believing and taking action and telling others... they were saying and showing “these events and people are real and _____ to me.” *Telling others*
- aineo – to extol, to sing praises in honor of God, to recommend, to promise
- Telling God _____ that what is happening is wonderful.
- *Talking to God, “What are doing in my life is very good.”*

II. “Glorifying and praising God”

- The shepherds took no _____ for themselves. Everything that was happening was the goodness and love of God.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.