



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Education Hour 8:45 AM - Divine Worship 10:00 AM
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Sunday, December 24, 2022 – 1:00 pm
Christmas Eve Day

Prelude
Tower Bells
Welcome
Announcements

Visitors are welcome and 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.

Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.

Opening Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380

Confession and Absolution

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 sin 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 upon 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.

Hymn

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

LSB 390

1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth!

2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples!

4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

he is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

6 Splendor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth!

10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

12 let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

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

He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Kyrie (*speaking*) P: Lord, have mercy. C: Christ, have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

All: O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

3 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

4 For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in
battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

7 Of the increase of his government and of
peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**6 For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his
shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2nd chapter.

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

Apostles' Creed *(Inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

Sermon Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* **LSB 368**

Sermon "The Names of Baby Jesus Are Good News!" Isaiah 9:6

Hymn *Silent Night* **LSB 363**
Offering Brought Forward During Last Verse of Silent Night

Prayer of the Zion Lutheran Church
In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For true faith in Christ and His promise that by His conception, virgin birth, holy life, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, our sins are forgiven and we are His, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the love of God, that abiding in us and we in Him, we would grow in love toward one another and His love would be perfected in us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For joy and delight in proclaiming the glad tidings of Christ to all people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the families of our church and our country, that seeing how Christ took His place in the family of Mary and Joseph, we also would live faithfully as husbands and wives, loving and caring for our children and nurturing them in God's Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For good government, that God would move all those in authority to govern in service to the will of David's Son and Lord, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For generosity, that the Father who loves us and sent His Son as the propitiation for our sins would perfect His love in us to show kindness to those in need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely, sick, recovering or those near death, [*especially _____*], that they would be comforted and persevere in hope until He visits them with healing, relief, deliverance and peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We thank You, dear Lord, for the saints who received Your blessing of righteousness in Christ and now stand in the most holy place before Your throne. Preserve us by Your grace in the holiness of Christ, that we, too, may dwell in Your light and life for eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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In Our Prayers – Margaret Hesterman; Charlotte Rosebrock; Bernetta Saneholtz; Bill Reimund; Gary Rosebrock; Bryceton Bidlack; Keith Barth; Brad Miller; Don Wallace; James Wagenknecht; Joe DeFilippo; Kim Carreker; Darlene Myers; Andrew Wright; Mary Ellen Fedderke; Mary Steingass; Grace (niece of Kenia); Sue and Steve Hurst; Rick Hamlin; Brandy Nagel; Maveryc Breece; Heather Westrick (friend of Schroeder family); Gary Wessel; Jim Fedderke; Pastor Scheiwe; Pastor Sigmon; Ohio District President Dr. Kevin Wilson. *Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

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The Lord's Prayer
Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

LSB 387

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles
Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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