



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Sunday, December 25th, 2022
Christmas 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

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 361

Order of Matins LSB 219

Invocation (*Stand*)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Sing entire opening liturgy)

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

O come, let us worship Him.

Venite LSB 220

O come, let us sing to the Lord,

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

For the Lord is a great God

and a great king above all gods.

**The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**Let us come into His presence with
thanksgiving,**

**let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs
of praise.**

The sea is His, for He made it,

and His hand formed the dry land.

**O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the
sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
O come, let us worship Him.

Introit Psalm 2 (*spoken*)

1 Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
**and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed,
saying,**
3 “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”
4 **He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.**
5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
6 **“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”**

7 I will tell of the decree:
**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.**
8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your
heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
9 You shall break them with a rod of iron
**and dash them in pieces like a potter's
vessel.”**
10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:7-10 (*Congregation sits*)

7 How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news
of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
8 The voice of your watchmen—they lift up
their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

9 Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
10 The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.
C: Thanks be to God.

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”? (*Psalm 2:7*)

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”? (*1 Samuel 7:14*)

6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.” (*Deuteronomy 32:43 and Psalm 97:7*)

7 Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire.” (*Psalm 104:4*)

8 But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; (*Psalm 45:6-7*)
therefore God, your God, has anointed you (*Isaiah 61:1*)
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” (*Isaiah 61:3*)

10 And,

“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

11 they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,
12 like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will have no end.” (*Psalm 102:25-27*)

13 And to which of the angels has he ever said,

“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? (*Psalm 110:1*)

Choir Anthem *God Loves Me Dearly*

Gospel Reading John 1:1-18 (*Congregation Stands*)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsory LSB 221

(Sing) P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380

Sermon

Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB 384

(Offering Brought Forward on Last Verse of Hymn)

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

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

In thanksgiving for the eternal Word made flesh and His dwelling among us, full of grace and truth; that His praise would be extended into all the world; and that many with us would come to hope in His steadfast love, 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 families who gather in this holy season, that they may have patience, love and joy in their gatherings, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely, that they may be comforted with Christ's presence and we may extend to them the welcome of our homes and the friendship of His grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in poverty or want, that they may be helped; that God would increase our generosity; and that we would present our bodies as living sacrifices, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For safety in this cold and snowy winter for all people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation, that it would walk humbly before the true God; and for our soldiers who stand watch this day, that they would be kept safe and their families would be upheld while they are apart, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, lonely, grieving and poor in spirit, [*especially _____,*] that they may find comfort and healing in Jesus Christ, the light no darkness can overcome, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We thank You, Lord God, for all Your people who have gone before us and now rest in Your presence. Keep us faithful with them until that day when You make all things new; for You live and reign with Christ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

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Kyrie (*Sing*)

LSB 227

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

P: (Spoken) The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

LSB 387

Silent Prayer

Extinguish Candles

Postlude and Depart in His Peace